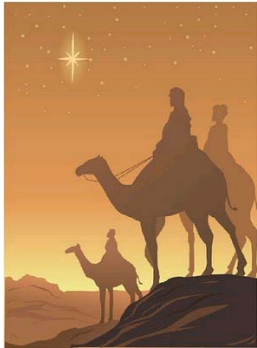




TRINITY LUTHERAN  
 4560 Glendale Avenue  
 Toledo, OH 43614

## *January, 2012* **NEWSLETTER**



“ . . . For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”  
 Matthew Chapter 2

**NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS the 20<sup>TH</sup> 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](http://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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FAX: 419.385.2636

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.

# January 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> New Year's Day  <b>9:30</b> Communion Worship	<b>2</b> <b>TLS No School</b>	<b>3</b> <b>10:00</b> Pastors Greek Study <b>6:30</b> Trustees Meet <b>7:00</b> Elders	<b>4</b> <b>8:35</b> Chapel <b>9:45</b> Exodus Bible Study <b>5:30</b> Teen Choir Rehearsal <b>5:30</b> Confirmation <b>7:00</b> Worship <b>8:00</b> Adult Choir	<b>5</b> <b>9:00</b> Quilting <b>6:15</b> Brass Rehearsal <b>7:00</b> VIP Class	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> The Epiphany <b>8 &amp; 10:30</b> Traditional <b>9:15</b> SS and Bible Classes <b>9:30</b> Brass Practice <b>10:45</b> Contemporary <b>4:30</b> LifeLight Bible Study	<b>9</b> <b>8:30</b> Circuit Mtg. <b>9:00</b> Quilting <b>7:30</b> Dartball at Trinity	<b>10</b> <b>1:30</b> Prayer Shawl <b>7:00</b> Council	<b>11</b> <b>8:35</b> Chapel <b>9:45</b> Exodus Bible Study <b>5:30</b> Teen Choir Rehearsal <b>5:30</b> Confirmation <b>5:30</b> LifeLight Bible Study <b>7:00</b> Worship	<b>12</b> <b>Noon</b> Friendship Circle Subway and Bingo <b>6:15</b> Brass Rehearsal <b>7:00</b> VIP Class	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <b>8:00</b> Trustee Work Day <b>9:30</b> LWML Meets
<b>15</b> The Baptism of our Lord <b>8 &amp; 10:30</b> Traditional <b>9:15</b> SS and Bible Classes <b>9:30</b> Brass Practice <b>10:45</b> Contemporary <b>6:00</b> Ohio Skate	<b>16</b> <b>TLS No School</b>	<b>17</b> <b>Noon</b> Market Day Due <b>6:30</b> Trustees Meet <b>1:00</b> Friendship Circle	<b>18</b> <b>8:35</b> Chapel <b>5:30</b> Teen Choir Rehearsal <b>7:00</b> Worship <b>8:00</b> Adult Choir	<b>19</b> <b>9:00</b> Quilting <b>6:15</b> Brass Rehearsal	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> <b>8:00</b> Men's Breakfast <b>2:00—4:00</b> New School Family Open House
<b>Pastors Voorman and Kleimola at Fort Wayne Seminary</b>						
<b>22</b> Third Sunday after the Epiphany <b>8 &amp; 10:30</b> Traditional <b>9:15</b> SS and Bible Classes <b>9:30</b> Brass Practice <b>10:45</b> Contemporary	<b>23</b> <b>4:00—5:30</b> Market Day Pick-up	<b>24</b> <b>10:00</b> Pastors Greek Study <b>7:00</b> High School Youth meet at Voormans'	<b>25</b> <b>8:35</b> Chapel <b>9:45</b> Exodus Bible Study <b>5:30</b> Teen Choir Rehearsal <b>5:30</b> Confirmation <b>5:30</b> LifeLight Bible Study <b>7:00</b> Worship	<b>26</b> <b>6:15</b> Brass Rehearsal <b>7:00</b> VIP Class	<b>27</b> <b>7:00</b> Jr. High Dance	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany <b>8 &amp; 10:30</b> Traditional <b>9:15</b> SS and Bible Classes <b>9:30</b> Brass Practice <b>10:45</b> Contemporary <b>4:30</b> LifeLight Bible Study	<b>30</b> <b>7:30</b> Dartball at Trinity	<b>31</b> <b>10:00</b> Pastors Greek Study <b>7:00</b> High School Youth meet at Voormans'				

# January 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

## Remodeling in 2012?

In Soulac, France, a farmer struck his foot on something in one of his fields. It was the tip of a metal bar sticking out of the ground. He could not imagine who would drive a stake in his field, but taking a shovel, he tried to dig it out. After digging down about six feet, he realized that the iron rod was beyond what he could tackle. Officials from the village, after investigating the situation, brought large road building equipment to the field. After two days the workers sunk a hole more than twenty feet deep. They determined that the “stake” in the field was, in fact, the top of a steeple.

