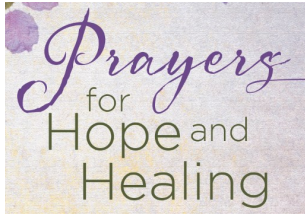


The Trinity Trumpet

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February, 2025



- Holly McEldowney—Cancer
- Kenny Hesler—General health
- Amanda Spahr—Brain issues
- Aiden Snyder—Leukemia returned
- Jerry Higgins—Cancer
- Janet—Hospice
- Amber
- Gracee
- Peace in Ukraine & People of Ukraine
- Karen Cline—Kidney
- Jody Hesler—Safety
- Jayne Connair—Cancer free
- Brian Connair—Headaches & throat issue
- Bev Zimmer—Health
- Mike Gray—Healing
- Marvin Fourman—Health
- Tyler Morris—Paralyzed from auto accident
- Mary Piel—Health
- Patti Troutwine—Recovery at home
- Mary Lou Lewis—Breast cancer
- Mike Goodwin—Cancer
- Jim Brown—Health
- Earlene Morris—Health
- Chris Mumaw—Cancer remission
- Grayson Naff—Batten, Rare childhood disease
- Brycelin Troutwine—Health issues
- Eric Snyder—Hospice
- Katherine Jump—Health
- Scott Troutwine—Cancer

Prayer Concerns— Current and ongoing

- Jeanne Campbell—Cancer
- Jane Baxter—Healing
- Israel fighting
- Paul Cline—Health
- Allison—Seizures
- Trinity Youth—Growing in their faith
- Jack Bechtol —Health
- Doug Etter—Colon Cancer
- Melanie Musser—Kidney function
- Dennis & Ellen McDonnell—Health
- Jeff Sebring—Health
- John Lawhorn—Glaucoma
- Shirley Shouders & Son Tyler—Health
- Steve & Joetta—Emotional strength
- Norma Crawford—Aging issues
- Dale Spahr—Healing
- Glenda Case—Health
- Marge Warner—Healing
- Jim Tappen—Cancer
- Linda Darlage—Health
- Brixton—Health
- Bob Harter—Health
- Lynn Spahr—Heart
- Marlene Dirksen—Leg & foot pain
- Jan Giraro—Chronic pain/Depression
- Jerry E—Health
- Anders Family
- Cary Feitsans—Health
- Shirley Hensel—Cancer returned
- Michelle—Health
- David Netzley—Diabetes/Surgery
- Brenda Harleman—Cancer
- Niki Angles—Strength
- Jim & Sally Swingley—Health
- Pat Rademachir—Health
- Constance Menke—Health
- Amber Ross
- Brooke Bergman—Car accident
- Jason Schenck—Cancer
- Sam Porter—Healing
- Sidney Brown—Head injury
- Erick Pelfrey—Knee Surgery
- Todd Troutwine—Accidental fall
- Miller Weiss—Surgery recovery
- Lowell Rhoades—Health
- Kelly Fourman—Cancer
- Julie Bourne—Health
- Kelly Feitshans
- Joanne Carter
- Portia Boord—Shingles
- Cory Hocker—Cancer
- Lynn Netzley—Surgery
- Nancy Longo—Heart surgery
- Sophie
- Carla Kendall—Shoulder surgery
- Nancy Keiser—Foot surgery
- Stephen Angles—Headaches
- Eric Warner—Health
- Julie Volk—Eyes
- California Wildfire Victims

Our sympathy

to the families of

**Randy Fourman
Kathy Walters
Kenneth Petering**

Prayer requests may be emailed at anytime to trinityprayers@woh.rr.com and upon receipt your request will be shared so that many will be praying immediately.

DEADLINE FOR THE MARCH TRINITY TRUMPET IS FEBRUARY 18th.

Youth & Family Ministry



Children
are
A
gift
FROM THE
Lord.
THEY are
A
reward
from Him.
PSALMS 127:3

FEBRUARY

Youth Sunday School is aimed at pre-K through 6th grade. Marlene Dirksen is our Sunday School Coordinator. If you would like to make a positive impact on our youth- please see Marlene. I am sure she would love to have you assist with Sunday School.

Trinity Troops- (4th, 5th, and 6th graders). We will be working on the comfort kids' blankets. February 16th following Church service.

