

Trip to Tanzania by Deb Dugan

All immunizations have been administered. Sewing materials have been purchased, insect repellent sprays for clothing and person have been obtained. Final preparations and packing is being done for my January 4th departure to Arusha. Thank you all for your generous financial contributions towards this mission. What is now desired is your continuing prayers for safe travels and successful ministry in both sharing

the Gospel of Jesus Christ and teaching the young girls of Next Life Foundation how to make menstrual pads to provide to the young women of the region. These efforts are to further their ability to attend school, gain a better understanding of hygiene, and to give them greater independence through (to be established) an ongoing cottage industry. I am excited and a bit apprehensive but ask for your prayers that God

blesses our efforts.

Thank you,
Deb Dugan

If interested, the organization our MOST Mission trip will be working with is Next Life foundation.

Visit nextlifefound.org

Here you can read about Patti, who was instrumental in establishing this foundation and her journey. She will be on our team and I am very excited to spend time with her.

OPPORTUNITIES IN GOD'S WORD

- **Tuesday Morning Bible Study** at 10:00 a.m. This group uses the magazine "Good News", which is published by Concordia Mission Society. The editor is the former LHM speaker Wallace Schultz. There are several editions available in the pastor's study/office for anyone who would like to review a topic or use one for personal Bible study.

Ladies Bible study Wednesday 10:00 a.m. is a group of ladies mostly around young family age although all ages are welcome. This is a good place for mentoring also. Any time is a good time to join. The group is now studying "Dwelling in God's Peace," where participants explore what the Bible has to say about the peace God provides,

Evangelism and Stewardship

There some good workshops coming up that will help us grow as a congregation. Two are coming up soon.

The "Kick-the-Tires" Mission Weekend is designed to be a low-risk way to introduce your congregation to what it could look like for them to join Jesus on His mission in their everyday lives and support each other as a congregation. The weekend is guaranteed to significantly advance the mission-conversation in your congregation and among your leadership. Lunch will be provided.

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If you are bringing a group from your church please register so we know how many to expect - <https://goo.gl/forms/NIGjYEWjesD9FU2q1>

Those of you who studied "Joining Jesus on His Mission" will like this one, as it is led by its author and will be discussed.

Be Constant in Prayer - Theological Conference 2019

Prayer is contagious. It can change you. It can disrupt your life/routine. Don't pray, and let everything be the way it is. Pray, and receive peace, guidance, understanding, faith, purpose, protection from evil, and a deeper relationship with God. Jesus prayed often, and He tells us to be constant in prayer.

This event is Saturday, February 2nd 8:30am to 3pm (\$15 student, \$20 adult, but there is an opportunity to simulcast for free that you can check into)



how they can obtain it, and why Jesus said that peacemakers are blessed. Bible study and discussion questions written by Karen -Lee Thorp.

- If evenings are better, join us at the **Cottage Meetings** the last Friday of the month at 7 p.m. hosted at a member's home. Cottage meeting this month is January 25 and will be a dinner out. **Watch for more details or email the office.**
- **Pastor Snider's Sunday Adult Bible Study** is continuing through the Lighthouse Series: Acts Part 2. The book of Acts records God's glorious actions among the first believers. It reveals the light of Christ, which spread by speech and scroll from Jerusalem down to today.

We hope to see all of you at one or more of these Bible Studies.

Christian Ed News

I hope you made it to the Children's Christmas program on December 16th because it was a very special service where the kids in our congregation shared a program called "What Child is This?" Two people told me it was the best program they had ever seen! I'm happy that it touched those two people and maybe a few more of you as well. I want to thank Quinn, Ruthie, Kathryn, Tony, Luke and Ben for their excellent job in reading and leading our program. Their leadership, experience and willingness to help are really appreciated. Thank you to all the Sunday School teachers for pitching in and directing whenever needed. Thank you to our actors and younger readers! You all did a wonderful job! Thanks to Quinn for the amazing music. Also, many thanks to Barb Yek for planning the entire Birthday Party. It was so festive and fun for everyone.

At Sunday School, the kids are

working through a 13-week semester of the Old Testament. We have been learning about Joseph and will be moving on to a few weeks about Moses, the plagues and the Exodus from Egypt. Some pretty exciting lessons coming up!

