



TRINITY LUTHERAN
 4560 Glendale Avenue
 Toledo, OH 43614

February, 2012 **NEWSLETTER**



Join us for Ash Wednesday Communion Worship at 4:30 and 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 22nd. A Lenten Meal will be served from 5:00 – 6:45 p.m.

**NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS the 20TH OF THE MONTH AT 5:00 PM!
 MOVING? Please let us know your new address! Thank you.**



*The Mission of Trinity Lutheran is sharing Jesus Christ
 through worship, education, and fellowship.*



Website: www.trinitylutheran.org

Sunday Worship at 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion on First, Third and Fifth Sundays
 Wednesday Worship at 7:00 p.m. Holy Communion on First, Third and Fifth Wednesdays
 Contemporary Worship on Sundays at 10:45 a.m. Holy Communion on Second, Fourth and Fifth Sundays

Adult Bible Class and Sunday School at 9:15 a.m.


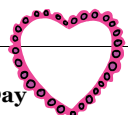

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Traditional Worship Services are Sundays at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m., and 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday evenings; Contemporary Worship is at 10:45 in the gym. Communion is celebrated on the 1st and 3rd Sundays & Wednesdays in the traditional services and 2nd and 4th Sundays in the contemporary service. When there is a 5th Sunday in the month, we offer communion at all services.

February 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:30 Women's Prayer Grp. 8:35 Chapel 9:45 Exodus Bible Study 5:30 Confirmation 5:30 1st & 2nd Peter Bible Study 7:00 Worship 8:00 Adult Choir	2 9:00 Quilting 6:15 Brass Rehearsal 6:30 Adult Bell Rehearsal 7:00 VIP Class	3	4
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19 Transfiguration of our Lord 8 & 10:30 Traditional 9:15 SS and Bible Classes 9:30 Brass Practice 10:45 Contemporary 6:00 Ohio Skate Deadline for High School Registration for Texas Trip	20 No School TLS 7:30 Dartball at Trinity	21 10:00 Pastors Greek Study 1:00 Friendship Circle 7:00 High School Youth meet at Voormans'	22 6:30 Women's Prayer Grp. 8:35 Chapel 9:45 Exodus Bible Study 4:30 Ash Wednesday Worship 5:00—6:30 Lenten Meal 7:00 Ash Wednesday Worship 8:00 Adult Choir	23 9:00 Quilting 6:15 Brass Rehearsal 6:30 Adult Bell Rehearsal 7:00 VIP Class	24 7:00 Walleye Game Jr. High Students <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> Bill Gibson Tournament </div>	25  11:30—1:00 High School at Cherry St. Mission
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February 2012 Newsletter

Pastor Carr's Page

Sunday Worship Schedule
 8:00 Traditional Worship
 10:30 Traditional Worship
 10:45 Contemporary Worship
 9:15 Sunday School
 9:15 Bible Class

Wednesday Worship Schedule
 7:00 Wednesday Worship

As many of you know Catherine and I traveled to Russia for a week in mid-January. This was our first of three trips in the adoption process of our 8 year old son, Sasha.

As I flew on numerous flights, drove in numerous hired cars and saw kilometers upon kilometers of Russian cityscapes and country sides I was pondering in the journey the words of the psalmist:

“Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them. Full of splendor and majesty in His work, and His righteousness endures forever. He has caused His wondrous works to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and merciful,” (Psalm 111: 1-4).

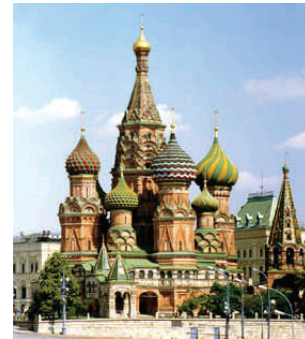
Within a land of stark beauty and abject poverty there emerges a resilient people. A people who work hard and have little to show for it in the goods of this life, A culture riddled with terrible ills mostly connected to vodka and its overconsumption. I am not being judgmental but honest.

According to the psalmist God is majestic in His work and the beautiful land and the beautiful people there are just like us. God’s special creations; but, like us, marred by the universal sinful condition. All of us, separated from God in the evil imaginations of our hearts for “all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God” Yet transformed, in Jesus, from sinners to saints we are thankful for the opportunities to love and serve our neighbors here, in Russia, wherever the Lord calls us in our vocations.

