



Trinity News—January 2, 2022

Growing in Faith ... Reaching Out in Love... Making Disciples

PREPARE FOR WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

Isaiah 43:1-7 Psalm 29
 Acts 8:14-17 Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

TELLERS NEEDED

What a teller does, and why you should consider becoming one!

WE PRAY FOR OUR CONGREGATIONAL MEMBERS:

Tammy Smith Lin & Jean Sorber
 Larry & Patricia Smitley Paul & Kathy Sowatskey
 Brandon Smolka Vincent & Mindy Spallone Family
 Robert & Gloria Sobota Family Susan Spallone Family
 Terry & Johanna Sobota Family Edward & Donna Springel
 Cody McNutt, Regis Dunn II, Preston Wannamaker, David &
 Cindy Berlin & family, Jimmy Gutowski, Brandon Nicely,
 Andrew Armstrong, Michael Wirick, Brittney Robinson,
 Jonathan Skoloda, Dillan Bellotti, Melissa Durrett, Heather &
 Ivan Rupert, Karalyn Dick Vogel, Kenneth Dick II, Zack Vogel,
 Justin Brasile, Jarrett Patterson, Michael Brasile and others
 serving our country.

For many years, the financial offerings made to the church have been counted by "crews" of members. The system works like this: each four-person crew "works" two consecutive weeks in an eight week rotation. There are crews that count after the 8:15 service, crews that count after the 10:45 service, and special counts on special occasions, including Easter and Christmas. Each count takes about an hour to an hour and a half.

ATTENDANCE FOR LAST WEEK

Christmas Eve 6:00—124
 Christmas Eve Drive-thru Communion—17
 Christmas Eve 8:30—106
 Sunday 8:15—39 Sunday 10:45—33
 Sunday Drive-thru Communion—8

ALL that is required is the ability to count money, a fairly common skill! The gift that tellers give is the organization and accounting of the offerings which our church is blessed each week, which is of significant assistance to the office staff. The gift that tellers **receive** is the knowledge that this service, which requires nothing more than showing up and counting, helps maintain our financial health. Oh, and the crew members build and enjoy relationships with each other as they count!

PIANO PLAYER NEEDED

We will be going to Loyalhanna Care Center on Monday, January 17 at 2:30pm for a short worship service and fellowship. The residents enjoy it and we would love to include a piano player to enhance the service. If you can play piano and have an hour to spare to bring joy to the residents, please contact Christine Weller or the church office at 724-537-4450.

Is this a service you could give? **We are currently in need of 2 tellers following the 10:45am service.** Please contact the church office at 724-537-4450 if you would like to give it a try. You are welcome to give tellering a try on a temporary basis to see if this ministry is for you.

Thank you to all the singers, handbell ringers, and instrumentalists who gave their time and talents to honor baby Jesus! And to all those who helped decorate and make our sanctuary beautiful!

SUNDAY - 2	MONDAY - 3	TUESDAY - 4	WEDNESDAY - 5	THURSDAY - 6	FRIDAY - 7	SATURDAY - 8
8:15 Holy Communion 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Holy Communion	Office Closed	10-1 Shepherd Shop 10:00 Bible Basics 11:00 Pericope 11:00 Prayer Team	10:00 WELCA Project Day 12:00 AA Meeting	Epiphany 2:00 Purl of Prayer		
		6:00 Finance 6:30 Stewardship	6:00 Grandparents Raising Grandchildren 7:15 Choir	6:30 Holy Communion 7:30 AA Meeting	7:00 BPW	5:30 Holy Communion



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

Thank you for your special offerings that are bringing God's love and hope to a hungry, hurting, and broken world.

ELCA WORLD HUNGER OFFERINGS: \$10,765.75

Offerings collected are used where help in the world is needed the most.

ELCA MISSIONARY SUPPORT: \$942.60

YOU can make a difference in spreading the gospel around the world through your offerings to help support our missionaries.

FOREIGN & UNITED STATES DISASTER: \$1,566

To help those here and abroad.

TORNADOS: \$1,230

To help those impacted by the December 10 and 11 tornados that hit Kentucky and five additional states.

MOTHER HUBBARD'S CUPBOARD

In January we are collecting toilet paper (4 packs or small or individually wrapped ones) for our local food pantry. Please place your donated items in Mother Hubbard's Cupboard, located in the front narthex or drop them off in the church office.

KEYSTONE PARK HIKE

Join us for a winter hike (*weather permitting*) around Keystone Park Lake on Saturday, January 15 at 10:00am. It is a two mile loop with an optional 1 mile extension. The paved and smooth gravel surfaces are mostly flat.

We will meet at the beach area parking lot on Keystone Park Road. From Latrobe drive north on Rt. 981 toward New Alexandria, 0.9 miles turn right onto Strawcutter Road. Go 1.4 miles to the 4-way stop. Turn left onto Keystone Park Road. Go 1 mile to the parking lot.

TORNADO RELIEF CONTINUES

Efforts for those in need from the tornados in Kentucky continue. We have already delivered three truck loads of items to Heritage Baptist Church in Jeannette to help them fill a tractor trailer for these devastated communities. We are now collecting new underwear and socks (any size). Please deliver your donations to the church office **no later than January 6th**. We will then transport them to Jeannette.



CLUB FRED IS BACK!

Club FRED will be starting up tentatively January 20, 2022!

To make this ministry happen, we need some help!

- *teachers/helpers (clearances are needed)
- *cooking crews (hopefully 4 different crews to cook once a month)
- *donations of small bottles of water and individually packaged snacks
- *dinner companions (to sit and eat with students during dinner)
- *financial support

If you are interested in becoming part of the Club FRED team, please contact Kathy Ferlin at 724-875-8301.



ANGELS FROM A LUTHERAN PERSPECTIVE

Join us for a presentation by Deacon Michelle Kunkle on Thursday, January 13 from 6:00pm—8:00pm in Fellowship Hall.

Refreshments will be provided! Sign up on the bulletin board across from the church office.

FUNERAL PLANNING SEMINAR

We are offering a funeral planning seminar on Tuesday, January 25 from 6:00—8:00pm in Fellowship Hall. This seminar will be led by Lopatch-Brinker Funeral Home. It is never too early to plan! All ages are welcome and encouraged to attend. Sign up on the bulletin board across from the church office.

COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORTS

Committee chairs, it's time to get your committee reports together for the annual congregational report. Please email them to jennyobstarczyk@trinitylatrobe.com or drop them off in the office ASAP.

FLOWER & BROADCAST CHARTS FOR 2022

Charts are available on the front narthex bulletin board. Please sign up if you would like to honor or memorialize a special date or person in this way. When signing up for a whole broadcast (\$80) please sign on both lines or for a half of a broadcast (\$40) sign on one line. Flowers can be ordered from your favorite florist. Please call the church office at 724-537-4450 or sign up in the front narthex.