Across the centuries, dirt and debris had buried an ancient church building. Through the years, war and weather had covered the building, and it had been forgotten. Over a period of many months the building was completely uncovered and then carefully restored. If you visit Soulac today, ask a taxi driver to drive you to the Vert Ferme chapel, and you can stand in a church building that was buried for more than 800 years.

Jesus was born, and lived the perfect life, and died the death we deserved in order to establish His church. Through the centuries His church has always been in danger of being lost underneath the wreckage and debris of man-made traditions, alterations to His teachings and errant religious opinions.

As we enter 2012, let us also determine how to do our part at remodeling our spiritual lives so that they will be fit to stand in the Lord’s New House!

How so? Scripture clearly teaches that all our righteous deeds are filthy rags - rubble and trash! Our remodeled life begins in our baptism when He, Jesus, washed us and made us His own. Daily remember your heavenly washing – it has made you brand new. Through daily contrition and repentance return to the Lord your God and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life and salvation from Him alone.

Now, shine, made new and clean, live in a way that reveals to all your love for Him.

May the Lord bless all our renovations - throughout 2012 and beyond.

Your fellow waiting servant of Christ, *Pastor Carr*

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## A Message from Pastor Voorman and Pastor Kleimola

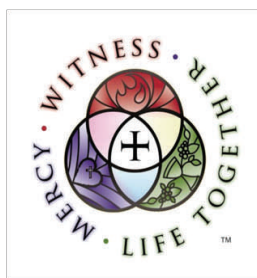
Greetings in the name of the Babe in Bethlehem,

We hope and pray that you had a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year celebration! As this New Year of 2012 begins we wanted to once again encourage you to support the youth here at Trinity. Our 2012 resolution has already been decided, Trinity's youth programs are resolved to be more purposeful in their service. These groups will strive to proclaim the love of Christ through word and through action. In the coming summer this service will take us all the way to El Paso, Texas. Down on the Mexico border we will be working with an established Lutheran Mission to build houses, lead VBS, and share God's love with those in need.

This mercy, this service, is not something that we want to do only in other places. As a group we want to serve you and the city of Toledo. We will be working closely with area missions and groups already established. We want to help you as our brothers and sisters in Christ in whatever way we can. If you have ideas, needs, or possible fundraisers, please speak to us or let the Church Office know.

Martin Luther once wrote that God works through us to love and serve the neighbor. He said that God is the one working, but we are the masks which God puts on. Our prayer is that God would use Trinity Lutheran Church, that He would use the people here as His masks. We ask that you would help us be the masks God uses for service, that you would support the youth through prayer, words of encouragement and even funding. Below you will find a tentative schedule for some of the events coming up in the 2012 year. Take the time to read it over and feel free to offer suggestions. Thanks for your support. God's blessings in this New Year!

In Christ,  
Pastor Voorman & Pastor Kleimola



### 2012 Youth Servant Events

January = Serve at Cherry Street Mission (Toledo)  
 February = Babysit for Parent's Night Out (Trinity)  
 March = Kids Against Hunger (Beyond)  
 March = Chili Supper Cook-off (Fundraiser for servant event)  
 April = Servants for an Afternoon (Fundraiser for servant event)  
 May = Serve at Cherry Street Mission (Toledo)  
 June = Habitat for Humanity (Toledo)  
 July = Servant Event Trip to El Paso, Texas (Beyond)

### 2012 Youth Fellowship Events

January = Walleye Hockey Game  
 February = Bowling Outing  
 March = Jr. High Lock-In  
 March = Paintball Outing  
 April = Sr. High Lock-In  
 May = Mud Hens Baseball Game  
 June = Higher Things Youth Gathering

## MEMBERSHIP MATTERS AND MEMORIAL

### MEMORIALS

Jeffrey Schmoldt has donated a memorial in memory of his father, Edward, to Trinity.