What a privilege to tell people I was a Christian pastor and that we loved them, we cared about their heritage, we were concerned about the needs of their children, especially those orphaned. Its amazing to see the walls come down when we express our common humanity as opposed to our obvious differences Remembering, as we do on Ash Wednesday, we are all dust and ashes but that the Lord is gracious and merciful to we mere sinful mortals. He is merciful, and in turn, we exhibit that mercy too!

It was a journey of joy, this first trip. Sasha is well and will come home to Toledo (in God’s perfect timing) People are people whatever their national tag might be; and God is in control of His creation – especially you and me – thanks be to God that he has chosen us to be in his family.

Your fellow servant, Pastor Carr



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MEMBERSHIP MATTERS AND MEMORIAL

MEMORIALS

Dick & Leora Stainbrook have donated memorials to the Capital Improvement Fund in Memory of **Douglas Wahren** (Johan's father); **Darlene Boerst** and **David Orner** (brother of Eleanor Liebich).

Helen Kieswetter has donated a memorial in Memory of **David Orner**.

Buck & Eleanor Liebich have donated a memorial in Memory of **David Orner** to the Capital Improvement Fund.

Cletus & Eva Schwartz and Eli and Rosa Schwartz from Edon, Ohio (Amish friends of the Studer family) have donated memorials in Memory of **Betty Zoe Studer** to the Capital Improvement Fund.

Deaths

Darlene Boerst on January 3, 2012

Nancy Buck on January 17, 2012

THANK YOU FROM THE GERDES FAMILY

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Hope this finds you all rejoicing in the Miracle of Christ's birth, resurrection, and the promise of His return.

We had a beautiful Christmas this year that we spent with friends and visiting family from North Carolina, shortly after Christmas.

It was such a joy to see all the boys opening their gifts Christmas morning after church. There were many smiles, laughs, and shouts of joy!

We are enjoying ALL that you have given us. The gift cards are slowly being used for the things we need--GAS, FOOD, and misc. items. I've been cooking and playing with my new kitchen items and the Kindle (which the boys play too...). Chris is reading his Luther books and already cooking our breakfast on his new griddle.

Our hearts are deeply grateful for your abundant gifts to our family. Thank you for being such faithful servants through Jesus Christ. Your support of our family is very much appreciated.

In Him,

The Gerdes Clan



Lenten Worship Schedule and Lenten Fellowship Meal Menu

Our first Lenten Worship begins on Ash Wednesday. Please consult the list below for sermon titles and corresponding Psalm reading locations:

February 22 Ash Wednesday 4:30 and 7:00 p.m.
"Save Me Because of Your Unfailing Love" - Psalm 6

February 29 Lent II 4:30 and 7:00 p.m.
"Hiding from God or Hiding in God?" - Psalm 32

March Lent III 4:30 and 7:00 p.m.
"Make Haste to Help Me" - Psalm 38

March Lent IV 4:30 and 7:00 p.m.
"Against You and For Me" - Psalm 51

March Lent V 4:30 and 7:00 p.m.
"But You, O Lord, Are Enthroned Forever" - Psalm 102

March Lent VI 4:30 and 7:00 p.m.
"Teach Me to Do Your Will, For You Are My God"
Psalm 143

During our Lenten Season, we will be offering a Lenten meal each Wednesday between 5:00 and 6:30. The menu will include an entrée, salad and dessert. Members of the congregation will be asked to sign up to provide desserts and bread, and for help with set-up and take down. Examples of the entrees are:

Chicken Noodle Soup
Sloppy Joes
Turkey or Ham Wrap
Lasagna
Hot Shredded Turkey Sandwiches
Beef Vegetable Soup

In the bulletin each week, we will be announcing which entrée will be available the following week. Hot dogs or peanut butter and jelly sandwiches will be provided for those who would prefer to have those items.

Thank you Trinity; we look forward to volunteers signing up for desserts and/or bread and assistance each week on the boards outside the Welcome Centers.

STEWARDS OF GOD’S BLESSINGS

A Trust From God

Because of God’s love and grace, we give out of gratitude and thanksgiving for Who God is, and what He did on our behalf. We first give ourselves and then our resources.

Everything we have is a trust from God. It may seem that we own our homes or cars because our names are on the titles, but as Christian stewards, we realize that we own nothing. We are caretakers of what God gives us. God is the owner and provider, and He will determine how much we will have and how long we will have it.

Scripture is clear that someday we will give an account of our stewardship.

Our love and devotion must be directed toward God and not wealth.

We read in Psalm 24:

“The earth is the Lord’s and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.”