Confirmation Class Confirmation is for those youth in 7th and 8th grade. Confirmation is currently each Sunday starting at 9am. Remember that all confirmands are encouraged to fill out the sermon notes and turn them in to the Pastor. Confirmands are also encouraged to sign up to acolyte- Be sure to sign on the acolyte calendar when you serve.

Acolyte training-Any youth who wishes to serve as an acolyte - please contact the Pastor or Ms. PJ.

Adult Sunday School Come join us for some fellowship prior to church service. Adult Sunday School is from 9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. This group discusses current Christian events as well as discussing our highs and lows from the prior week.

Special Sunday School offering. Andrea Hayworth from Thrivent will be our special speaker on February 9th. She is a Thrivent Financial advisor and will be discussing all things Thrivent action team. Breakfast at 9 and then Andrea will start her presentation at 9:15.

Youth and Family Ministry Meeting- Meeting on February 6th at 10am. This is an open meeting to anyone interested with our mission here at Trinity.

Youth Quake- Our youth and youth advisors wish to thank everyone at Trinity for their support. The following youth attended- Stephen Angles, Lexie Angles, Micah Angles, and Jackson Baker. Pastor Mel and PJ were the youth advisors.

Vacation Bible School- Mark your calendars- July 8th and 10th 2025! The program has already been ordered- so watch for more information in the not too distant future.

Video/book club- February 9th and February 23rd at 6pm-7:30ish. The Chosen television series follows the life of Jesus and the people He meets and follow Him. Bible readings, then the video, followed by a discussion. And no meeting is complete unless there are snacks!

Euchre night is returning- Mark your calendar and do not forget to sign up (sheet is in the back). February 1st 6pm-9pm. There will be a soup competition as well.

All things work together for good to them that love God. Romans 8:28
PJ Musser, (937-626-3295), Youth and Family Ministry Leader (2023-2024)

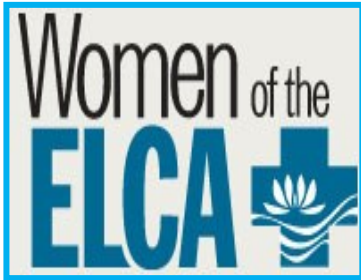
CAPITAL BOWL
GAMEPLAN FOR LIFE
FRI 2/7-7:00PM-SAT 2/8-1:00
\$25 PER PERSON

At Capital University in Columbus

For grades 7—12

Spend Friday night at Christ Lutheran Church across the street. Your \$25 fee will provide one meal at the university and a tour of the campus. An unforgettable overnight experience with laughter, stories, and discovery of God' unique plan for you!

Contact Pastor Mel or Ms. PJ for information and registration.



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Brrr!! How do you spell cold? Brrr! Yes, it is cold as I write this month's WELCA article. -3 degrees. Northmont has already canceled school for tomorrow. The pastor and I did discuss not ever remembering school being canceled just due to cold weather. But then I did cancel our WELCA meeting in January due to the cold weather. I am keeping my fingers crossed that we would meet in February because I look forward getting together with a group of wonderful ladies.

So, what is February known for?

- Valentine's Day, flowers, and being incredibly cold. Brrr!
- Several awareness months, including Black History Month, Humpback Whale Awareness Month, National Cancer Prevention Month, American Heart Month, and Jewish Disability Awareness and Inclusion Month
- Being the shortest month of the year, with only 28 days (29 days in a leap year)
- Being named after the Latin term "februum," which means purification
- Having amethyst and bloodstone as birthstones, and violet as the birth flower

Fund Raising Activities:

- ◇ Rada Knife ongoing fund raiser- see Portia.
- ◇ Cleaning Cloths- see Diane Warner
- ◇ Raffle hand towels by Linda

Our next meeting is February 5th at 11:30 am and Julie Kossler will provide snacks.

Our bible/video study will be about Martha. Martha's story and example should encourage us, inspiring us to keep serving while reminding us that all God honoring service must flow from a heart that is fully engaged with the savior.