Ann Maier-Sugg has donated a memorial in memory of her husband, Robert, to Trinity.

Phil & Lillian Keller have donated a memorial in memory of Thomas Sanders to the Capital Improvement Fund.

Lois Foltz has donated a memorial in memory of Don Klein to the Capital Improvement Fund.

Dick & Leora Stainbrook have donated a memorial in memory of Robert Sugg to the Capital Improvement Fund.

### Members Received

Susan Kay Rice from Epiphany Lutheran, Toledo

### Deaths

Henry J. Sawicki, Jr., Naples Florida

## VIP CLASS FORMING

Pastor Carr will begin a membership class for those adults and older teens who desire to join Trinity Lutheran Church on Thursday, January 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

This class is titled **VIP** as we want our members to be informed concerning the truths of Holy Scripture—that we have life (vitality) through Christ, the Living Word. The class will meet for ten consecutive Thursdays. At the end of the ten weeks, those desiring to join the congregation may do so; others may wish to take this class as a refresher course in the basic doctrines of the Bible.

If you would like to be a part of this class, then please plan to join Pastor Carr in the Conference Room. The materials for the class will be handed out at this time.

## Worship Schedule and Bible Studies Beginning

Please join us for **New Year's Day** worship with Communion at 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday Worship returns on January 4th at 7:00 p.m.

On January 8th, please return to worship with us at 8:00 and 10:30 (Traditional); 10:45 (Contemporary) and Sunday School—Bible Classes at 9:15 a.m.

Pastor Carr will begin a new LifeLight Bible Study on 1st and 2nd Peter. As in the past, the class will begin at 4:30 on Sunday evenings, and repeat on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.

The first Sunday evening class will begin on January 8th at 4:30 p.m.

The first Wednesday evening class will begin January 11th at 5:30 p.m.

Sign-up sheets are located on the Welcome Centers. There will be a \$5.00 charge to defray the cost of the study guides.

## STEWARDS OF GOD’S BLESSINGS

### What is Your Life?

The Apostle James pointed out in James 4:14. *“You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes.”*

We can throw ourselves into our work to fill up that empty feeling we experience, but there is another path. God has offered us eternity. Things of this world we live in cannot compare with what is to come—but in the meantime—He gives us joy in our lives. Our enjoyment and our opportunities to serve others and do good are gifts from our Father.

Earthly treasures are piled up by most, but, without God’s grace, enjoyment of those treasures that He has given us are temporal at best and don’t last.

Only when we receive God’s gifts and use them as stewards of God’s goodness will we find true and lasting peace and fulfillment.

As we take our decorations down, and know that the parties are over for this season, let us remember that for the Christian this is “not all there is”. There is more, and we must share it with family and friends this new year.

### CHURCH FINANCES GENERAL FUND November 30, 2011

<u>Contributions</u>	<u>November 30</u>	<u>Year-to-date</u>
General	\$ 66,561	\$792,225
School Income	\$ 45,172	\$434,332
Other Income	\$ 124	\$ 16,996
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$111,856</b>	<b>\$1,243,552</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Salaries—Benefits	\$ 85,559	\$965,478
Operations	\$ 23,940	\$267,454
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$109,499</b>	<b>\$1,233,024</b>
<b>Net Income or (Loss)</b>	<b>\$ 2,358</b>	<b>\$ 10,528</b>

**Capital Improvement Fund  
as of 11/30/2011  
Funds Available: \$ 27,892**

## UPCOMING EVENTS - NEWS AND NOTES

### Dartball Schedule

The January schedule is as follows:

January 9th—Good Shepherd at Trinity

January 16—Trinity at St. John #1

January 30—St. Mark at Trinity.

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



### Friendship Circle

**BINGO and Subway Sandwiches**—what a combination! On Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at noon, the Friendship Circle (a/k/a Senior Friends) will join together in the Luther Room for an afternoon of food and fellowship. The cost is \$5.00 per person to cover the lunch. Please call Grace Harris by tomorrow morning, January 9, at 419-893-6763 to make your reservation. See you there—all “Senior Friends” are invited!

Mark your calendars for Game Day, which will be held January 17th at 1:00 in the Luther Room.

### Trinity Lutheran School News

On Monday, January 2nd, the children will not have classes—school resumes on January 3rd.