CHURCH FINANCES GENERAL FUND December 31, 2011

<u>Contributions</u>	<u>December 31</u>	<u>Year-to-date</u>
General	\$ 89,000	\$881,425
School Income	\$ 43,389	\$477,721
Other Income	\$ 94	\$ 17,090
Total	\$132,683	\$1,376,235
Expenses		
Salaries—Benefits	\$ 118,595	\$1,084,073
Operations	\$ 23,940	\$ 289,177
Total	\$140,226	\$1,373,250
Net Income or (Loss)	\$ (7,543)	\$ 2,985

**Capital Improvement Fund
as of 12/31/2011
Funds Available: \$ 26,260**

UPCOMING EVENTS - NEWS AND NOTES

Voters’ Meeting

On Sunday, February 5th at noon, we will have a special Voters’ Meeting regarding the call for a third pastor.

Dartball Schedule

The February schedule is as follows:

Only one game in February on February 20th here at Trinity with Messiah Lutheran

Call Phil Keller at 419-893-2951 with any questions.



Friendship Circle

Leave your "moans and groans" behind and enjoy the afternoon with fellow Trinity Senior Friends, as we explore "The Joy of Aging!" A soup lunch is planned for 12:00 noon on Thursday, February 9th, in the Luther Room at Trinity. Cost is \$4.00. Please bring a Valentine card to share. Reservations can be made with Bernice Gibson at 419-893-4363 by Sunday, February 5th. January’s program of "Subs and Bingo" was enjoyed by 25 friends, 5 of which were first-timers! Encourage each other and come and be entertained with "The Joy of Aging!"

Address Changes

Please note the following address changes in your directories:

Don & Karen Notzka
4720 Glendale, #207
Toledo, OH 43614

Ed Studer
7100 Wilkinson Way, Apt. 308
Perrysburg, OH 43551

Ellen Knipper is currently at Wolf Creek for rehab

Chad Lowry
2455 Drummond
Toledo, OH 43606

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Our next get-together is scheduled for Tuesday, February 14th from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. in the Luther Room. Join us for fellowship as we work on our prayer shawls for the sick, elderly, and shut-ins. Since it’ll be Valentine’s Day, bring along a valentine if you wish (card or friend!). We thank all who are contributing to our Shawl Ministry. We’ve lost count of how many we’ve made, but keep ‘em coming as there is always a need for more! Questions? Call Helen Kieswetter (419-382-5926).



Market Day February Schedule

As most of you are aware, Market Day is a fundraiser of Trinity Lutheran School and Church. By placing your orders, you help fund projects for the church and school. Order forms are available in the Narthex on the table (under the bulletin board) and for Contemporary worshippers, forms are available by the drinking fountain in the hallway.

February purchases are due in the office by February 7th, with pick-up being February 13th. Thanks for your support!



Third Pastor Call Committee Update

(Voters' Meeting to be held on February 5th at noon)

The Lord has blessed Trinity by sending Pastor Kleimola to share the Gospel with us. During his time with us he has become a valued member of our family in Christ.

It was during Pastor Kleimola's ministry here at Trinity that it became evident that a third pastor would be helpful in carrying out the Lord's ministry and mission in our community.

At the request of the congregation the pastoral duties were delineated to show how three pastors would be employed. The job descriptions show how a third pastor would assist in sharing the current and future ministerial responsibilities.

Why are we making a call without interviewing several candidates for the position?

- The call process set forth by Synod requires notification by a congregation of its' desire to call a pastor.
- Notification of pastoral requests must be accompanied by proper written forms and must be made within specific time line.
- District President Cripe informed Trinity that any request for consideration for a specific person needed to be submitted to the Synod as quickly as possible.
- The call committee feels we have a specific person whom we wish to be considered in our call papers.
- Pastor Kliemola has a good working relationship with Pastor Carr and Pastor Vorman and he has been well received by our congregation.

The questions before the congregation are:

1. Does the congregation support the recommendation of the Call Committee to add a third pastor?
2. Does the congregation approve calling a candidate?
3. Does the congregation support the recommendation of the Call Committee to call Pastor Ryan Kleimola?

Thrivent Choice Dollars

Thrivent members of Trinity met in October, 2011 in order to decide how to distribute the Thrivent Choice Dollars Trinity had received.

The following was decided:

\$ 3,000 to Kids Against Hunger Event

\$10,000 for carpeting in the Sanctuary

\$ 1,000 for Worship for Shut-ins

\$ 1,000 for Youth Ministry

\$15,000

\$2,600 given to Trinity Lutheran School was designated to the Howard Drager Fund.

