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FROM THE VICAR'S DESK:



Happy Advent, everyone, and welcome to the year of Luke!

As we start a new church year, we begin Year C in our Lectionary Cycle and that means Luke is “on deck”. The Gospel according to Luke is one of my favorites because it includes many stories not found in the other Gospels such as The Prodigal Son and the “dueling sisters” Martha and Mary. Luke’s Gospel is written with a Gentile audience in mind, and I get the feeling that Luke tries to include narratives which have more universal appeal than the other Gospels.

What strikes me most as I sit down to write this Trinity Times article is how much good we have been doing for so many people this season.

- You may remember that back when I was your supply priest in September, Jacqueline Kuhn, Anya Browning and I walked in the CROP Walk. We raised \$225.00 for Church World Service to feed the poor around the world. I recently found out that the total raised by all walkers in the Northwest Corner CROP walk this year was \$20,200.00. A portion of that money will stay in the area and be given to the local ministers and pastors to use for those who come to our churches looking for help and a meal.
- Our “Feed a Family of Four for a Day” yielded 23 bags of groceries and two checks

for OWL's Kitchen.

- Last week at our Interfaith Thanksgiving service we raised \$347.00 (number is different by a dollar elsewhere) for OWL's kitchen.
- Alexis is now organizing us to help give a little Christmas cheer to those who are at Noble Horizons and Geer in this holiday season.

And we have done all this in just the last two months! We are a very giving parish. I am very proud of us, and surely we will have exceeded our budget goal to give \$900 to outreach projects in 2009. What will we accomplish in 2010?

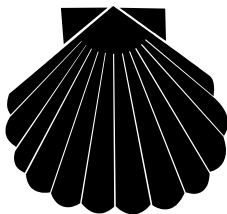
I am so much looking forward to our Advent and Christmas events this year in my first Christmas with you. We wait together for the Incarnation of our Lord with much hopefulness and joy!

Come, Lord Jesus!

Pastor Heidi

WELCOME NINA!

We welcomed Nina Cassatt Ellsworth Sanger into the household of faith at Trinity through the sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, Nov. 22. Nina is a weekender living in Salisbury, and we look forward to her being a member of our Trinity family!



THANKS FROM OWLS KITCHEN



The staff of the OWLs Kitchen extends its gratitude to Trinity parishioners, who provided 23 chock full bags of groceries plus two gifts of cash to OWLs Kitchen in response to our Feed a Family of Four for a Day program.

The Kitchen had been asked to supply Thanksgiving dinner for over 100 local families, and our donations certainly helped in that effort!

OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL ROOM GETS A NEW IMPROVED LOOK!



Teachers Gretchen Hachmeister and Marian Browning have given a good cleaning to our Sunday School room. The shelves have been washed and reorganized, and several loads of outdated and unused materials have been discarded or recycled, thus making more room for relevant teaching tools.

Thanks to Gretchen and Marian for their time and energy in undertaking this daunting task (comparable only to the labors of Hercules!)

The Sunday School staff is in need of substitute teachers for the winter term. The curriculum is set, so little to no preparation is required. If you are interested in offering this ministry to Trinity and its children, please speak to Gretchen or Pastor Heidi.



PLEDGE INGATHERING

It's "that time" of the year again and treasurer John Lloyd and the Vestry are beginning to work on the 2010 budget for Trinity.

What we can do at Trinity is dependent on what we *want* to do at Trinity, and that in turn depends to a degree on the financial resources available.

The pledge card ingathering will be Dec. 6 at both services. If you did not receive a letter and pledge card from Pastor Heidi, ask her, or John Lloyd, for one!

Budgets are stretched tight for all of us, but we also remember that *all* our gifts come from God. So...in the words of St. Augustine:

"Find out how much God has given you and from it take what you need. The remainder is needed by others."

It is both our privilege and our responsibility to extend God's loving care to our brothers and sisters through the ministries of Trinity Church, trusting that in turn, our own needs will be met.