Sunday, January 15th, the children will have a skating party at Ohio Skate beginning at 6:00 p.m. All children of Trinity, both parochial and non-parochial school are invited to attend.

Monday, January 16th, classes will not be held due to the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

Don’t forget the new school family Open House on January 21st from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

### PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

will meet on Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. in the Luther Room, barring any January blizzard that might make travel unsafe! Bring your knitting and/or crocheting and join us for some friendly conversation and needle work. Again, if you wish to learn to knit, come, join us and we’ll be happy to show you the basics. If you have questions, please call Helen Kieswetter (419-382-5926).



### Market Day January 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.

January purchases are due in the office by January 17th, with pick-up being January 23rd. Thanks for your support!



# School News



Come see what Trinity Lutheran School  
has to offer at our

**COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE**

Saturday, January 21, 2012

2 - 4 PM

Invite your friends and neighbors



## “JOURNEYS OF JOY 2012”

During the past three years, children from orphanages in Russia have spent part of their summer in our community as a part of a program called “Journeys of Joy” sponsored by Sylvania-based “Friends of Russian Orphans”. This past summer, Trinity served as the host community for the children. We converted our facility into a “bunkhouse” where the children slept and ate some of their meals and served as the logistical center for the program. Members of our congregation helped in many ways, including serving as nighttime “ambassadors, assisting with transportation and snacks, and, importantly, introducing the children to the Gospel through Vacation Bible School. And, Pastor and Mrs. Carr served as a mentor family for one of the children.

Mentor families are core to the program. The “mentor family” is asked to continue to pray for, communicate with, and be concerned about the welfare of their guest child after the program ends. Participating families experience a special blessing that comes from expressing compassion, generosity and unconditional love.

Through “Journeys of Joy”, our congregation can have a profound effect on the lives of the children who come to visit..and on the lives of members of our own congregation. It is hoped this experience will:

- allow orphan children to experience family life, understand that someone cares for them individually, and realize that they are special and beloved children of God.
- Provide orphan children with an opportunity to engage with the larger world, to see that their lives can have a future, meaning, purpose and hope.
- Create an opportunity for the child to maintain communication and relationship with the host family after the program ends, to facilitate the rebuilding of trust, guidance, and the creation of a sense of self-esteem.
- Create opportunities for families and others to meet adoption-available children and thus create the potential for the life-changing gift of adoption and a family.

“Journeys of Joy” is intended to be a program that can involve the entire Trinity family—not just the families that serve as hosts. Opportunities exist to participate in this unique program in other ways as well by helping with logistics, hospitality, financial support or being on the prayer team.

By giving the gift of friendship, guidance, community and love to these children, we will enable children to see Christ through us.

**Please consider being part of this program—either as a mentor family or a volunteer. An information meeting will be held on January 22, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. in the Luther Room. Please prayerfully consider attending this meeting or, if you are unable to attend, contacting FORO at [grigsby@bex.net](mailto:grigsby@bex.net). Pastor and Mrs. Carr are also available to answer questions about the program.**

***“OH, REJOICE, YE CHRISTIANS, LOUDLY”***

Did you know that in my Bible Concordance, I recently found over 50 references to “sing”, “singing”, or “song”? So, that must mean something to our heavenly Father. I firmly believe that God created us humans to sing His praises! He longs to hear from us in this way!

And so, we have soloists, quartets, and choirs. Congregational singing at Trinity sounds great, so we know that we have singers out there. Trinity has a membership that should be able to field a choir numbering 30 to 50 voices! Why, then, are so few willing to put in the time to thank our God with special hymns of praise? Come, join us! You don’t have to be able to read music, just carry a tune! You’ll be warmly received and will find out that singing is not only God-pleasing, but is good for your health as well!