Thrivent members agreed to meet and distribute Thrivent Choice Dollars annually.

Trinity Youth News

Epiphany Greetings in the name of Jesus, our Revealed Savior!

Things are off to a great start for the youth at Trinity in 2012! This past month found our Junior High kids continuing in their confirmation studies as well as enjoying a night of skating at Ohio Skate and even a Dance sponsored by the Trinity Parents organization.

Our High School group continues to meet at Pastor Voorman's house on the Tuesdays at the end of each month. Last week, we discussed the "Why I hate Religion but Love Jesus" video that went viral on the web recently. We discussed the false dichotomy that is created by this statement and encouraged the youth in their faith walks discussing the difficulties they face regarding their faith at school.

There are many up-coming events in which our youth may participate. Please take a look at the calendar and at the listing below and be sure to mark your calendars and sign up soon for events in which you can participate.

If you are not of the youth age, that's ok! There are many ways for you to be involved and to benefit from the service projects and fundraisers by the youth. Sign up for free babysitting and pay attention for more information about the upcoming Chili Cook-Off! We strongly urge you all to pray for the youth of our congregation and their families. God is doing great things in the lives of these young people. Your prayers are coveted, powerful, and effective!

Blessings in Christ!

Pastor Voorman and Pastor Kleimola

Action Items for **Junior High** (6th-8th)

- **Walleye Hockey Game** on *Friday, February 24th at 7pm*. If you are able to drive or want to go, please let Pastor Kleimola know by *Sunday, February 19th*.
- **Concordia University Tool Time Overnight** on *Friday March 16-17th*. This overnight retreat held at Concordia University Ann Arbor takes place on their campus and is run by the New Crew Student group. The cost to attend is \$45 and you must let Pastor Kleimola know you plan to attend by *Wednesday, February 15th*. A \$20 deposit is due to register. Stay tuned to the news and notes for more information.

Action Items for **High School**

- If you are going on the **Ysleta Lutheran Missions** mission trip this summer to El Paso, Texas, the registration fee of \$100 is due by *February 19th*. See Pastors Voorman or Kleimola if you have any questions.

Attention!
*Free Babysitting!
Provided by the High School Youth of Trinity
February 11th from 5-9pm – the Saturday night before Valentine's Day (hint, hint)*

Find the signup sheet at the welcome centers.

Upcoming High School Youth Events:	Upcoming Junior High Youth Events:
Parent's Night Out Babysitting – Feb. 11, 5-9pm	Bowling Night – February 19
Bowling Night – February 18	Walleye Hockey Game – February 24
Cherry St. Service Event – Feb. 25, 11:30-1pm	Tool Time Overnight – March 17-18
Chili Cook-Off – March 9, 6pm	Kids Against Hunger – March 24



LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE MITES and MISSIONS

The LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE offers opportunities for spiritual growth, enrichment, inspiration and fellowship through its resources and events.

The **LUTHERAN WOMAN'S QUARTERLY** has articles that are inspirational and entertaining. There are Bible studies for your personal growth; information on national mission grants and pages for teens and young women. **The OHIO DISTRICT EDITION (ODE)** has information on zone and society activities and events around the Ohio District and updates on the district's mission grants. Be sure to pick up a copy of the *Quarterly* and the *ODE* in the narthex and outside the gym door.

The **2012 LWML Ohio District Convention** will be held at the Sheraton Suites, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, June 22-24, 2012. The women of the LWML Akron-Youngstown Zone will host this convention and invite you to attend, whether as a delegate, guest, young woman representative or a Friends Into Serving Him (the teen age group). Come to renew friendships, make new friends and most of all hear inspiring speakers. A new list of mission grants and new officers will be selected by the delegates. Reservation forms will be available soon, in the next issue of the ODE and on the LWML Ohio District Website: <http://www.lutheransonline.com/lwmlohiodistrict>, or contact June Davis 419-891-0134 or Lillian Keller, 419-893-2951.

Thank you for your Mite gifts and prayers for LWML mission grants. Mites collected in January totaled \$92.40. God places a great opportunity into our hands to share the salvation of Jesus through Mite offerings for the LWML Grants in the Ohio District and throughout the world. There is a current need for funds so that we might reach our Mission Goal by the close of the 2010-2012 biennium on March 31, 2012. Is there money in that Mite Box you have at home? Bring your Mites, coins or quiet money, to church on February 19th. Place them into the large Mite Box in the narthex or near the gym doors. You may want to consider an extra gift to help fund the mission grant goal by the March deadline. (**IDEA:** Save your pennies, nickels or dimes for the next month, place them in a Mite Box and bring them to church by the mid-March. This will allow getting them to our district financial officer in a timely manner.) Additional Mite Boxes and envelopes for your gifts can be found near the large Mite Box. May God bless your gifts to spread His Word and love to others.