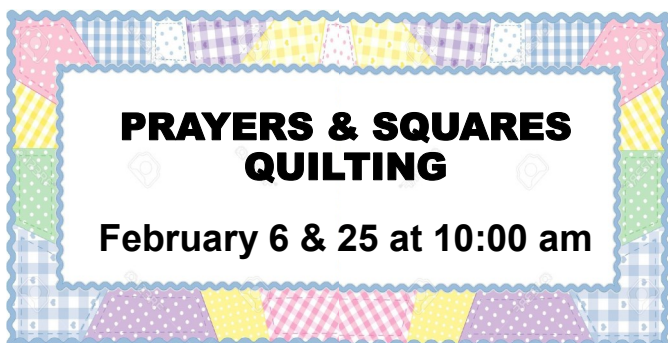
Jesus loves you and so do I!

PJ- WELCA president at Pittsburg Trinity Lutheran Church 2024/2025



At Trinity
February 1 — 6-9 pm

BORED BY WINTER? We have the perfect solution! Join us for Trinity's Euchre Tournament on Saturday, February 1, 6-9PM. Not only are we having a Euchre Tournament, but also a make your favorite soup to share contest. We need at least 20 euchre players or more. The cost to enter the euchre tournament is \$5.00 per player. Prizes will be distributed at the end to 4 euchre competitors. Prizes will be given for top 3 soup winners. Please bring quarters because quarters go in a jar if you are euchred. Don't know how to play Euchre? Marge Warner will teach you. You can always come to watch, too. Have a Question? Call Marge at 937-623-2544.




Ladies & Gents Luncheon

Thursday, February 29 at 11:30 am
@ JT's Bar & Grill
1475 Wagner Ave., Greenville

*Please contact Linda Baker at 937-545-8410
or 937-547-0975 if you plan to attend.*

Word from Our Pastor



For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. (John. 3:16)

To the Saints at Trinity, Grace and Peace to you from God our Father and from our Savior, Jesus Christ, amen.

February is the month for love! What better way to start a month than with this most famous Bible verse. An awful lot of thoughts and ink have been spent on this one verse over the years. Martin Luther called John 3:16 the Gospel in a nutshell. In this single verse we learn what kind of a God we have and what God's intentions are for all of humanity. God loves you and wants you to spend forever with Him.

When I was young, I thought I knew what love was. I mean, I loved my mom and dad. I loved my sisters. I definitely loved pizza and ice cream! Yet, I had no idea that I would experience a whole new level of love when our first baby was born. When I first laid eyes on Melanie, I thought my heart was going to burst right out of my chest. I loved our little girl that much! I knew right then I would do anything for her.



God feels the same way about you and me. God also loves the animals of the forest and the fish in the oceans. God loved the trees and the clouds. God loves the air that we breath and the dirt under our feet. God loves it all because God created it all. For us humans, love is usually thought of as a feeling or an emotion. God doesn't think of love in the same way. For God, love is a verb. It's an action word. Did you notice in our theme verse it says God so loved the world that He gave... When God loves someone or something there is always action.



This month we celebrate and remember Saint Valentine. There is a lot of ambiguity surrounding exactly who Saint Valentine actually was, but the ancient Church records do record some pretty amazing things about a Bishop of Terni, an important town of Umbria, in central Italy. The bishop was arrested for evangelizing and his case eventually made it to the local judge, who took a liking to him. He told Valentinus (the Latin version of his name) if he could bring sight to his blind daughter, he would let him go free. Valentinus laid hands on the girl and prayed to God for her sight. The girl was given her vision and the judge kept his promise. In fact, the judge and his entire family and all his servants were baptized. However, Bishop Valentinus was later arrested again for the same offense and this time he didn't fare quite as well. He was brought before the Roman Emperor Claudius IV who ordered him to be beaten and beheaded outside of Rome on February 14 in the year 269. The Feast of Saint Valentine, also known as Saint Valentine's Day, was established by Pope Gelasius I in AD 496 to be celebrated on February 14 in honor of the Christian martyr.

Today, when we say we love someone, we might mean we feel a certain way, but the way we show our love is much the same as the way God shows us God's love for us. We give. We give chocolates on Valentines Day as a way to show our loved one the way we feel inside. We love by taking after the one who loved us first, our Father in Heaven. Our Father didn't hold back a single thing, but instead, gave us the best he had, his only begotten Son, Jesus Christ. As we celebrate Valentine's Day this month, let us remember that when we love someone, we give the best of ourselves, not just what we can spare or what's left over after we've given to everyone and everything else.

May your Valentine's Day be filled with love and may our God's love always serve as our example of how to love each other. Happy Valentine's Day!

In Christ's Love,
Pr Mel



Thank You Notes....