A satisfied choir member for over 70 years!  
Helen Kieswetter



# January 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.

## January Birthdays




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|--|---|---|---|
| 1. Matthew Hays<br>Jeanette Hurst<br>Karen Miller<br>Alexander Soper<br>Wendi Weber  | 11. Nathan Hall<br>Madylyn Kasher<br>Diane Lark<br>Scott Skiver                         | 24. Robin Deal<br>C'Shareese Parker<br>Andrew Tracey  | 25. Bob & Mary Plageman<br>67 yrs.                          |
| 2. Tammy Green<br>Kathryn Guilbault<br>Cheryl Meldrum<br>Michael Stainbrook  | 12. Jaclynn Anderson<br>Nathan Ku   | 25. Yvonne Hawkins<br>Kay McAfee<br>John Sawicki<br>Kristen Scott<br>Bob Wilkie<br>Lillian Young                    | 28. Bill & Carol Yarnell                                    |
| 3. Brent Buehrer<br>Bernice Gibson<br>Vivian Liebnau<br>Matt Manges<br>Elizabeth Paulsen   | 13. Lynne Bartlett<br>Sheryl Bodi<br>Sheila Hayes<br>Neil Hosack                        | 26. Michael Burchfield<br>Beau Craig<br>Eliza Evans<br>Pamela Sellers<br>Todd Slicker<br>Paul Svatik<br>Drew Tucker | 29. Gary & Mary Miles<br>Charles & Minna Rickard<br>59 yrs. |
| 4. Jeff Beery<br>Cindy Janowiecki<br>Thomas McAfee<br>Alice Momany<br>Amanda Momany<br>Eileen Perry<br>Marcia Schmeltzer<br>Kristin Tucker | 14. Julie King<br>Jacob Lobeda<br>Neil Lobeda   | 27. Marianne Gordon<br>Ernest Heller  |   |
| 5. Moira Behrman   | 15. Benjamin Miller<br>Brittney Shreffler   | 28. Emily Gibson<br>Kathryn Haessler<br>John Mikolajczak<br>Ellen Schave<br>Kevin Yarnell<br>Lena Zieber            |   |
| 6. Tom Plageman<br>Jim Wollenweber   | 16. Mary Sirois<br>Ian Tucker<br>Carol Williams<br>Julia Zieber                         | 29. Richard Secor   |   |
| 7. Todd Miller<br>Ronald Vincent   | 17. Joseph Hench<br>Carson Randall<br>Kaycee Uribe                                      | 30. Amy Debo<br>Keenan Marter   |   |
| 8. Melissa Kisandi<br>Jon Stainbrook   | 18. Carol Norton<br>Rachel Semro<br>Payton Shively<br>Amy Sroczynski                    | 31. Nancy Buck<br>Roger Schlade   |   |
| 9. Charlene Krowicz<br>Susan Marshall<br>Kathryn Plock<br>Brittany Shulters  | 19. Philip Keller<br>Kelly Tucker   |   |   |
| 10. Charlette Jackman<br>Karen Keller<br>Marjorie Kohler<br>Dan Lambert<br>Tim Miller  | 20. David Britt<br>Pamela Garn<br>Emily Manges  |   |   |
| 11. Arthur Garn, Jr.   | 21. Dawson Cervetto<br>Allison Conkin<br>Jacob Huner<br>Michael Meyer                   |   |   |
|  | 22. Michael Hays<br>Patty Pacheco<br>Todd Ruswinkle<br>Tiffany Wilhelm<br>Abbey Yambert |   |   |
|  | 23. Curtis Dietrich<br>Terri Marter<br>Julie Paulsen                                    |   |   |

## January Anniversaries



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| 7. John & Lisa Stacy   |
| 8. Jim & Roxann Crisp  |
| 9. James & Phyllis Harvey<br>52 yrs.<br>Charles & Judy Walker<br>53 yrs. |
| 15. Judith & Herbert Medley  |
| 22. Tom & Kathy Sink   |
| 24. Kenneth & Lea Grau<br>53 yrs.  |

