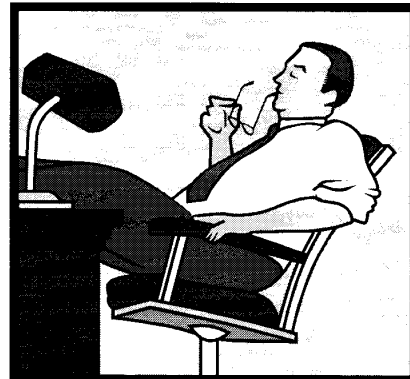


From the Desk of the President: It's Like Owning a House – God's House

If you own your home you know there is never an end to the required maintenance. The amount of maintenance is usually proportional to the age of the building. Our church building is approaching 50 years in age and we continue to strive to stay on top of the maintenance before issues become too large.



By the time you read this we will likely have put in motion the steps necessary to perform some emergency repair work on our roof. We have a water leak where the fellowship/education wing meets the mechanical room. It is likely this problem really became apparent last winter when we had excessive loading on the roof due to snow and ice build-up. We have tried to make repairs just at the problem area without much success. If you look in the old nursery room you will see how the water damage is spreading and where the plasterboard has cracked. The problem has progressed to the point where minor repair just won't suffice any further.

Dean Darling had a couple of roofing contractors in and the bottom line is that we need to replace the roof over the wing. The prudent repair is to install a membrane roof system, re-flash the roof penetrations, flash the parapet walls, tie into the existing shingle roof and install aluminum drip edge around the outside edges of the roof. The cost for this work is \$21,250. That price is based on our removal of the loose stones from the roof. The roof system comes with a 15 year manufacturer warranty.

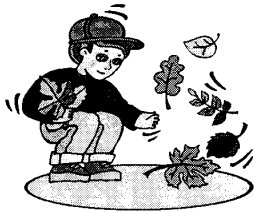
We need to make these repairs before the cold weather sets in and we start dealing again with snow and ice. We are looking to pay for these repairs with the funds in the Building Fund and dipping into other investments. If you were thinking about contributing to the Building Fund the end of this year, now would be a good time.

Sheila and I just returned from a few days in Quebec City where we toured a few of the beautiful old churches in the Old City. As beautiful and majestic as they are I am just glad I don't have to worry about taking care of them!

Peace,

Bob

As we are completing our second month of preschool, we are pleased to report that all the children have settled in nicely and have adjusted to the routine of leaving mom and dad. They eagerly arrive ready to learn and play and excited to see their new friends. Our full and half day programs are working out wonderfully. We are so excited to offer these new changes and see that they have been successful!



During the last two months we have focused on apples, self-concept, the colors red and orange, owls, the season of autumn and pumpkins. We have enjoyed a field trip to Riverside Farm in Charlestown where we had a hayride, made our way through a corn maze and picked a pumpkin. We are looking forward to Halloween fun and a costume parade. The children are learning lots of self-help skills such as taking care of their own belongings, setting and cleaning up their own snacks and lunches, and finding their mailboxes and cubbies by identifying their names. We are so proud of them! We look forward to November and learning about our families that God has blessed us with and Thanksgiving. Pastor Mazikas is doing a great job as he tells us Bible stories each week and learns all our names!

We had a great turnout for Parent's Night on October 19th. This was an evening for fellowship and food as well as a chance to meet fellow preschool parents and teachers and a chance to look around the classroom and learn more of what their children are doing each day. A big "thank you" for attending and for all the delicious appetizers and desserts!

Enjoy the autumn season and all its beauty!

God Bless,
Lori Calcagni
Preschool Director

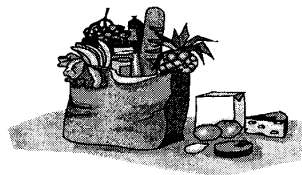


TRINITY'S FOOD PANTRY

We are still in need of volunteers for the Food Pantry. It requires an hour and a half on a Tuesday of the month. (Dependent on the number of volunteers as to how often you would serve.) Please give this careful consideration. It is a good cause to HELP out in the community. We are also in need of food donations. As we all know, times are rough for people right now. Please open your hearts and consider working for those in need.