Thank you for the financial gift I received for Christmas again this year. Trinity is a very generous congregation to many people and organizations, including me!

Your Secretary, Sharon Fourman



I wanted to thank each and every one of you for the successful Christmas Child year 2024 was. We sent 92 boxes to children in countries that may not have had much Christmas at all.

Any part you may have played in this project --- co-workers Marlene and Portia, others who may have stepped in a time or two, donating money, shopping, donating gifts, packing, taking to drop off point, ideas, praying, even just thinking ahead about this project, or anything else people have done. It means so much that people here at Trinity are always putting their best foot forward for children who may have less or nothing at all.

Again, much thanks from the heart!

Diane Warner

Thank you so much for your generous Christmas gifts. You are the very best family and we love you all! It is a blessing to serve you.

Hugs and prayers,

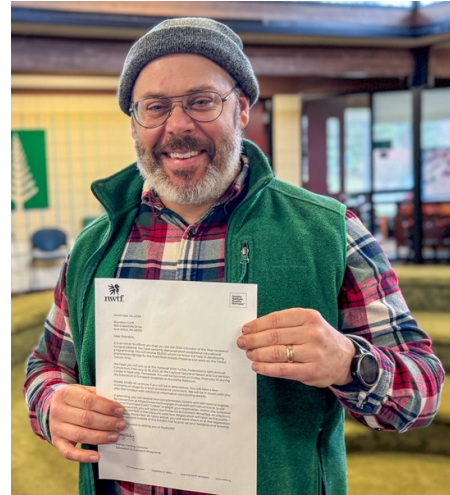
Mark & Roxanne Groff



YOUTH ARE SELLING CANDY BARS TO FINANCE THEIR TRIP TO "YOUTH QUAKE" IN CINCINNATI!

\$2.00 each — Wide selection!

BRANDON GROFF NAMED NATIONAL EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR



Brandon, son of Mark & Roxanne Groff, is a 12-year member of the science faculty at Greenhills School in Ann Arbor, Michigan and was named 2024 National Educator of the Year by the National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTF). He also received a \$5,000 award to develop interpretive signage for the Northfield Woods Preserve and work on the Parker Mill County Park and Forest Nature Area. Brandon is also a Certified Michigan Master Naturalist and a Michigan Conservation Steward. He strives to inspire his students to become active participants in the conservation of our precious ecosystems. Congratulations, Brandon!





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Blood Pressure screenings after worship service when announced.

Emergency Readiness

Severe weather and disasters can happen at any time without notice or warning. Would you be ready? Severe thunderstorms, wildfires, heatwaves/drought, floods, winter storms, cold waves/freezes, hurricanes, and tornadoes are natural disasters that occur throughout the United States.

Having an annual emergency plan is key to ensuring your family's safety during these events.

Here are a few things to remember with the help from the government.

Make an emergency plan and practice it

- It's best to plan this with your family so everyone will know what to do in the event of an actual emergency.
- Create an evacuation route plan that includes what to do if the family isn't all together.
- Build an emergency preparedness kit with food, water, medicines, and supplies to last for a few days.
- Small and large pets also need a plan to stay safe. Make sure to have extra food and animal supplies available in your kit.

Stay connected

- Communications can be unreliable during times of emergencies. It's critical to have many ways to receive alerts.
- Download the FEMA and Red Cross applications on your smartphone to get storm alerts in real-time.
- Sign up for email alerts from your local authorities and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).
- Get a battery-operated portable radio in the event of a loss of electricity.

Prepare your home

- Secure any loose items such as hanging gutters and cut down hanging tree limbs.
- Consider flood insurance if you live in a flood-prone area. Not all homeowner or renter insurance policies cover damages from floodwaters.
- Make copies of important documents like your driver's license, Social Security card, and insurance policies. Add them to your emergency kit.
- Sign up to receive electronic payments for Social Security and other benefits to avoid potential lapses in the mail service.

Consider any special circumstances

Continue to adapt your plans according to your needs and family. Growing your family, taking care of a loved one, and getting older can present unique accommodations that you should prepare for ahead of any emergency.

- If you are pregnant, know where to go for prenatal care during an emergency. Talk to your health provider about your options in case of hospital or office closure.
- Are you someone with a disability or a caregiver? Keep extra medicines, medical equipment and devices, alternative ways of communicating your needs. Consult your medical providers on any other possible support needed.
- Consider your needs as a senior like transportation and access to services and reliable emergency contacts to help you act before an emergency.

