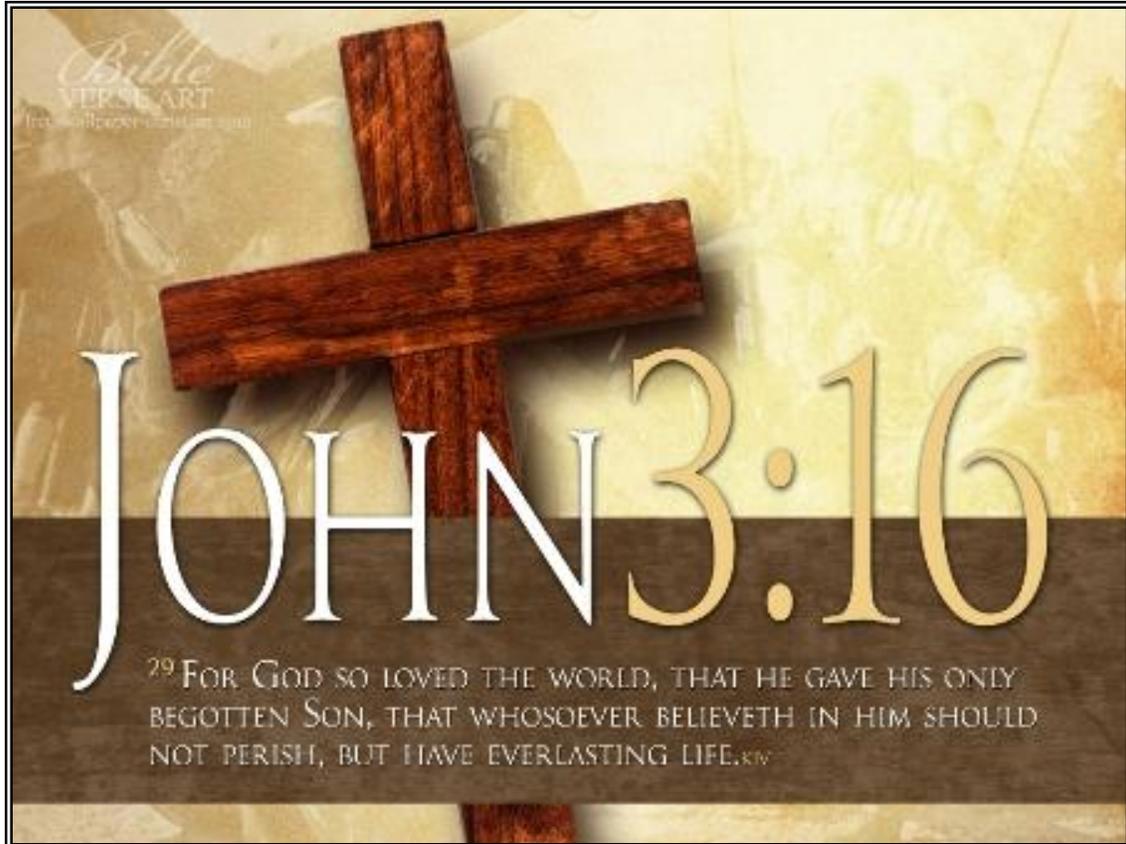




TRINITY TIDINGS



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I came across another excellent article written by LCMS President Matthew Harrison, and since his topic happens to coincide with our recent observance of Sanctity of Life Sunday, I felt it appropriate to share. God's blessings!

+ The Lord be with you +

With Christ's Peace,
Pastor

God's Gift of Life

*The lie is the death of man, his temporal and his eternal death. The lie kills nations. The most powerful nations of the world have been laid waste because of their lies. History knows of no more unsettling sight than the judgment rendered upon the people of an advanced culture who have rejected the truth and are swallowed upon in a sea of lies. Where this happens, as in the case of declining pagan antiquity, religion and law, poetry and philosophy, life in marriage and family, in the state and society in short, one sphere of life after another falls sacrifice to the power and curse of the lie. Where man can no longer bear the truth, he cannot live without the lie. Where man denies that he and others are dying, the terrible dissolution [of his culture] is held up as a glorious ascent, and decline is viewed as an advance, the likes of which has never been experienced. [Hermann Sasse, "Union and Confession" in *The Lonely Way*, Volume 1 (Concordia Publishing House: 2001), 266.]*

Like few other conservative Lutherans in Germany in 1933, Hermann Sasse recognized in Nazism the mystery of evil mentioned by St. Paul. "*For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places*" (Eph. 6:12). The world largely ignored the murder of six million human beings by the Nazis, whom the latter regarded as a "decadent" race, ignored at least until the prison camps were opened, and photos and films were released to a world aghast. Sadly, the aged Luther's vitriolic attacks on the Jews for not accepting the Gospel (not on racial grounds, as in the case of the Nazis) only added anti-Semitic fuel to the horrid fire.