Pray for God to bless these mission grant recipients:

LUTHERAN BIBLE TRANSLATORS **SPREAD GOD'S WORD THROUGH PRINT AND AUDIO**

Lutheran Bible Translators (LBT) is the only Lutheran organization whose purpose it is to help bring people to faith in Jesus Christ by making the Word of God available to those who do not yet have it in the language of their hearts. The LWML is partnering with LBT missionaries to make Scripture available to the Komba people in Ghana and the Khwe in Botswana. Audio scripture will be available to Bokyi, Yala and Kukele in Nigeria and the Dhimba in Namibia.

Our Lord commands us to make disciples of all nations and to open up and read Scripture. Four hundred million people around the world do not have God's Word in their native languages. Many are oral communicators only, with no reading skills and literacy rates in Africa are very low. Providing God's Word in an audio format is of vital importance to these people. They form Listening Groups using audio Scripture. These small groups, like our Bible study groups, hear and then discuss Scripture. Digital, portable, audio players are needed to support this ministry.

The LBT also makes printed Bible materials available for those who can read them, giving them the opportunity to learn about Jesus. These materials are simpler, more basic and introductory Bible excerpts, parables and stories that will increase the desire to learn and read more of God's Word. Support of this grant will help bring the message of Jesus to many in Africa.

LUTHERAN BRAILLE WORKERS PLATE EMBOSSING DEVICE

Lutheran Braille Workers is committed to providing the Good News of Jesus Christ to the visually impaired throughout the world. The need is great with more than 180 million people around the world who are blind or who have only partial sight. Lutheran Braille Workers has provided Christian materials in more than 30 languages to visually impaired people in more than 120 countries since 1943. Lutheran Braille Workers has grown into one of the largest faith-based producers of free Braille Bibles and Christian materials throughout the world. They support almost 200 work centers with over 5,100 volunteers in the United States and Canada, producing and distributing over 11 million sheets of Braille material each year. Volunteers punch, emboss and collate sheets of Braille paper and large print materials.

This grant will help fund the purchase of a new Plate Embossing Device (PED) to replace worn out zinc plates and create zinc plates for new Braille titles. The PED is the sole device in the United States to emboss Braille plates for the production of Braille books. Without the PED, the ability to produce Braille material would be restricted as existing plates wear out. This new PED will insure that Braille materials will continue to be produced.

Free Braille and large print Bibles and Christian materials provide the message of salvation through faith in Jesus. These materials will bring individuals who are visually impaired into God's Kingdom and provide those who already believe in Jesus, the comfort of being able to read His Word. Your Mites will help make this possible for thousands of people who are not able to see God's Word but who want to hear and learn about Jesus and to be with Him.

February Birthdays & Anniversaries

God's richest blessings to those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this month. If you find your name has been inadvertently left off the list, please call the church office. Special recognition is given to those with birthdays of 80 years and above; and to those celebrating anniversaries of 50 years or more.

February Birthdays



1. Gary Riley
Bob Stainbrook
Elizabeth Wilkie
Michelle Dammeier
2. Sandra Rice
Elaine Savage
Morgen Skiver
Sarah Sroczynski

Wendy Stainbrook
Deborah Trettin
Maddie Walker
3. Reed Filipovich
Sandra Schoenfelt
4. Harriet Boerst
Marilyn Gibson
5. Robert Yambert
6. Sue Baker
Conner Eitnrear
Lillian Keller
Barbara Prediger
7. Charles Fahncke
Robert Hausch
Erica Herrick
8. Bonnie Hendricks
Tom Imbery
William Routson
9. Natalie Nixon
Andrea Proctor
Jennifer Schulz
Tiffany Westhoven
Rachel Aguilar
11. Kristen Baker
Robert Momany
Maria Nelson
Henry Thompson
13. Dwight Gartz
14. Grant Buehrer
Deborah Sommers
Edward Studer
15. Amanda Behrman
15. Claire Hensley
Tara Jaquay
Denise McDonald
Kara Null
Jessica Pacheco
Don Scott
Brandi Sharlow
Cheryl Sitchanoff
16. Kirsten Dettinger
Rev. John Landskroener
Valerie Scott
17. David Baertschi
18. James Ames
Shannon Bostelman
Lou Ann Brettel
Nick Busse
Austin Cole
Randy Huner
19. Ian Briars
Caleb Janowiecki
20. Stephan Ames
Tracey Ammons
Samuel DuShane
Matthew Lammon
21. Marylin Hodak
Lee Ann Obst
Randy Sroczynski
22. Brandi DuShane
Joyce Streepey
Alexander Williams
David Wolff
23. Richard Briars
Margie Grose
Douglas Hubaker
Aaron Johnston
Brandon Ku
Chad LaPlante
Lynn Massey
Timothy Semro
24. Luke Dangler
Sophia Mavis
Edmund Meyer III
25. Brenda Hays
Sarah Lindhorst
Cheyann Parker
Alice Schmidt
26. Tabitha Mallendick
Robert Nelson III


