



Pastor's Message

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The beginning of a new year is exciting but at the very same time scary. It is exciting because the start of a new year gives us the hope that the past year's problems will be resolved and that the new year will be better and more prosperous. It is scary because we have no idea what will happen in the new year. The new year could be better—a lot better—than last year. However it could be worse—much worse. We simply don't know.

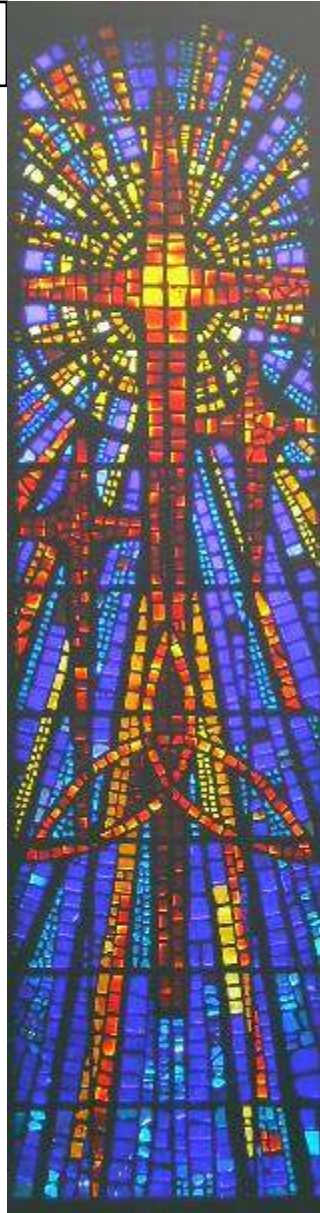
Because of the uncertainty of the future many people in our society are afraid. Thus, they look for something that will replace the fear with happiness and hope. To gain that happiness and hope, they look to money, pleasure, knowledge, science, and other things of this world. However, sooner or later they learn that the world cannot give them true happiness and hope. This is because the world cannot really help them to cope with that which goes wrong in their lives. Most of all, the world does not deliver them from mankind's number one enemy—death. So, they remain afraid.

As we Christians enter a new year we need not be afraid of what could happen. Instead, we can approach the new year with happiness and hope. This is because of Jesus' work of salvation. By dying and rising again from the dead He has made us God's children. Through Christ we have an intimate relationship with God. Thus, God is with us—always with us. Not only that, but He keeps each and every one of His promises that He has made to us. This makes all the difference in the world.

There is no doubt that in this new year we will face battles with sin and numerous problems. Worse of all, that enemy called death is always lurking in the wings. However, because God is with us each and every one of our sins are forgiven. Not only that, but in the midst of our problems He is with us and through Word and Sacrament comforts us, encourages us, strengthens us, and leads us. Finally, even if we should face death, God is with us carrying us to eternal life with Him in the glories of heaven. Why be afraid? God is with us! There is our happiness and hope.

Wishing you a truly blessed new year.

Your Servant In Christ,
Pastor



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Special points of interest:

- 2nd Monday Elders Mtg 7pm
3rd Monday Cong. or Council Mtg. 7pm
2nd Tuesday Prop. Mtg 6pm
3rd Tuesday Men's Club 6pm
Last Wednesday Evangelism Mtg 6pm
1st Friday (JAN-MAR) Ladies Aid 1 PM
Saturday Bible St. 9:30am Saturday Worship 7:30pm
Adult Bible Study & Sunday School Sun. 9:00am Tuesday 9:30am
Sunday Worship 10:30am



A from your DCO

Here is an interesting and thought provoking email that I received just before Christmas. I have added to it, a little, to see it more from a Christian perspective.

### **THE MAYONNAISE JAR**

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- > When things in your life seem almost too much to handle,
- > When 24 hours in a day is not enough;
- > remember the mayonnaise jar and 2 cups of coffee.
  
- > A professor stood before his philosophy class
- > and had some items in front of him.
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- > When the class began, wordlessly,
- > he picked up a very large and empty mayonnaise jar
- > and start to fill it with golf balls.
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- > He then asked the students if the jar was full.
- > They agreed that it was.
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- > The professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured
- > it into the jar. He shook the jar lightly.
- > The pebbles rolled into the open areas between the golf balls.
- > He then asked the students again if the jar was full. They agreed it was.

- The professor next picked up a box of sand
- > and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else.
  - > He asked once more if the jar was full. The students responded
  - > With an unanimous 'yes.'
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  - > The professor then produced two cups of coffee from under the table
  - > and poured the entire contents into the jar, effectively
  - > filling the empty space between the sand.
  - > The students laughed.
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  - > 'Now,' said the professor, as the laughter subsided,
  - > 'I want you to recognize that this jar represents your life.
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  - > The golf balls are the important things - God, family,
  - > children, health, friends, and favorite passions
  - > Things that if everything else was lost
  - > and only they remained, your life would still be full.
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  - > The pebbles are the things that matter like your job, house, and car.
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  - > The sand is everything else --
  - > The small stuff.