Forty years after Roe v. Wade, we--the soldiers and very liberators of Germany from the darkness of the Third Reich--have largely ignored and continue to ignore the deaths of some 59,700,000 innocent unborn babies in "the land of the free," where we are allegedly guaranteed "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." [Worldwide, the figure is staggering - over 1.4 billion children have been killed by abortion and we are unable to calculate the number that are aborted with abortifacient drugs that are now available over-the-counter].

By the love of God the Father, who chose a young woman to carry out His plan of salvation, a young woman who knew what it is to be confused by an unplanned pregnancy; by the grace of Christ, who while still in the womb was greeted by the "*leaping*," yes, "*rejoicing*" John the Baptizer, himself unborn (Luke 1:44); by the strength of Him who healed every disease and cared for every life He encountered (Mark 1:34); by the mercy of God the Father who sent His Son, mercy incarnate for all (Luke 1:78); by the knowledge of our eternal God and Lord who knows and loves every child formed in

the womb (Jer. 1:5; John 3:16); empowered by the Spirit of life who gives me life (Job 33:4; Rom. 8:10), I--a sinner no better than the next (1 Tim. 1:15)--shall speak (Jer. 20:9). I shall intervene (Luke 10:33). I shall love all and treasure God's gift of life, womb to tomb (1 Tim. 6:18). For Jesus experienced it all, sanctified it all and redeems it all (Gal. 3:13). He has redeemed me that I may no longer live for myself (1 John 4:9; 1 Pet. 4:2).

"Men, why are you doing these things? We also are men, of like nature with you, and we bring you good news, that you should turn from these vain things to a living God, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and all that is in them" (Acts 14:15).

For the sake of LIFE,

Pastor Matthew Harrison

"Let's go!" Mark 1:38



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Our organization number is #35411.

Once you are enrolled, you'll earn rewards for Trinity every time
you shop & use your Plus Card!

There are 11 households that have chosen Trinity for their Community Rewards.

Kroger donated **\$120.89** to Trinity thanks to those
11 households

for September - December 2016!

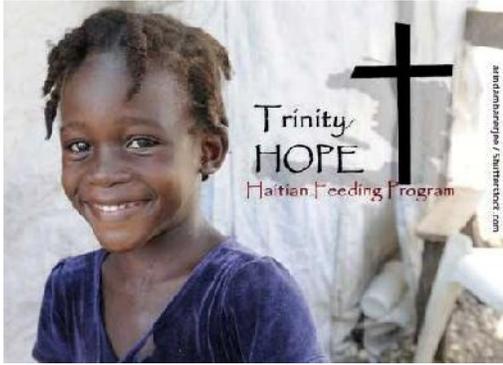


We've all heard that stewardship is giving to the church of our time, talents, and treasure. This alliterative trinity helps us see that giving is not just about money, but about our whole lives. For God has given us everything we have and enjoy as we confess in the meaning to the First Article of the Apostle's Creed. And what we confess first among those is that God gives us "our body and soul, our eyes, ears, and all our members, our reason and all our senses." Only then do we confess that he gives us material things. Thus the time, talents, and treasure trinity places before our eyes the fact that we are to give something of all of these things toward the mission of the church in thanksgiving for what God has provided. For everything we have and indeed everything we are comes from God's fatherly divine goodness and mercy.

The problem with this alliterative trinity comes when we replace one little word with another little word—when we replace the word *and* with the word *or*. It is always written with the *and*, but when we read it, we read it with the *or*. Thus this quite helpful trinity, which extolled that everything that we have and are is a gift from God and which is to be pressed into the service of God in His church, turns into a trinity that we can pick and choose which of the trinity we use into the service of God. The giving of our time, talents, *and* treasure turns into the giving of our time, talents, *or* treasure.