27. Grace Criswell
Gary Deal
Brianna Karamol
Beverly McNeeley
Sean Westhoven
28. Heather Fields
Griffin McDonald
Roxann Polesovsky

February Anniversaries



6. Lamphen & Bernadette Lata
10. David & Karen Zbierajewski
11. Thomas & Nadine Dlugas
12. Todd & Robin Deal
15. Carol & Richard Kwiatkowski
23. Janet & Edmund Meyer
Richard & Carole Ulrich
26. Richard & Tina Briars

Worship Servants – February 2012

Date	8:00	10:30	10:45	Wednesday Evening
Communion Assistants				
				2/01 Randy Huner
2/05	Charles Brisbin	Dan Gibson Randy Huner		2/08 Kent Jackman
2/12			Jerry Francis Scott McDonald	
2/19	Randy Sroczynski	Derek Dierks Gary Paulsen		2/22 Ash Wednesday 3 Pastors
2/26			Kent Jackman Chad Lowry	
Elder in Charge of Donuts  Randy Huner				
Acolytes				
	8:00	10:30	Wednesday	
			2/01 M. Kujawa	
2/05	G. LaPlante, M Behrman J. Diegel, D. Buehrer	L. Britt, L. Stainbrook K. LaChapelle, R. Randolph	2/08 M. Fink	
2/12	J. Ryan, G. Ryan	M. Tucker, K. Rice	2/15 A. Proctor	
2/19	T. Westhoven, R. Lang L. Hodak, B. Stacy	S. Ryan, E. McDonald J. Hutt, A. Arzuaga	2/22 Ash Wednesday 4:30 A. Hayes, B. West 7:00 J. Anderson, A. Poole	
2/26	K. Fannin, A. Mallendick	M. Deal, R. Jaquay-Williams	2/29 Lent 4:30 M. Ladd, A. Phounsavath 7:00 S. Petty, S. Hernandez	
Usher Teams				
	Phil Keller, Captain Paul Svatik Roger Schlade David Prediger John Quackenbush Jerry Thomas	Gary Zdawczyk, Captain Richard Stainbrook Randy Huner Jacob Huner John Wenberg Chad LaPlante	Brian Cunningham, Captain	
Greeters			Welcome Center	
	8:00	10:30	8:00	10:30
2/05	Charles & Judy Walker	Dan & Patti Stainbrook	Dorothy Landskroener	Marylin Hodak
2/12	Dave & Pat Dodge	Jack & Dottie Meyer	Melissa Kisandi	Jack & Kay Hoefflin
2/19	Barry & Grace Harris	Ray & Linda Lewis	Leo Knox	Marylin Hodak
2/26	Joe & Melissa Kisandi	David & Jill Kinsel	Leonard & Alicejean Harvey	Jack & Kay Hoefflin
10:45 Greeters				
2/05	Fred & Leslie Wilt			
2/12	Scott & Denise McDonald			
2/19	Jerry & Karen Francis			
2/26	Phil & Kristy Snyder			



Pray For Us Calendar

The following prayer requests were submitted to LCMS World Mission by your coworkers in the Lord's mission around the world. Congregations and individuals are invited to copy these pages for newsletters or other distribution.

RUSSIA – FEBRUARY 1-29 The LCMS has been involved in Russia for 18 years — almost since the fall of the Soviet Union. Today, the LCMS is in altar and pulpit fellowship with two Russian church bodies. Three LCMS missionary families carry out witness and mercy ministry in Russia.

Remember the Lord's work in Russia as you pray:

1. *with thanksgiving for the open doors to the Gospel* that the Lord has provided in Russia — especially since the fall of the Soviet Union in 1991. Pray that this broader religious freedom continues for years to come.