CHRISTMAS BAZAAR DEC. 5

The annual Christmas bazaar will take place on Saturday, Dec. 5 from 10 am to 2 pm. To help visitors prepare for shopping, John Lloyd will be offering his famous doughnuts fresh from the stove, and warm with cinnamon and sugar.



Wreaths, greens, dolls, the Noel Boutique and gifts crafted by local artists will be among the offerings.

The traditional lunch of soup, French bread, cookies and beverages will be served at noon.

The bake sale will feature, as always, delicious pies, cakes, cookies and other confections for enjoying now or freezing for the holidays. The popular Java Joe Roasting company coffee samples will also be available again—these make wonderful stocking stuffers!

Please contact Alice Tweed to help at the bake sale and Ginny Dildine for the balance of the Bazaar activities. The Bazaar is a major fundraiser for Trinity, and its success depends on us!

PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS AT TRINITY

As we ready our church for the Feast of the Incarnation, there are many things to be done!



Altar Flowers: Parishioners wishing to make flower donations in memory of loved ones will kindly mark their checks altar flowers on the memo line so that the deposit is made to the appropriate account. Names of those being remembered can be emailed to Pastor Heidi at Trinity or left in the mailbox outside her door. *Please print legibly!!* We want the Book of Remembrance to be accurate in its listings. For further information about flower donations, please speak with Judy Brown.



The Greening of the Church will take place on Dec. 20, after the 10:30 liturgy. We will install the tall candlesticks on the pews and decorate the church and Walker Hall with flowers and a Christmas tree. Please plan to enjoy a snack at coffee hour and then stay to help decorate our church home that day.



Remembering our elders: In the midst of our Advent busyness, it is important to stop and remember those for whom Christmas may be a time of memories more than celebration.

The outreach committee invites parishioners to donate small gifts such as toiletries, stationery, paperback books, holiday decorations, jams and jellies and other non perishable foods that will be distributed to elderly folks who are too often forgotten at this time of the year.

Please wrap your gift and if it is specifically for a man or woman, note that on the wrapping. Gifts will be blessed at Trinity on Dec. 20 and then taken for local distribution.

COMING SUNDAY, DEC. 20:



THE VIRTUALLY REHEARSAL-LESS PAGEANT!

We will combine the best of our Trinity traditions with some new innovations to make this year's Christmas Pageant more enjoyable, and less time consuming than in past years.

There will be only one Saturday rehearsal, Dec 12 at 1 pm. If you have children or grandchildren who wish to participate this year please call or write to Pastor Heidi so that we can put the de-

tails in place. We will also happily welcome those who show up at the last minute if you are unsure as to your family's plans.

NEW BOOKS OF COMMON PRAYER



No, no, don't panic...the 1979 Book of Common Prayer is not being replaced ...yet.

A number of our BCPs in the pew are beginning to look a little ragged- the covers are falling off and the book automatically opens to p. 355, where backing has cracked from long and faithful use.

Therefore...the Vestry is ordering 20 new copies at \$14.75 each. Parishioners are invited to donate books in honor or memory of friends and family. Please speak to Pastor Heidi if you are interested in participating.

ATTENTION, COMMITTEE HEADS!



As Trinity prepares its 2010 budget, your input is needed! Please advise John Lloyd or Pastor Heidi of the projected financial needs of your ministry group for the upcoming year. (And you might start to think about your report for the 2010 Annual Meeting as well...)

WANTED: An office sized desk for the Vicar's office. Pastor Heidi is looking to buy a desk for her office. If you know of any that might be available, please let her know!





CHRISTMAS SERVICES
AT TRINITY

Dec. 24 at 3 pm: Children's Service with carols, a brief children's homily and informal Holy Eucharist

Dec. 24 at 7 pm: choral prelude followed by Holy Eucharist

Dec. 25 at 10 am: Holy Eucharist

Dec. 27 8 am: Holy Eucharist

10:30 am: Lessons and Carols

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