Then the question arises: Can we give of our time and talents instead of our treasures? Or perhaps it is the other way round: Can we give our treasure and not of our time and our talents? But these are the wrong questions. The right question is, can we give of our time and our talents in addition to our treasure? Yes, indeed, we are called to give of all three. The things that God gives us are not to be pitted against one another. They are given to us and we are to press them all into God's service for benefit of His church and our neighbors in need.

Thus we give all three. We give our treasure in the form of a generous, first-fruits, proportion of our income. We give of our time in generosity for the benefit of Christ's holy church. We give of our talents in the same manner. Since God gave us all these things, we are called to give generously of all these things in faith toward Him and in fervent love to our neighbors. For God has provided all these things to us. Out of His fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, He gives us each time, talents, *AND* treasures as a means to bless those around us. We serve our neighbors with these things, blessing them with the blessings in which God has blessed us. We give of our time, talents, and treasures to our families, our society, and to our church, our local congregations. And we do this because we know that we are not our own. Rather, we belong to God. We have been bought with a price—with the holy precious blood and innocent suffering and death of our Lord Jesus Christ. He gave everything—His time, His talents, and His treasure,—to have us as His own and to live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness. We have these things as gifts and blessings from God. Let us then press them all into service for the sake of His love—time, talents, and treasures together.



News from Trinity/HOPE

This is one of a series of articles which we make available each month to keep congregations informed about our activities.

Trinity/HOPE, a not-for profit charitable organization, raises funds and administers feeding programs that provide a noon meal for the hungry children who attend our schools in Haiti where the Good News of Jesus is daily shared. It is blessed to have numerous supporters in this church.

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Facebook: trinityhopehaiti

Privileged

By Aaron Bostwick



Never before had I realized how privileged we are in America till I visited Haiti. Every day since returning I have recognized yet another thing that God has blessed me with that people in Haiti do not have. Even the basic things like clean water, nutritious meals, a bed to sleep in, and shelter. How much the Lord has blessed us!



I also now realize how the things we have can give us a false sense of security and we can rely on those things to get us through life rather than relying on God. In Haiti I witnessed how strong the Christian faith is because of their need to rely on Him every day! I had gone to Haiti to teach the Gospel, but Haiti ended up teaching me to recognize the need for God in my life continuously and not just when things get tough.





Our Parish Fellowship Committee held a planning meeting.
Here are the activities they have planned for 2017.

5TH Sunday Potlucks

Jan. 29th

April 30th

July 30th

October 29th (Oktoberfest)

December 31st – No Potluck

There will be a basket at the main table to collect donations at each potluck to help with the Building Fund to help defray costs of various repairs/needed maintenance for church.



Saturday, February 11th. 6:00 p. m.

Sweetheart Spaghetti Supper

\$20.00 a couple / \$10.00 single

Proceeds to benefit 'Building Fund'

Final day to sign up and pay – Sunday, February 5th



Easter Breakfast – April 16th, 8:00 am

The menu as of now is:

Hard boiled colored eggs, Breakfast casserole, French toast
Casseroles, Zucchini pie, Gravy for biscuits, Quiche, Danishes, Fruit

We will need other volunteers to bring:

Orange and Apple Juice, Milk, Biscuits,

Hash Brown casseroles, another Breakfast Casserole



Sunday, May 21st

In Celebration of Armed Forces Day (May 20),

Red, White and Blue cakes

will be served during coffee hour

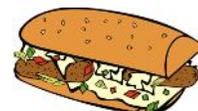
honoring our Vets and active service members

Sunday, June 18th – Father's Day

"Heroes for Haiti" in Honor of Dad.

"Hero" sandwiches will be pre-ordered and
will be available after the Sunday Service.

All proceeds will go to Trinity Hope.