2. *with thanks to God for sustaining His Church, despite persecution, through the Soviet era in Russia.* Many surviving Lutherans can share stories of family members, or even personal stories, involving suffering and hardship for the sake of the Gospel.

3. *for missionaries Rev. Jon and Julie Muhly, who serve in Russia and other former Soviet republics.* Pray for the Lord to richly bless their work, as well as their growing family, which includes two sons and two twin daughters.

4. *with missionary Rev. Matthew Heise, who supports partner church bodies, leaders and new believers throughout Eurasia through providing theological education and leadership training.* Pray for Matt's safety as he travels throughout this vast region, and that he would not grow weary, but would be encouraged in his ministry.

5. *for missionary Rev. Alan Ludwig, who serves in Novosibirsk, Russia, alongside the Siberian Evangelical Lutheran Church (SELC).* Alan teaches at Lutheran Theological Seminary, training pastors and other leaders for service in the SELC.

6. *for the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ingria in Russia, which is based heavily in western Russia and includes 80 congregations.*

7. *with thanks for the 400 years that God has faithfully accompanied and protected the ELCIR.* Pray that its congregations and members will

continue to boldly proclaim God's love in Jesus Christ, serve their neighbors and serve each other.

8. *for the ministry of the Theological Institute of the ELCIR, which is located in Koltushi, Russia, outside of St. Petersburg.* It offers courses for people working with youth, Sunday schools, music, diaconal work and those working towards the Bachelor of Divinity degree.

9. *for the 16 full-time students studying in the Bachelor of Divinity program at the ELCIR seminary.* Give thanks to God that they have answered His call to serve as pastors, and ask Him to bless them with perseverance and retention of all that they learn through the program.

10. *for Dr. Alexander Prilutsky, who was recently named as the new rector of the seminary.* May God grant him wisdom and humility as he leads.

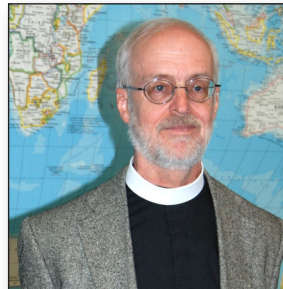
11. *for Bishop Arri Kugappi, who serves as president of the ELCIR.* Ask the Lord to grant him wisdom and humility and to encourage Him through His Word daily as he leads this church body.

12. *for the outreach efforts of all ELCIR congregations, including St. Michael's Lutheran Church in St. Petersburg.* St. Michael's welcomes hundreds of people through its doors on a weekly basis, with ministries ranging from Gospel-centered musical concerts, to HIV/AIDS ministry, to regular

seminars for those interested in learning more about the Bible and more.

13. *with thanksgiving for for the LCMS pastors who have worked with ELCIR pastors over the years, including a recent group who visited and encouraged pastors in the Siberian District.* Pray that these times of fellowship, training and mutual learning will strengthen all involved.

14. *that God would bless the ministry of Hope Counseling Center in St. Petersburg, Russia, which is supported by the LCMS.* Operated by the ELCIR, Hope provides grace-filled light and hope to women and families who are facing difficult situations in a society plagued by divorce, substance abuse and unexpected pregnancies.



Involvement Ideas



- Support missionaries who serve the people of Russia and the two LCMS partner churches there, the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ingria in Russia and the Siberian Evangelical Lutheran Church. To search for their prayer cards and online giving pages by name, visit www.lcms.org/prayercards.

- Learn more about LCMS witness and mercy work in Russia at www.lcms.org/russia.

- Support a mission or mercy project in Russia! Visit <http://lcms.org/givenow> to search for opportunities.

Photo: LCMS missionaries who serve in Russia, clockwise from top left: Rev. Alan Ludwig; Rev. Matthew Heise; Rev. Jon and Julie Muhly and family



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15. *for the Siberian Evangelical Lutheran Church (SELC), which is based in central Russia and includes 16 congregations and missions throughout Russia.*

16. *for Bishop Vsevolod Lytkin and other leaders of the SELC, as they guide this church body and make decisions about its direction and the training of future leaders.*

17. *with thanksgiving that God has brought the Gospel to the Russian people in Siberia through the SELC. This church body is ethnically Russian and Russian-speaking, made up almost entirely of people who have no ethnic Lutheran heritage.*

18. *that God would grant strong fellowship and encouraging ties between the congregations of the SELC, which often are separated by hundreds of miles in an area where travel is difficult for most of the harsh winter.*

19. *that God would call more men to study for the pastoral ministry at the ELCIR seminary in Koltushi and the SELC seminary in Novosibirsk, so that more congregations may be led by a trained pastor, and more churches might*

be planted in areas where no Lutheran congregation currently exists.