- 'If you put the sand into the jar first,' he continued,
- > 'there is no room for the pebbles or the golf balls.
  - > The same goes for life.
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  - > If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff,
  - > You will never have room for the things that are
  - > important to you.

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- > So...
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  - > Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness.
    - Play with your children.
    - > Take time to get medical checkups.
    - > Take your partner out to dinner.
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    - > There will always be time
    - > to clean the house and fix the dripping tap.
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    - > 'Take care of the golf balls first --
    - > The things that really matter.
    - > Set your priorities. The rest is just sand.'
    - > >
    - > One of the students raised her hand
    - > and inquired what the coffee represented
- The professor smiled.
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  - > 'I'm glad you asked'.
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- > It just goes to show you that no matter how full your life may seem,
  - > there's always room for a couple of cups of coffee with a friend.'

Obviously some pretty good advice, but I would like to suggest one more thing. As the New Year begins, let us set our priorities with a renewed focus on Worship and Bible study. As the Bible says, "Seek first his kingdom, and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." Matthew 6:33.

### **Update on Sheba and Compassion Clement Mission**

A recent email from Sheba just before Christmas, said that there was considerable turmoil and upheaval within their government. The country was in a crisis and civil war was a possibility. Sheba and the children had hoped to celebrate Christmas on the land, but Sheba was not able to find workers to finish the construction. Please remember them in your prayers.

### **A Friendly Reminder**

The Evangelism Committee will be working on the Shepherding Program this year. Please take a moment to find out more about it and perhaps prayerfully consider being part of it. Contact Kay McCulloch for more information. Also save the date! On **Sunday February 7<sup>th</sup>**, will be **FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY**. Isn't there someone you would like to invite to our worship service? Ask the Lord to guide you! He will! "For God did not give us a spirit of timidity but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline."  
2 Timothy 1: 7.

### **Happy New Year!**

*\*Messiah*



# TRINITY CHRISTIAN DAYCARE

## At Our TCD "Tot-Lot" – Christmas Food and Fun

The children and parents of our Trinity Christian Daycare enjoyed two special Christmas events. Parents, grandparents, and other family members filled the sanctuary for the children's Christmas program on December 17<sup>th</sup>. The little tots delighted all with their singing and hand-made gifts for their parents. Betty and Pastor told the Christmas story with the children's assistance with a flannel board and characters. Santa "Kato" Claus and Mrs. "Dee" Claus entertained the children during the punch and cookies time in the Fellowship Hall. Kato returned the next day to supervise and cook a delicious Christmas baked ham dinner. His real-life Mrs. Claus baked apple pies. Many thanks go to the Aldrich's and Dee Roeske for their talented contributions to TCD.

The daycare had two shortened weeks over the holidays, but is now back in full swing with a surplus of little ones.



### January Birthdays

- 2 Robert Lehman
- 4 Janet Vargo
- 5 Cassandra Kling, Julie Shaver
- 9 Seth Nicholas
- 11 Dorothy Cornish, Marlene Rose, Gary Shaver
- 13 Aidan Patrick
- 14 Esther Childs
- 15 Kayla Vossler
- 18 Floyd Mallory, Don Vossler
- 19 Mary Bellows
- 21 Linden Miles, Mark Wiedemann
- 23 Lois Flurschutz
- 24 Heather Cline, Tracy White
- 31 Dick Helms

### & Anniversaries

- 19 Lou & Bernice DiStrola
- 22 Glen & Brenda Kruger
- Mark & Diane Vossler



## Dorcas Guild



The Dorcas Christmas Luncheon was held December 7th, 2009 with seven members present. A tasty array of dishes were served and enjoyed by all.

Quilts have been given to the following—

3 quilts to the Salvation Army, 3 quilts to Wellspring-Angelica, 3 quilts to Open Door-Rochester, 6 quilts to individuals, 1 child's quilt, 1 youth quilt.

Thanks to everyone for their support of Dorcas during the past year—we look forward to your continued support in 2010. Work sessions for January 11th & 25th 2010 at 9:30 am. Please come and tie a knot with us!



## Senior Citizens

Eight members and three guests attended the December 3 meeting in the Dorcas Room. Sally Dannheim and Gary & Jean Rushmore joined us. Our thanks to Jean for decorating the tables.

Arlene led us in devotions, encouraging us not to become so involved with the stressful events of the season that we forget the true meaning of Christmas.

Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were given and cards were signed for six shut-ins. Marge Vossler filled us in on upcoming events of the next few weeks. A motion was made by June Helmer and seconded by Larry Vossler to have our next meeting April 8, 2010 at noon with Sally Dannheim and Dorothy Herke on the committee.