So, are you ready for the unexpected? With the current concern in California with the multiple wildfires- I began to think (this is dangerous). What do I value? Who do I love? What would make me heartbroken if I lost a certain possession? Would I be ready? Am I ready?

Well, I can not speak for anyone else but myself- I think I better get ready for the unexpected!



A prayer for Presidents Day

Lord of heaven and earth, we offer you our deepest gratitude for this country and the freedom to worship you. Stir up a sense of stewardship so we all may care for our nation and each inhabitant of it.

We pray especially for our leaders, that you will bless them with wisdom and humility. Prompt everyone in positions of authority to pursue righteousness, justice and the welfare of all.

Remind us of the psalmist's teaching: "Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord" (Psalm 33:12, NRSV). May that promise be fulfilled "from sea to shining sea." Amen.

All the ways God helps us

When young adults land in difficult situations and desperately call home, parents respond in various ways. They might remind their son or daughter of guidelines learned years back — behavior and problem-solving skills to get back on track. Or maybe parents direct their kids to a mentor, expert or resource for assistance. But if the crisis is severe, no doubt these loving parents hop in the car, or even on a plane, and go to their child. They embrace and support them, perhaps even taking initial steps to bring them through the chaos to a new beginning.

When the people of Israel were in the wilderness, exile and countless difficulties in between, God lovingly used each of these strategies. God reminded Israel of the Ten Commandments and other laws he gave to guide their life together. Sometimes he sent prophets and other leaders to direct the people into better ways and times. God does the same today, reminding us of Scripture's guidance and sending us prophetic voices and wise leaders.

Above all, when nothing less would save people, ancient and modern, from the dangers of sin and death, God came to us as Jesus.

God's only Son walked with us, lived through our troubles alongside us, taught us new ways directly and brought us out of the problematic place where we were trapped and into a new beginning.



—Heidi Hyland Mann,
based on a sermon by
Pastor Dave Sonnenberg

Puzzle!

Use the clues to fill in the boxes. Then write those letters on the correct numbered lines below to complete 1 John 4:16 (NIV).

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1 John 4:16, NIV

Answers: house, light, friend, wave, man; God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. 1 John 4:16, NIV



February Celebrations



Birthdays

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|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| 2 Charles Didier | 8 Linda Feitshans | 21 Adam Hemmerich |
| 4 Zach Diceanu | Sierra Bruner | 22 Emily Warner |
| 5 Marie Daniels | 9 Tyler Tauscher | Robby Arling |
| 6 Jennifer Rodriguez | 10 Isabella Harleman | 23 Kent Thompson |
| Joseph Newnam | 12 Trudie Arling | Logan Ressler |
| Natalie Snider | 14 Ruby Nelson | 26 Paul Barga |
| 7 Katie Ressler | 17 Antonia Baker | 28 Oliver Gettinger |
| | Quintin Muhlenkamp | Tommy Nelson Jr. |



Anniversaries

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| 5 Michael & Elizabeth Martin | 18 Dave & Connie Gilmore | 28 Ed & Tracy Muhlenkamp |
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Baptisms





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| 2 Kent Thompson | 12 Dean Thompson | 21 Tammy Merzke |
| 4 Zach Diceanu | Diane Warner | 27 Bucky Burrell |
| 7 April Zderad | 16 Autumn Myers | 28 Scarlett Kemper |
| 11 Allison Snider | 17 Kayla Garwood | 29 Maya Diceanu |
| 12 Matthew Dornbusch | 19 Michelle Heckman | Ky Cool |

FEBRUARY	
READERS	
2	Mark Oswalt
9	Chris Cassel
16	Kathy Kathman
23	Dean Thompson

February 2025							
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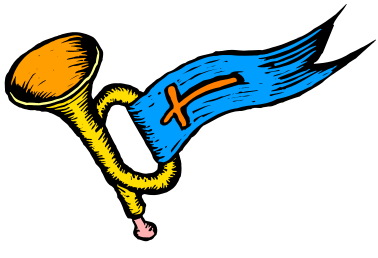
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SAVE THE DATE

- Saturday, February 1 @ 6:00 pm—
Euchre Tournament at Trinity



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Scan with your Smartphone
and link to our web page,
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YouTube Channel.