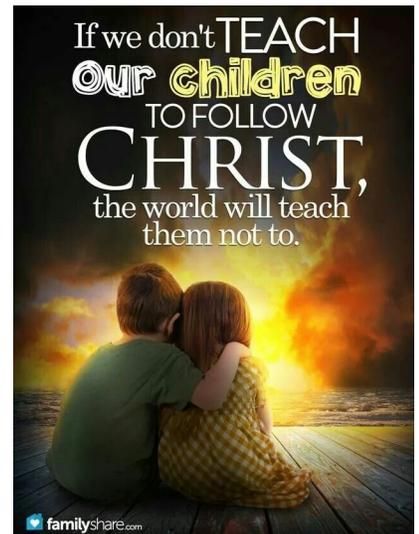
The New Year is a great time to commit to coming to Sunday School if you don't already. We have a lot of fun together and learn something new every Sunday as together we grow in our knowledge of the Bible and in our Faith as well. Also, it's always a good time to invite your friends with children to join us.

Don't miss the cottage meeting on January 25th at 7:00. If you have any questions about the cottage meeting, please ask anyone on the Board of Education, or me. I have posted a cottage meeting sign-up sheet. If you'd like to host a month or two, sign up now before all the good dates are gone! Speaking of the Board of Ed,

our next meeting is January 16th at 7:00. All are welcome!

Last of all, the Board of Ed is hosting a Euchre party on February 9th at 6:30. Please plan to come! No partner needed, kids are welcome and we'll have a movie for them to watch. Invite a friend or two.

One last thought.



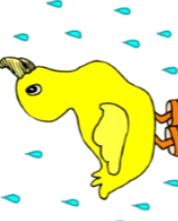
In Christ,
Elizabeth Eppler





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If you would like a link to the Trinity Google Calendar, email Lynda Minger with your request at lyndamngr262@gmail.com

LWML Ladies Posse News

THANK YOU

A big heartfelt thank you to all who participated in the Angel Tree Gift Giving. I had a jeep full of presents to take to Well-Spring, and I'm sure it brought smiles to many on Christmas. Your love of Jesus, God's greatest gift to us, and your generosity to others is wonderful!

Thank you also, to all who placed Poinsettias' on the altar - - it was absolutely beautiful again this year!

Posse News

January 10th Posse meeting Beginning with undecorating the tree and church at 6:30 which all members are invited to come help.

The more hands, the quicker we get the job done! Hostess for January is Joanna Altar Care is Alice and Carol

January 12th Craft Day 8am till 6pm

January 25th Instead of Cottage Meeting, We are having an

Out to Dinner celebration for Pastor's 10th Anniversary!

January 27th Family Fun Day At Church right after service. Bring a dish to pass and any favorite games.

Coming up mark your calendars for **February, Saturday, the 9th** for our Ham Dinner followed by Euchre Party sponsored by Christian Ed.

Dates to Note

Tree undecorating	1/10
Craft Day	1/12
Family Fun Day	1/27
Ham dinner and Euchre Party	2/

Winter in Michigan

Winter is here, and as we look at Christmas cards and other pictures of the season, we see snow and ice, peaking up on fenceposts, covering tracks on the roadways, blanketing roofs and chimneys and dripping from eaves. But we also see pictures of windows lighted from within, of beautiful flickering flames in fireplaces, of families in snug pajamas and bathrobes, huddled together in warmth against the cold.

Science tells us that the very existence of life requires the constant expenditure of energy - from within our own body or from a source outside ourselves. When our environment is cold, we are uncomfortable as our life energy is drained away. If we have insulating clothes we can conserve, for a time, the heat that our bodies generate and, thus, keep ourselves warm. It is said that

Antarctic explorers burn as many as 6000 calories per day just to maintain life.

Even the most avid winter sports enthusiast is attracted to the glow of a comfortable shelter indoors, a warm refuge from the cold natural world outside. Long ago our ancestors used the gift of fire to warm their primitive shelters, fires of wood, coal, oil, and now, even nuclear power. It is not the nature of mankind to passively accept what nature provides. Made in the image of God, we are aggressive in seeking alternatives, in constructing a better life for ourselves. We examine the cold world around us, and from its raw materials create our own world, one in which we can make ourselves feel secure and comfortable.

When we are cold or hungry or thirsty, we find shelter and

clothing and food and energy sources to allow us to be at ease in the world. Or else, we set out on a quest to find a better home, one more compatible with the needs of our body. Some of us fly away, like snowbirds, to warmer places in Florida, Texas, or Arizona.