## Ladies Aid

The ladies were able to deliver a large number of mittens, hats, scarves & toys to the Salvation Army through the generous donations from everyone.

We signed 25 cards to be delivered with cookies for our shut-ins. President June thanked everyone for their participation.

Since Shelly Dunne needed to relinquish her position as vice president, Dorothy Herke was voted into that position.

June encouraged everyone to sell more ornaments. They are on display at church and it is our hope to sell as many as possible as a fundraiser.

Three quilts were given to the Open Door Mission in Rochester. We discussed sending to Well Spring Ministries also. The Rix family received three after the fire and loss of their home. After our closing we all enjoyed our fill of a fine array of cookies, tea and coffee.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sally Dannheim

<b>2010 BUDGET</b>	
<b>Salaries &amp; Benefits</b>	
Total Salaries	103,170.00
Concordia Plan	18,097.00
Mileage-Minister	6,060.00
FICA Expense	2,119.19
NYS Unemployment	1,026.00
<b>Total Salaries &amp; Benefits</b>	<b>130,472.19</b>
<b>Conventions</b>	<b>750.00</b>
<b>Board of Elders</b>	
Congregational Activities	1,280.00
Altar Supplies	800.00
Music	400.00
Portals Of Prayer	400.00
Bulletins	100.00
Special Programs	100.00
<b>Total Board of Elders</b>	<b>3,080.00</b>
<b>Youth</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>
<b>Education</b>	
VBS	1,600.00
Sunday School	1,300.00
Confirmation	400.00
Periodicals	35.00
<b>Total Education</b>	<b>3,335.00</b>
<b>Stewardship</b>	
Missions	3,600.00
Finance Envelopes	700.00
<b>Total Stewardship</b>	<b>4,300.00</b>
<b>Office Expense</b>	
Office Supplies	1,800.00
Postage	600.00
<b>Total Office Expense</b>	<b>2,400.00</b>

<b>2010 BUDGET (Continued)</b>	
<b>Evangelism</b>	
Outreach Activities	2,000.00
Advertising	1,000.00
Orphan Adoption	360.00
Global Outreach	300.00
National Outreach	300.00
Audio Ministry	300.00
County Fair Booth	250.00
Outreach Materials	225.00
Postage	130.00
Website	100.00
Woman to Woman	-
<b>Total Evangelism</b>	<b>4,965.00</b>
<b>Properties</b>	
Gas	12,000.00
Insurance	6,250.00
Water & Electric	5,536.00
Telephone	1,850.00
Internet	1,200.00
Repairs & Maintenance	1,000.00
Supplies	500.00
Subtotal	28,336.00
Custodian	18,000.00
Gallman-Hawley Other	13,550.00
Lawn Care/Snow Removal	8,000.00
Organ Maintenance	450.00
Gallman-Hawley Funded	40,000.00
<b>Total Properties</b>	<b>68,336.00</b>
<b>Daycare</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE BUDGET</b>	<b>218,638.19</b>
<b>Sources:</b>	
Offerings	150,000.00
Gallmann Hawley	40,000.00
Stepping Stones	30,000.00
Kruger (VBS)	1,600.00
Memorials (Music)	400.00
	<b>222,000.00</b>

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## FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY

**February 7, 2010**

This is a special Sunday each year in which we invite the unchurched or “minimally churched” to join us for our church service. This may introduce God into peoples’ lives or reinforce beliefs that are in place but have not been exercised in the past.

Please ask friends, relatives and neighbors to attend this special Sunday service on February 7<sup>th</sup>. We will have a special coffee hour following the service-a small brunch of finger foods. (Due to budget restraints, a full meal will not be provided this year)

It is our hope that through Christian fellowship and the Gospel, we can bring these people into our church family and, more importantly, bring God into their lives.

If you are uncomfortable asking someone to attend, please complete the following, place it in the offering basket or take to the church office and we will gladly send them an invitation to be with us. Feel free to ask as many people/families as you like. If you have any questions, please contact the Evangelism Committee, Kay or Betty.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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*Director Of Music: Carole A. Aldrich*



**Bible Word Search: Epiphany**

*Contributed by anonymous*

All the words listed below are in the puzzle—left, right, up, down or diagonally.  
Find each word and then use the leftover letters in the correct order to form the mystery answer.

S	T	F	I	G	S	M	E
W	E	M	D	E	T	B	G
O	S	A	E	O	A	S	Y
R	G	E	R	B	R	S	P
S	N	R	Y	C	S	E	T
H	I	D	S	I	H	A	H
I	K	W	A	R	N	E	D
P	H	A	N	G	E	L	D

Angel, Baby, Dream, East, Egypt,  
Gifts, Herod, Kings, Searched,  
Stars, Warned, Worship

*\*Mystery Answer  
can be found on page 3*