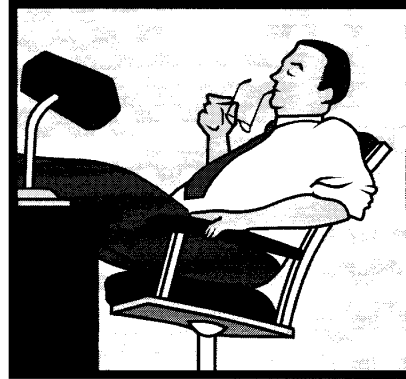


From the Desk of the President:

I can't help but look back at the unique challenges we experienced in 2010. It has certainly made life interesting for me!



- We ended 2009 with quite a financial deficit so the Council worked hard in 2010 to control costs. One of the steps we took was to refinance our loan. Little did we know that last spring's flooding would cause the banks to give priority to those in need. We eventually were able to obtain the refinancing in October thus reducing our monthly obligation. Carolyn and Ron Nave deserve a great deal of credit for finding ways to make our Church office more cost efficient. I also have to thank the congregation for responding to the appeal for more giving. Collectively you have given 25% more than last year and we were able to finish 2010 with a balance.
- Lori Calcagni and the Preschool Board have been working hard to prepare us to meet the new RI licensing standards for Preschools. The state has imposed considerable changes to the licensing requirements. The Preschool staff has been working the educational, staff certification and staff development parts of the requirements. Dean Darling, Fred Launer and others have been working the plumbing and lighting issues. Lori has been scheduling the series of tests (radon, lead safety, etc.) required to insure a safe building for the children. On top of this the economy has impacted the levels of enrollment so Lori and her staff have reorganized classes to meet the needs of the Preschool families. Join me in thanking Lori and her staff for all they are doing to make sure we can continue to reach young children with the Word of God.
- As part of the licensing requirements, we underwent a very comprehensive inspection by the RI State Fire Marshall's Office in August. We cleared a number of the smaller violations but still have some major ones to complete. We are currently taking bids to install an exhaust and fire suppression system over the stove. We have worked with an engineer to develop plans for separating the rooms used by the Preschool from the rest of the building. These plans are currently in the State Fire Marshall's Office for review. I am scheduled to appear before the Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal on January 4th to explain our plans. The work will likely take place in February. I once again have to thank Dean for taking on the challenge of yet another major effort.

These challenges shouldn't stop us from noting some of the good things that have happened. Holly Griffin led a group of our young ladies to the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans in July. Vacation Bible School returned to Trinity. Attendance is up 13% from last year!

So we continue to grow and to be blessed by our Lord. Thank you for all you do to help promote our ministry to the Lord.

Peace,
Bob

IN THE EVENT OF INCLEMENT WEATHER...cancellation notices will be sent to WLNE/ABC6, WJAR/NBC10, WPRI/CBS12 television stations and most local RI radio stations. We will also try to post the cancellation on our church office answering machine.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING RESULTS

At the December 12th Congregational Meeting elections were held for church officers whose terms are expiring. The incumbents (*) were re-elected. Our Church Council Officers for 2011 are as follows:

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| PRESIDENT: | Robert Manke |
| VICE PRESIDENT: | Steve Potochniak* |
| TREASURER: | Brigitte Rios Velez |
| FINANCIAL SECRETARY: | Linda Griffin* |
| COUNCIL SECRETARY: | Ginny MacCoy* |
| COUNCILOR (STEWARDSHIP): | Dixie Busch |
| COUNCILOR (OUTREACH): | Dawn Werrbach |
| COUNCILOR (EDUCATION): | Richard Hank* |
| TRUSTEES: | Dean Darling |
| | Chuck Griffin |
| | Bill Capalbo* |

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TO THE WORK
OF OUR HANDS**

The budget for 2011 was reviewed and approved. The 2011 budget is \$132,800. Major changes reflect the increased health care costs for Pastor and Trinity paying a larger percentage of the split in the Pastoral Care costs with Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer.

The Congregation authorized the Council to spend up to \$20,000 from the Building Fund and undesignated Memorial gifts on the work associated with correcting the fire code violations.



Student Wins Sermon Contest

From the Fall 2010 Concordia Seminary Magazine:

“Andrew Sorenson, a distance education student at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, recently won the 2009 Lowndes Sermon Competition, sponsored by the Lord’s Day Alliance. Sorenson’s sermon, “Dens of Iniquity: Sabbath and a Society of Greed,” won first place. It can be read on Concordia Seminary’s website, www.csl.edu. ...