Winter is a natural season, merely a shortage of energy from our environment - for a time. As the cold, gray days come one after the other, our minds rebel against our situation, and we feel a loss of hope that comfort and warmth will ever come again. We tire of the constant struggle merely to exist through a Michigan winter. The world appears as it did before the mind of God willed it into existence "formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep. (Genesis 1:2)" Throughout the New Testa-

Prayers of Trinity

Praise and thanksgiving:

Blessing, glory, wisdom, thanksgiving, honor, power and might be to You, our God, now and forever! Hear us who pray in peace in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. O God, Holy and eternal, who did permit us to enter into the fellowship of that holy suffering by which Your dear Son, our Savior, conquered sin and death; grant that we may celebrate the remembrance of His passion with true devotion, accept the cross as his disciples, and thus fulfill Your holy will; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. We pray for those among us who are in special need of your guidance and healing:

Pastor and Cathie Snider—Safe travels

Pastor Gatz - Speedy recovery from a broken hip.

Michael Groeller—Quick healing of broken wrist

Russ Borders, strength and healing.

Greg Massoll-successful surgery results and speedy healing.

Shut-ins--Caroline Cadeau, Al Jacoby

Don Johnson, Don VanGorden, Joshua Czapiewski, Carolyn and Joe Benkovsky, Diane and Rudy Vik, Dennis Miller -- strength and health

Continued healing: Mary Meyer, Joanne and Bob Hickman,

Don Keiser.

Judy Lasko, John Martinowicz, Julie Haggerty, Robin Fletcher, Kyle Knipp, Don Fogel, Ava Allen, Tracy Brohmen, Kenny Cadle, Carol Thompson, Sarah Burns, Libby in their battles with cancer.

For the soldiers here and overseas who are still protecting freedoms, our own and others in the world.

For opportunities to proclaim the Gospel in this season. When the world is open to hearing the story of Christmas, may we be unashamed in our witness.

“ASK, AND IT WILL BE GIVEN TO YOU; SEEK AND YOU WILL FIND; KNOCK, AND THE DOOR WILL BE OPENED TO YOU.

FOR EVERYONE WHO ASKS RECEIVES; HE WHO SEEKS FINDS; AND TO HIM WHO KNOCKS THE DOOR WILL BE OPENED.”

MATTHEW 7: 7-8



In Memoriam

2019 was a difficult year for our Trinity Family. We lost 3 very dear members who were active in the church.

Betty Jean Sigro—active the posse and altar guild in recent years.

Faith Kukuk—her voice is missed in the choir and her presence in the Posse

Lorena Luckhardt—Our remaining charter member of Trinity from St. Paul Hamburg. She is an icon.

Have fun in heaven Ladies. We will see you soon.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Lois Brumm 1/3
Kathryn Brumm 1/19
Abbie Churches 1/21
Jenna Frazzini 1/25
Gail Fansler 1/27
Matthew Groeller 1/27



OPPORTUNITIES TO “SEND” DEB:

- PRAY FOR HER HEALTH, SAFETY, AND PREPARATIONS
- PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE SHE WILL SERVE AND THE LIVES SHE WILL TOUCH
- MAKE WITNESS MATERIALS
- COLLECT SUPPLIES: BARS OF SOAP, MATERIAL FOR SEWING PROJECTS, UNDERWEAR
- DONATE TO THE COST OF HER TRIP



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Winter...continued

ment, particularly in the Gospel of John (Chapters 1, 8, and 9), Jesus is portrayed as the light (energy) that comes into a cold, dark world, and the darkness has no power to resist its radiation. C.S. Lewis, in depicting his mythical Narnia in the grip of unholy forces, describes an endless sterile winter, stretching to infinity of both time and space.

Praise God!! The same creative force that energized our universe, that created plants and animals, that sends the warmth of the sun and the blessing of the summer shower will lengthen and brighten our days. Since God has created humans in His own image, being a good animal is not

enough. With darkness all around us, we are expected to shine as a reflection of His will. Just as our animal nature strives to preserve our earthly life, our souls should strive to follow His way. If life begins to look like a pointless, losing battle, ending in death, we have the warmth of God's love and forgiveness, which constantly renews our spirit. When our lives seem sterile or threatened or polluted by our own actions or the actions of others, we find what we seek, "a balm in Gilead to cure our sin-sick soul" When our resolve and integrity have been drained away by life in the cold world, fellowship with Jesus repairs the wounds that sin has left.

Not everyone has gone ice fishing on a Michigan lake on a cold day in winter. It is an experience, but a few hours on the windswept ice with a temperature near zero can be more than enough. But if you have a friend with an ice shanty, you can spend many enjoyable hours with him on the lake, and the winter will not spoil the experience. We live in a cold and unforgiving world, but if Jesus is our companion and we stay close to His side, we can enjoy the time of our existence here, and not fear the intrusions of a callous and indifferent world.

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Please feel free to call and speak with Pastor Snider if there is any way we can assist you in your spiritual



8:45 am

Adult and Children's Bible study

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