20. *that the Lord would continue to provide expanded opportunities for partnership in theological education among the LCMS, the SELC, the ELCIR and other church bodies—so that more leaders can be firmly rooted in Lutheran doctrine and for the mutual enrichment and encouragement of teachers and students.*

21. *with thanksgiving for the short-term theological educators who have served in various capacities over the years at the seminaries in Koltushi and Novosibirsk.*

22. *for Rev. Oleg Sevastyanov and his mission work on behalf of the ELCIR in the Estonian border town of Narva — may God's Word proclaimed work faith in the hearts of those who hear the Gospel.*

23. *for the district presidents of the seven districts of the ELCIR — for wisdom and guidance as they lead their districts.*

24. *that God would guide, bless, protect and strengthen the faith of the newly baptized and confirmed children and adults in the SELC.*

25. *that the Lord would encourage the members of the SELC who live in impoverished towns and villages and bring them comfort through the peace that passes all understanding.*

26. *for the continued spread of the Gospel among university students at Novosibirsk State University, one of the major centers of higher education in Russia.*

27. *for all Russian people who are affected by depression, loneliness, alcoholism, post-abortion syndrome and more. Pray that those who do not yet know Jesus Christ would come to faith, and would find peace and restoration in His forgiveness.*

28. *that Lutheran believers would be courageous and loving in sharing the Gospel with the growing Muslim population in Russia. Currently, between 6 and 14 percent of Russia's population practices Islam.*

29. *that God would use the ELCIR and the SELC to reach more of Russia's ethnic minorities — many of whom are growing quickly in number — with the Gospel of Christ. Many of these people groups are less-reached with the Gospel than ethnic Russians.*

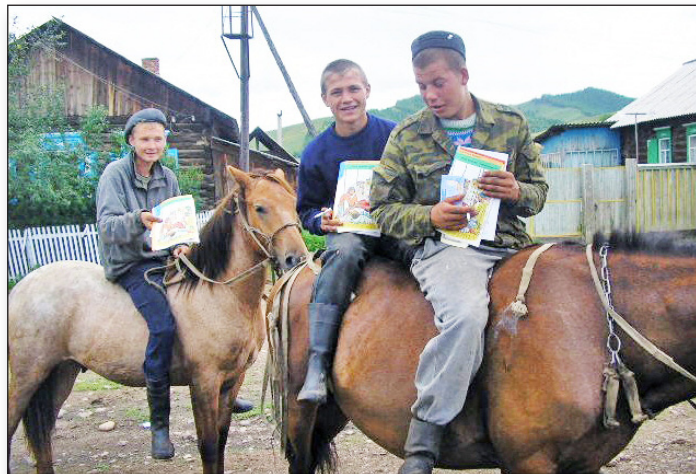


Photo:
Young boys in a rural Russian town show off their Sunday school materials, provided by the LCMS.

Missionary & Personnel Birthdays

Missionary & personnel prayer cards may be downloaded from the LCMS website at www.lcms.org/prayercards.

- Feb. 4** Shara Cunningham, South Africa
- Feb. 6** Susan Fluegge, South Africa; Matt Wasmund, South Korea
- Feb. 8** Radka Fiala, Slovakia; Hanna Hartman, Southeast Asia; Christel Neuendorf, Dominican Republic
- Feb. 9** Danelle Putnam, Dominican Republic
- Feb. 10** Eric Semler, Asia; Marla Steenbock, Germany
- Feb. 11** Tim Heiney, Guinea
- Feb. 15** Michael Weider, Southeast Asia
- Feb. 16** Cindy Rodewald, South Africa
- Feb. 22** Tim Norton, Guinea
- Feb. 27** Zeal Beale, South Africa
- Feb. 28** Stephanie Magee, Czech Republic
- Feb. 29** Bob Flohrs, Germany

Military chaplains with birthdays in February:

Chaplain Lynn Christensen, Diego Garcia, British Indian Ocean Territory; Chaplain Matthew Christensen, Fort Riley, Kan.; Chaplain Dann Ettner, Moffett Army Air Base, Calif.; Chaplain Michael Frese, Fort Knox, Ky.; Chaplain Charles Mallie, Greece; Chaplain Wayne Olson, Northport, N.Y.; Chaplain Christopher Otten, Fort Hood, Texas