Sorenson is part of the DTEP (Distance Theological Education Program) Cohort, a transition group who will be ordained according to modified DALTO rules after four years of classes. The DTEP cohort’s coursework has helped to form the Specific Ministry Pastor Program (SMP) courses. Sorenson is an officer in the U.S. Coast Guard who will retire in time to become a pastor of a congregation.”

We of course had the privilege of hearing Andy’s sermons first hand during our vacancy. Andy is assisting Faith Lutheran in Groton, CT during their vacancy.

Congratulations Andy!!

From The Elders

You wouldn't throw away letters from your loving father or brother without reading them would you? Our Father inspired St. Paul to write His letters to be read by you. Are you not a Saint because of your Brother Jesus? "To those called to be saints": Hey! That is YOU. Sadly many people think that these letters are not addressed to them. So do this and then read your letters.

Romans 1:7 To all those in ~~Rome~~ (at Trinity in Ashaway) who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinth 1:2, 3 To the church of God that is in ~~Corinth~~ (at Trinity in Ashaway), to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Corinth 1:1b, 2 To the church of God that is at ~~Corinth~~, (at Trinity in Ashaway) with all the saints who are in the whole of Achaia: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Galatia 1:2b, 3 To the churches of ~~Galatia~~ (of New England): Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ,

Ephesus 1:1b, 2 To the saints who are in ~~Ephesus~~, (at Trinity in Ashaway) and are faithful in Christ Jesus: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Philippi 1:1b, 2 To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at ~~Philippi~~, (at Trinity in Ashaway) with the overseers and deacons: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Colossae 1:2 To the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at ~~Colossae~~ (at Trinity in Ashaway): Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

1 Thessalonians 1:1b To the church of ~~the Thessalonians~~ (of Trinity in Ashaway) in God the

Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

2 Thessalonians 1:1b, 2 To the church of ~~the Thessalonians~~ (of Trinity in Ashaway) in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Timothy 1:2 To ~~Timothy~~ (insert your name), my true child in the faith: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

2 Timothy 1:2 To ~~Timothy~~ (insert your name), my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

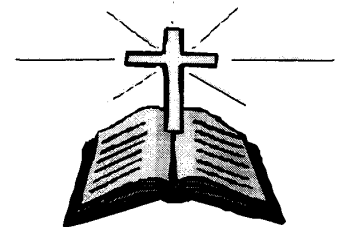
Titus 1:4 To ~~Titus~~, (insert your name), my true child in a common faith: Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior.

Philemon 1:1b,-3 To Philemon our beloved fellow worker and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. (I don't think St Paul minds if you read this one also)

With the exception of Philemon, these letters are to you, not just to those old Cities and departed Saints. Depending on how fast you read all of St. Paul's letters to you, can be read in 4 or 5 hours. Some in a lot less.

Act 17:10-11 The brothers immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea, and when they arrived they went into the Jewish synagogue. Now these Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; ***they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so.***

What better way to examine the Scriptures than taking advantage of one of our Bible studies on Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings.



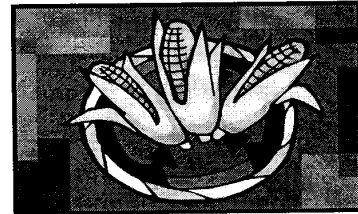
[submitted by Chad Ehinger]

IT'S TIME FOR RECIPES!

I know they are out there. I see the wonderful foods brought to our potlucks! The delicious cookies at the ladies' cookie exchange! I hope that some of you tried the recipes I printed in the fall – the wine cake and baked beans. These are two of our family's favorites. Below are two more recipes I hope that you will enjoy. I also hope that you might share your favorite recipes. Please e-mail them to me at pmazikas@comcast.net or leave them in pastor's mail box in the church office.

Corn Pudding (from Jay's aunt Sylvia)

- 1 qt. frozen corn
- 3 eggs beaten
- 4 Tbsp flour mixed with 3 Tbsp sugar
- 1 tsp salt
- ¼ tsp pepper
- 2 cups milk



Mix all ingredients together (I find it easiest to add the corn after mixing all the other ingredients.) Pour into buttered (or sprayed) baking dish. Bake at 350 degrees for about one hour or until knife inserted in center comes out clean.