There is the Community Table as another area in which we can help. The table is located beside the piano. Items needed are pop tabs, cancelled postage stamps, box tops, Campbell soup labels, greeting cards (fronts only), old eyeglasses, and old cell phones. These items can be collected at home or from friends, neighbors and relatives.

We will be doing Thanksgiving baskets again this year; we need donations for them also. For those of us who have been blessed, please consider donating for our food baskets.



God's blessings to all,

Dawn Werrbach
401.322.7395

ELDERS CORNER...

I will glory not because I am righteous but because I am redeemed;
I will glory not because I am free from sins but because my sins are forgiven me.
I will glory not because I have done good nor because someone has done good to me but because Christ is my advocate with the Father and because the blood of Christ has been shed for me.

St. Ambrose as quoted in: The Examination of the Council of Trent

STEWARDSHIP

Christian stewardship is the **free and joyous activity** of the child of God and God's family, the church, in managing all of life and life's resources for God's purposes. Many people may argue that Christian stewardship is more about following laws, rules and instructions than it is about **free and joyous activity**.

Historically, believing and living as Christians has also been more about laws, rules and instructions than it has been about a **free and joyous way of living**. On October 31 we will join with Christians around the world in celebrating the 494th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation. In the years leading up to the reformation some serious false teachings had crept into the basics of the Christian life and faith so that people felt like they were **slaves** to all kinds of rules and regulations. Christianity was not very **free and joyous**. The good news of being saved by God's grace through faith in Jesus Christ, who died for our salvation, was in danger of being hidden from God's people. Jesus died so that we might have life and have it abundantly and joyfully. One of the key passages that opened Martin Luther's eyes to the true way of salvation was, of all things, from an Old Testament book. He found it in Habakkuk 2:4a: "***The just [righteous] shall live by faith!***" [NIV]

This discovery led to a new and refreshing way to look at the contents of the Bible. It is easy to find all kinds of laws, rules and commandments and get the idea that if you want to be right with God you must obey all of these laws, rules and commandments. The problem is that because of our sinful natures we are not able to keep all these laws, rules and commandments and are pretty much left with the options of either trying harder or giving up. Neither of these options leads to a life that is **free and joyous**.

The Bible contains all kinds of laws, rules and instructions for our Christian living, but these laws, rules and instructions are not written for the purpose of saving us. Rather, they drive us to the good news of salvation through the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus. Forgiveness of our sins frees us from past failures and opens up a new way of living. "***Don't you know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.***" [Romans 6:3-4 NIV]

Through Christ we are freed from "***have to living***" to move toward "***get to living***." What a refreshing freedom for us to live godly lives not in order to be saved, but because we have been saved.

Truly, God's redeemed stewards, in cooperation with and encouragement from fellow redeemed stewards, freely and joyfully manage all of life and life's resources for God's purposes."

(Article courtesy of LC-MS website)

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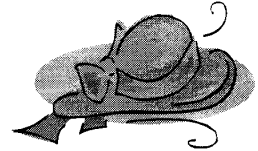
October and November are election months for Thrivent Financial for Lutherans in Rhode Island. The officers of the chapter manage the "Care Abounds in Communities" program which provides support for people in need in our area. This program feeds the hungry, provides medical assistance, financial aid and other help to the communities in which we live.

Election of officers will be held at Trinity on Sunday, November 20th following our morning worship. All members of Thrivent are asked to vote at that time using ballots provided.



T.L.C. LADIES' CIRCLE NEWS...

Hello, again!



Can you believe it? Two months have gone by already? Fall fell and I didn't even hear it! And this little bird (named Carolyn) keeps chirping in my ear "write-up due, write-up due". I've heard of "bats in the belfry" but "birds in the ears"?

So - August was a busy month. We had our August meeting on the first Saturday and made plans for the annual School Supply program. This year, we had yard sale at the same time and found it very successful.

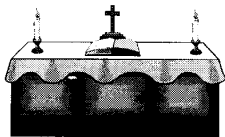
September found us preparing for and serving an "End-of-the-summer/Welcome back" luncheon. The turnout was a little sparse, but we all enjoyed the food and fellowship.

Oktoberfest! & Auction on the 21st! Were you there? No? Oh, what a time we had! The German food was absolutely inspiring and the auction? That topped off a great evening. Mike Riley was our auctioneer and he was positively hilarious. We also had a few other comedians from the church. I really want to commend John Gentile for not giving up on the wine. (He finally got one.)