Saturday, September 16th

Roast Pork Supper held at church
All proceeds will go to the Trinity Building Fund



Saturday, October 14th

Chili Cook off – 5:00 pm
Benefits to Building Fund

Sunday, October 29th – Oktoberfest

(Brats and such will be
furnished by Parish Fellowship)



Saturday, November 18th

“Thanksgiving Night in the Hunger Fight”

Our annual
Traditional Thanksgiving Dinner
and Auction

With all proceeds go to Trinity Hope
to support our School in Poteau, Haiti

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Here are the area radio stations that broadcast The Lutheran Hour:

<u>The Lutheran Hour</u>					
<u>Station</u>	<u>City, State</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Band</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>
WNKJ	Dickson, TN	98.9	FM	Sun	9:00 PM
WNRZ	Dickson, TN	91.5	FM	Sun	9:00 AM
WECV	Gallatin, TN	93.9	FM	Sun	9:00 AM
KAWZ	Nashville, TN	105.5	FM	Sun	10:00 AM
WCRT	Nashville, TN	1160	AM	Sun	9:00 AM
WECV	Nashville, TN	89.1	FM	Sun	8:00 AM
WNAH	Nashville, TN	1360	AM	Sun	4:00 PM
WSM	Nashville, TN	650	AM	Sun	8:00 AM



Sweetheart Supper

Trinity Lutheran Church

Saturday, February 11, 2017

6:00 pm

\$20.00 Couple's dinner

\$10.00 Singles dinner

APPETIZER

Toasted Cheese Ravioli W/Marinara Sauce

SALAD

Mixed Greens

W/Olive Garden Italian Dressing

ENTRÉE

Spaghetti with Meatballs

Garlic Bread

DESSERT

Red Velvet or White Cake

Reservations and Payment due Sunday, Feb. 5th

Please call Debbie Scott for reservation



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Henrietta Church Mouse's Page



Henrietta Church Mouse Here!

The month of love has arrived! Happy Valen--ah-ah-ah-choo-tine's Day!

Excuse me! Hearts and Cupid aren't the only things among us, so is the flu virus. Yep, you guessed it. Yours truly has the flu. And yes, it's just as bad for a mouse as a human. Well maybe it's a bit more difficult. It's really hard to find cough drops and tissues small enough. I think some noodle soup would help me lots. Does anyone know where I can find heart shaped pasta?

I think I'll head back to my mailbox house and climb in bed. The best thing about being sick is you can sleep all day!

I'll leave you with the message of ultimate love...

"God loved the world so much that He gave His one and only Son. Anyone who believes in Him will not die but will have eternal life." -John 3:16

Happy Valentine's Day!

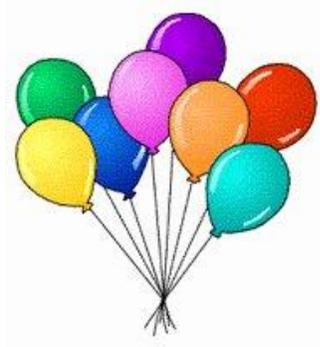
Until next month....

Henrietta Church Mouse (sniffling) in Residence



**WE THANK GOD FOR THESE
CELEBRATIONS IN FEBRUARY**

BIRTHDAYS



- 2 Chris Loftis
- 5 Jerry Knapp
- 14 Tammi Chandler
- 14 Joyce Knapp
- 14 James Hygrell
- 16 Jason Emerson
- 18 Becki Vietor
- 18 Matthew Graves
- 19 Jwocknuto Olok
- 20 Emerson Hygrell
- 22 Jared Riesterer
- 22 Braylee Nicole Simon
- 25 Michael Vietor
- 26 Shirley Erickson
- 27 Nick Alvarado
- 27 Rachael Geiger
- 28 Allen Klein



ANNIVERSARIES

- 14 Susan and Carroll Smiley (1987)
- 26 Josh & Chrystina Brown (2001)



SERVANT SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY 2017

PASTOR

Kenneth B. Shaw

ELDER

Tom Riesterer

OFFERING COUNTERS

Loren Replogle & Tim Hartley

ALTAR STEWARD

Lisa Benjamin

GREETERS

Tim & Marilyn Hartley

USHERS

Bill Pfingsten & Rob Benjamin - Center Aisle

Nick Alvarado & Jimmy Gragg - Side Aisles

ACOLYTES

February 5 – Paige Smith

February 12 – Gabriel Alvarado

February 19 – Kristina Levan

February 26 – Elena Alvarado

VOLUNTEER CLEANING SCHEDULE

January 29 – February 4 – Dennis & Louise French

February 5 – 11 – Emily Coleman

February 12 – 18 – Emily Coleman

February 19 – 25 – Emily Coleman

February 26 – March 4