# Worship Servants – January 2012

Date	8:00	10:30	10:45	Wednesday Evening
<b>Communion Assistants</b>				
1/1	Charles Brisbin			1/4 Chad Lowry
1/8			Chris Jaquay-Williams Kent Jackman	
1/15	Dan Gibson	Randy Huner Bob Norton		1/18 Bob Norton Derek Dierks
1/22			Jerry Francis Scott McDonald	
1/29	Randy Sroczyński	Derek Dierks Gary Paulsen	Chris Jaquay-Williams Chad Lowry	
Elder in Charge of Donuts  Chris Jaquay-Williams				
<b>Acolytes</b>				
	8:00	10:30	Wednesday	
1/1	<b>New Year's Day: 9:30</b> Emily McDonald and Kelly Rice			
1/8	Gabi Ryan Sarah Ryan	Jaclynn Anderson Markus Fink	1/11	Amanda Hayes
1/15	Amanda Poole Bailey West Jaclynn Anderson Maddie Ladd	Richard Lang Dawson Cervetto Miriam Deal Raeannah Walton	1/18	Sydney Petty
1/22	Kurt Fannin Ryan Jaquay-Williams	Logan Hodak Anthony Arzuaga	1/25	Selena Hernandez
1/29	Allison Mallendick Spencer Young Amanda Meiers Haley Meiers	Amelia Fairchild Aaliyah Phounsavath Maddie Beck Josh Wagner	2/1	Makenzie Kujawa
<b>Usher Teams</b>				
	Dave Judy, Captain Larry Beebe Randy Sroczyński Christy Lorton Chuck Bodi Ted Sitchanoff	Bob Hodak, Captain Lynn Massey Gary Miles Mary Miles Buck Liebich Steve Wagner	Todd Deal, Captain	
<b>Greeters</b>			<b>Welcome Center</b>	
	<b>8:00</b>	<b>10:30</b>	8:00	10:30
1/8	Rev. John & Dorothy Landskroener	Phil & Lillian Keller	Melissa Kisandi	Jack & Kay Hoefflin
1/15	Roger & Ruth Ann Schlade	Dick & Ellen Schave	Leo Knox	Marilyn Hodak
1/22	Ted & Cheryl Sitchanoff	John & Sandy Haessler	AliceJean & Leonard Harvey	Jack & Kay Hoefflin
1/29	Ron & Darla VonDeylen	Jim & Mary Bohnsack	AliceJean & Leonard Harvey	Mary Burchfield
<b>10:45 Greeters</b>				
1/8	Dan & Kendra Pinkleman			
1/15	Carl & Donica Kline			
1/22	Susan Stambaugh and Kay Guilbault			
1/29	Bryan & Lisa O'Neill			



## LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE MISSIONS and MITES

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League invites you to become involved in 2012.

- Trinity LWML is sponsoring a **Talent Showcase** to benefit our adopted seminarian, Christopher Gerdes. Join us on Saturday afternoon, February 11, 2012, 2-4 o'clock p.m. We need your talent! Contact Erika Randolph at 419-874-8684 if interested.
- **LWML TOLEDO ZONE SPRING RALLY:** date and site to be announced.
- **The 2012 LWML Ohio District Convention:** will be held at the Sheraton Suites—Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, June 22-24, 2012. This convention is being hosted by LWML Akron-Youngstown Zone. Registration forms will be available soon.
- Join LWML women across the United States in **prayer at noon each Monday.** Pray for the mission work of the LWML and the church at large.

Watch the newsletters and bulletins for additional information on these events.

Your involvement of **Prayer and Mite Giving** is always encouraged. Your Mite offerings actually reach out and personally touch the lives of others; real people who are living without Christ! This makes it easy to be a joyful giver! There is an urgent need to complete the mission goal for this biennium ending in March 2012. Your Mites, whether they are coins, quiet money or a check made payable to LWML Ohio District, can be put into an envelope before bringing to church on January 15. (IDEA: Place your pennies, nickels or dimes into your Mite Box in the coming month and see how they add up!) Bring your Mites to church regularly and place them into the large Mite Box in the narthex or at the gym door. Mite gifts in December totaled \$122.00.

The *LUTHERAN WOMAN'S QUARTERLY*, winter issue, contains many interesting articles. Read the interview "Getting to Know Barbara Below." Barbara is the assistant to Rev. Matthew Harrison, President of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. This issue includes Bible studies, news on national mission grants, "Lutheran Women in Action" (see the photo and brief article about LWML Ohio District's servant event to Appalachia), and pages of interest for young women and teens. The *ODE (Ohio District Edition)* has news from the LWML Ohio District, a recent short-term mission trip, retreats held by several zones and an update on our Mission Goal.

Remember the following LWML mission grants in your prayers:

### THE LUTHERAN MALARIA INITIATIVE Kenya, East Africa

**Fact:** *Malaria is carried to humans through the bites of infected mosquitoes.*

**Fact:** *Malaria is a preventable and treatable disease.*

**Fact:** *Nearly 500 million people a year are infected, and upwards of one million people die each year from this disease.*

**Fact:** *Pregnant women and children under the age of five (5) are most vulnerable to this disease.*

**Fact:** *One child dies every 45 seconds from malaria.*

**Fact:** *Malaria is the leading cause of death in Kenya, and only eight percent of children infected will receive appropriate treatment.*