Looking forward to November. We'll be having two meetings in November - the 5th and the 19th. At the first meeting we'll be stuffing Christmas stockings for residents of the Westerly Nursing Home and Golden Years Retirement Home. At the second meeting we'll be preparing Thanksgiving boxes for some needy families in the area.

Secret Sisters Alert! Our Christmas Party and cookie exchange will be on December 10th. This is a wonderful time to "eat, drink and reveal". We have such a great time! Please try to attend.

Yours in Christ,
Dixie



ALTAR GUILD

Our thanks to the ladies of Altar Guild who serve so faithfully: Helen Ketelhut, Lea Rockholz and Cheryl Sadowski. We are always looking for anyone who might like to serve on Altar Guild. To learn more about what is involved, please speak with Cheryl.



SING, SING A SONG... We welcome back our Choir Members! If you enjoy singing and want to have a fun time and good fellowship, please consider joining Choir. Our accomplished Choir Director, John Bennett, along with our current members will welcome you with open arms!

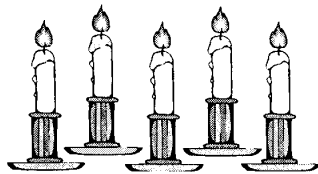


Decorating of the Church - November 27th

Come join us in decorating the sanctuary in preparation for the Advent Season
November 27th following worship service.
We will begin with a luncheon of soup and sandwiches.
A sign-up sheet will be located in the narthex.

Wednesday Advent Worship Services
November 30th, December 7th, 14th and 21st
at 7:00 pm

Please join us on Wednesday evenings for a light meal prior to worship. In order to know how many will be here for the meal, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex.

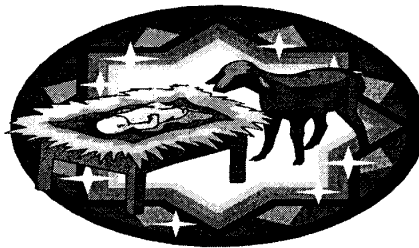


Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service
December 24th at 11:00 pm

Christmas Day Service with Holy Communion
December 25th at 10:30 am

Christmas is a very joyous occasion as we celebrate our Lord's first coming into the world but we also know that the shadow of the cross already hovered over the manger where the baby Jesus was laid.

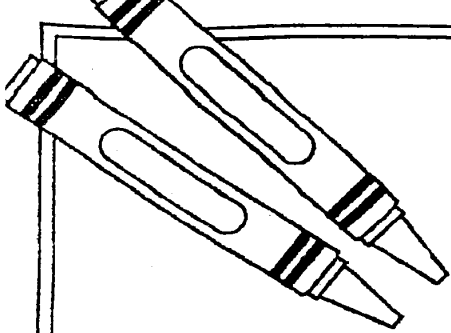
He was born to die in our place so that the door to heaven will be open to us and all who believe in Him as our only true Lord and Savior.



Our Annual Progressive Sing

Again this year we will be sharing the holiday spirit by visiting the Westerly Nursing Home for caroling, and then on for a progressive dinner. Please watch your bulletins for timely information!

Plan to join us for this evening of music and holiday enjoyment!
There will be sign-up sheet in the narthex to help us better plan for the meal.



Just for

KIDS



"Peace on Earth"... "Good Will to All"

The story of Jesus' birth is found in Matthew 1:18-2:12 and Luke 2. Fill in the boxes below with words from the verses that fit the definitions. The letters in the darker boxes will spell a phrase that we hear during the Christmas season – and all year!



Baby Jesus' bed

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heavenly messenger

Mary's husband

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it led the wise men

Jesus' mother



the town of Joseph's family

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a gift from the wise men

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the kings, wise men

Mary wrapped Jesus in these

caregiver for sheep

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Ticket
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American Express
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Cheesecake Factory
Staples
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Overstock.com (O.co)
iTunes

For Teachers
Papa Murphy's
Panera Bread
Bath & Body Works
Barnes & Noble
Starbucks

For the Fashion Forward
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American Eagle
Banana Republic
Buckle
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Youth Gathering: \$714.53

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