Easy Crumb Cake

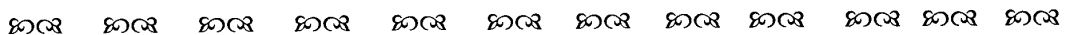
Cake:

- 1 ½ sticks butter or margarine
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 eggs
- 3 cups flour
- 1 ½ tsp salt
- 2 Tbsp baking powder
- 1 1/3 cups milk
- 2 tsp vanilla

Crumb topping:

- 3 cups flour
- 3 tsp cinnamon
- 1 ½ cups sugar
- 3 sticks butter or margarine

Spread batter in greased and floured pan (approx. 14x18). For crumb topping, combine dry ingredients then cut in butter with pastry blender to make crumbs. Sprinkle crumbs over batter. Bake at 375 degrees for 30-35 minutes. Cool and sprinkle with powdered sugar if desired.



OUTREACH...

Dawn Werrbach

Please mark your calendars for these upcoming fellowship events:

January 22nd: **Family Game Night** at 6:30 pm. Bring your own beverages, snacks and game to play.

February 19th: **Family Bowling** at 6:30 pm at Alley Katz Lanes in Westerly.

March 26th: **Adult Bowling** at 6:30 pm at Alley Katz Lanes.

A special thank you to all our Church Pantry volunteers and to all who volunteer for our Sunday morning Coffee Hours. Thank you to our Trinity families for supporting our Pantry ministries with their generous giving.

Please note: Coffee Hour volunteers are needed. If you can help, please sign up on the sheet on the narthex wall. *Thank you!*



Angel Food Ministries

In January we will be starting a new program through Angel Food Ministries. This program consists of food distribution to church members and members of the surrounding community. It is a wonderful way to outreach to our neighbors and help those in time of need, including ourselves.

What is Angel Food Ministries?

Angel Food Ministries is a non-profit, non-denominational organization dedicated to providing food relief and financial support to communities throughout the United States. The program began in 1994 with 34 families in Monroe, Georgia (between Atlanta and Athens), and has grown to serve hundreds of thousands of families every month across 45 states. Angel Food Ministries crosses denominational lines and has spread the good news of the gospel of Christ through information sheets that are placed in each food order.

How Does It Work?

Orders and distribution are handled by church host sites. We will partner with Pilgrim's Baptist Church in Ashaway, which is the closest host site in our area. Orders will be collected during the first part of each month, and can be done online or by using the order form found at the church. Orders can be paid online by credit card or by check (from church members only). Food stamps can also be used. These orders are then turned in to the Angel Food main office in Monroe, Georgia, on a predetermined date. Several days later, in the same month, the food will be delivered to our host site and then brought to Trinity by Fred and Julia Launer, where it will then be distributed.

Each month's menu is different and consists of fresh, frozen and packaged food. Angel Food is purchased from the nation's top food suppliers. Providing quality, nutritious food at significant discounts on a regular basis is one practical way to give people a "hand up" during difficult times. There is no purchase limit for boxes of Angel Food. There are no applications or qualifications necessary to purchase. This program might not appeal to everyone, but it is available to all.

Pilgrim's Baptist Church is currently the host site for 17 churches in the area. Each church picks up the food for their own congregation. Pilgrim's distribute about 100 boxes of food every month themselves. Each box of food they distribute has an information sheet about their church and they have the opportunity to talk to people in the community when they come to get their orders. Hopefully our church will have the same opportunity by becoming part of this program.

More information will be available at the church or see Fred or Julia Launer if you have any questions.



SCRIP PROGRAM

YEAR-END TOTALS

2010 Scrip profits earned through December 12th:

\$1453.35

Programs helped:

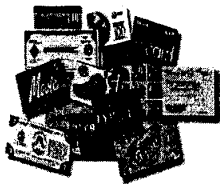
Youth Gathering: \$646.92

Preschool: \$9.00

Building fund: \$797.43

Thank you **Sheila Manke** and **Holly Griffin** for your help this past year with the Scrip program. It was greatly appreciated!!

An especially big **THANK YOU** to those of you who have made your money go even further by purchasing scrip cards. We couldn't do it without you!!! Since its inception, we have raised close to **\$4500** for different programs carried out by the church.