**Fact:** *The Lutheran Malaria Initiative (LMI) is a collaborative effort of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) and Lutheran World Relief (LWR) to mobilize millions of Lutherans in the United States to join the battle against malaria.*

**Fact:** *This LWML grant will advocate for the availability of insecticide-treated mosquito nets, medicines and other supplies at local health facilities.*

At the Lutheran Women's Missionary League convention in Peoria, Illinois this past summer, the LWML voted to support a mission grant for the work of the Kenyan Lutheran churches as they join with Kenya's national commitment to eradicate malaria. LCMS and LWR are working with Kenyan Lutheran church partners to mobilize communities, empower healthcare providers and medical facilities, and strengthen institutional capacity to contribute to the shared goal of ending malaria deaths.

Through their contact with Lutheran Churches in Kenya, families in danger will also receive the Good News of salvation through faith in Jesus, the Great Healer of all our diseases. By God's grace, support of this grant with prayers and mite offerings, malaria deaths can be contained in Kenya and throughout the globe by 2015.

### OHIO DISTRICT STUDENT AID & RECRUITMENT—The Ohio District LCMS CHURCH WORKER GRANT

Professional church workers (teachers, deaconesses, DCE's, etc.) are necessary to the church to carry out the "Great Commission". Funds in the Ohio District have been greatly reduced and therefore support is needed in order to provide any significant aid to these full—time church worker students. This grant will supply funds for full—time ministry students who apply through the Ohio District LCMS Student Aid and Recruitment Committee for the academic years 2010-2012.

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**SPECIAL THANKS** to all for the many gifts that helped decorate the Hat and Mitten Tree and overflowed onto the floor!! The students and their families at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana will benefit from your generous giving.

## TRINITY'S GOT TALENT!

LWML will be hosting a **Talent Showcase** on February 11<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. in the gym as part of our sponsorship of the Gerdes family and the Adopt-a-Seminarian program. LWML is seeking talented members of all ages, youth and adult, to be a part of this fun and entertaining event. Whether you are a singer, instrumentalist, dancer, comedian, storyteller, or would like to perform a skit, we have a spot for you. Soloists, duets, trios, and ensembles are all encouraged, as well as all styles of music, from Classical and Big Band to Country and Contemporary. If you are interested in sharing your talent, please call Erika Randolph at 419-874-8684. Watch future bulletins for more information.





# 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.

**DISASTER RESPONSE AND MINISTRY – JANUARY 1-31** The LCMS responds to immediate and long-term needs in the face of manmade and natural disasters, partnering with districts, partner churches and Recognized Service Organizations to reach out in mercy and love. These prayer requests relate to some recent natural disasters around the globe.

*Remember the Lord's work in the the wake of natural disasters as you pray:*

1. for ongoing ministry in Peru, which suffered from an earthquake in August 2007. Give thanks that God has used this tragic event to open doors for witness and mercy ministry in Peru.
2. for the people of Lunahuaná, a rural community that was devastated by the earthquake, and which has been served by LCMS short-term mission teams and long-term missionaries. Ask God to continue to provide the locals with basic physical needs, as well as spiritual nourishment.
3. for those continuing to recover from the effects of the May 12, 2008, earthquake that struck the Sichuan province of China.
4. with thanksgiving for the relief and education ministry provided to the people in Sichuan, through Concordia Welfare and Education Foundation. Relief included providing equipment and books for Chinese middle schools that were lacking the supplies needed to re-open.
5. for those affected by Typhoon Morakot, which struck Taiwan and other nations in August 2009. It was the deadliest typhoon to strike Taiwan in its history. Give thanks for the ministry of LCMS missionaries in the wake of this disaster — though devastating, it provided many situations for them to share Christ's love.
6. with thanksgiving for the ways that God used LCMS missionaries and the China Evangelical Lutheran Church in Taiwan for witness and mercy ministry in the days and weeks following Typhoon Morakot.
7. for the people of Haiti, which is still suffering from the effects of a powerful earthquake that struck in January 2010.
8. that God would use The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Haiti and its leaders and members to bring hope to the suffering by showing Christ's mercy, and to continue witnessing to the Gospel of Jesus Christ in their homes and communities.
9. with thanksgiving for the homes, orphanages and churches that have been constructed in Lutheran "villages" through the "Building Homes and Hope in Haiti" program in the aftermath of the earthquake. Give thanks for the permanent housing this has provided for many families.
10. for ongoing post-disaster ministry in central Chile, which was struck by an 8.8 magnitude earthquake on Feb. 27, 2010. The Confessional Lutheran Church of Chile (IELCHI) visited affected families in small towns where less governmental aid was received and provided both physical and spiritual care to those in need.
11. that the Lord would continue to strengthen and build upon the relationships that were started in Chile following the earthquake — and that through the witness of IELCHI pastors and members, more Chileans would come to faith in Christ as their Lord and Savior.
12. for families in Myanmar who were affected by the very intense Cyclone Giri, which made landfall on Oct. 22, 2010. Give thanks for the generosity of LCMS World Relief and Human Care donors, who provided funds for food packages to be delivered to more than 400 families in rural villages.
13. for the ongoing mission and outreach of the Lutheran Church of Myanmar. Its mission director recently noted that the church plans to place a missionary family in Rakhine State, a new area for the church, and the area where the food packages were distributed following the cyclone.
14. for those affected by the February 2011 earthquake that struck New Zealand, as they recover and rebuild, as well as the Lutheran Church of New Zealand, as it ministers to those in need.
15. for the continued relief and recovery efforts in Japan following the March 2011 earthquake, tsunami and nuclear disaster. This calamity has opened doors of ministry in Niigata, where a congregation of the Japan Lutheran Church is present, and where effects of the nuclear crisis are most sobering.
16. for the ministry of Japan Lutheran Emergency Relief, a joint effort between the Japan Lutheran Church, the West Japan Evangelical Lutheran Church and others. Pray for the Lord to guide this group as its members continue to assess needs and make decisions about the use of resources.