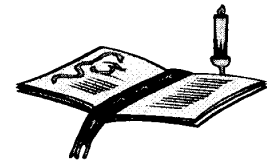
Do you want to help us raise even more money without spending any money out of your pocket? It's easy!!! The church can purchase gift cards at a discount to 1000s of national retailers. All you need to do is plan ahead and order a card from where you will be doing your shopping. Will you be shopping at **TJMaxx** and spending \$50? Just order a card through Scrip and you will get a card worth \$50. The church will order this card at a discount...that's how the profit is made--you just donated to church and didn't spend anything extra!! Stop by the Scrip table in the parlor on Sunday mornings for more information.

We have increased our par levels and have even more of the popular grocery store cards on hand.

Cards kept on hand for purchase on Sunday mornings:

| <u>Retailer</u> | <u>Denomination</u> |
|-----------------|---------------------|
| Stop and Shop | \$25 and \$100 |
| Shaws | \$25 |
| Wal-Mart | \$25 and \$100 |
| Shop Rite | \$25 |
| CVS Pharmacy | \$25 |
| Dunkin Donuts | \$10 |
| Subway | \$10 |
| 99 Restaurant | \$25 |
| ITunes | \$15 |
| Home Depot | \$25 |

Adult Bible Studies: All are encouraged to be part of our Bible classes. Classes meet on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am with Dr. David Tonn leading our study. Mid-week classes meet at Pastor's home on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm and will resume on January 12th. What a great way in which to start the New Year!



2011 Offering Envelopes are available in the rear of the sanctuary. If unable to locate yours, please speak with Linda Griffin.

PRESCHOOL NEWS - DECEMBER 2010



Happy New Year! December was filled with lots of Christmas excitement and joy around the preschool! The children heard over and over again the story of the first Christmas through stories, songs, and Nativity play sets. They made Advent wreaths, angels, Christmas stars, and nativities. We also had lots of fun with Santa Claus, reindeer, bells and candy canes. We ended the month with our annual Happy Birthday Jesus parties, inviting our families to share in this most special time.

Winter is now upon us and during the months of January and February we will focus on winter weather, snowmen, penguins, bears and hibernation. We look forward to a visit from Mystic Aquarium to learn more about penguins. In the science center we will learn about temperature change and freezing and melting. Our colors for the next two months are white and pink. February will also bring some valentine fun!



We are continuing to work toward the DCYF license now required by the state of Rhode Island. All inspections and paperwork are almost complete and we will apply for the provisional license in February. In addition to this, after much research, thought and prayer, Trinity Preschool will be offering a half day and full day program starting in September. Families will have a choice of two to five days per week and the option of having their child attend mornings only or participate in an extended day where the children will have lunch at school and continue with an extension of the morning activities during the afternoon. Mornings only will run from 8:45 am to 11:30 am. Full days will run from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. Registration for September begins this month. Please call the school or see me if you have any questions.

Stay safe and warm and enjoy your families during this cozy, indoor weather!

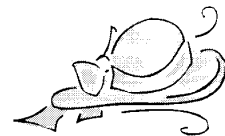
Blessings,
Lori Calcagni
Preschool Director



TLC Ladies Circle

-Dixie Busch, Secretary

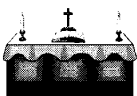
On December 11th ladies of Trinity enjoyed a "Christmas Tea." Following refreshments those who wanted to participate exchanged cookies and Secret Sisters were revealed as we exchanged Christmas gifts. Please remember, you do not have to be a member of our circle to become a Secret Sister. New forms for 2011 will be available after worship. Completed forms may be left inside the wooden box on the piano. We invite all ladies of Trinity to come to any of our meetings and enjoy the fellowship!



Many projects were completed over the last year. These include dinners, silent auction, helping with Thanksgiving baskets, making and filling Christmas stockings for the Westerly Nursing Home residents and Meals-on-Wheels families. For residents of Golden Years Retirement Home, in addition to the Christmas stockings, we continue during the year to celebrate their birthdays with gifts.

Please join us for our next meeting which will be Saturday, January 8th from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. At this first meeting of the new year, we will discuss our agenda for 2011. We look forward to seeing you there!

Altar Guild



Our thanks to the ladies of Trinity who faithfully perform the duties of Altar Guild. If you would like to learn more about what is involved and possibly become a member of Altar Guild, please speak with Cheryl Sadowski.