**Photo:** Students at Nan Ba Middle School in Sichuan, China, greet visitors from Concordia Welfare and Education Foundation, who brought funds for school supplies.



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## Involvement Ideas



- View photos from the Disaster Response Conference that was held in October 2011. Visit <https://picasaweb.google.com/LutheranMOSynod/2011InternationalDisasterResponseConferenceForLutherans>.
- Keep up to date with the latest disaster response news and information on the Mercy Blog at <http://mercyforever.lcms.org>.
- Read disaster stories from the Synod's official newspaper, *Reporter*, on its website at [www.lcms.org/reporter](http://www.lcms.org/reporter).
- Read the January 2012 issue of *The Lutheran Witness* for special disaster relief coverage and highlights. Articles are also available online at [www.lcms.org/witness](http://www.lcms.org/witness).

*Remember the Lord's work in the wake of natural disasters as you pray:*

**17.** for the people of Japan, as they continue to grapple with this disaster and its effects — pray that through suffering and confusion, the Holy Spirit would open Japanese minds and hearts to the truth and comfort of Christ's Gospel.

**18.** for those who lost loved ones and suffered damage from the tornadoes that tore across Mississippi, Alabama, Tennessee and Georgia in late April 2011.

**19.** for those in Joplin, Mo., whose lives have been changed by the May 22, 2011 tornado, which has been identified as the single-costliest tornado in United States history. Remember those who are mourning the loss of loved ones and/or are struggling to rebuild their lives after losing homes, jobs, vehicles and more.

**20.** for the ministry of Immanuel Lutheran Church and Martin Luther School, an LCMS congregation and school located in the middle of Joplin. Give thanks for the leadership and passion of the congregation's and school's staff and members, and pray that the Lord would continue to guide them as they seek to most effectively meet needs in the community in Christ's name.

**21.** for the service of countless volunteers from LCMS congregations near and far who have traveled to serve alongside residents of Joplin, encouraging those who have experienced loss and providing many hours of physical labor to repair homes and businesses.

**22.** for people across 13 eastern states who suffered effects from Hurricane Irene's landfall in late August 2011. Pray for LCMS congregations in the areas of affected families, as they continue to minister to them and support those whose homes suffered much damage from flash floods. In many cases, they do not have flood insurance.

**23.** for those whose homes were lost or damaged in the wildfires that swept across central Texas in September 2011. Ask God to bless the disaster

preparedness and volunteer training sessions that Synod and district leadership plan to offer in the Texas District.

**24.** for the people of Minot, N.D., where nearly one-fourth of the residents are homeless due to the Souris River's spring floods that have damaged many homes beyond repair. Many families are now facing hard choices as winter snows begin.

**25.** for Our Savior, St. Mark and St. Paul Lutheran Churches in Minot, which God is using to meet the needs of homeless families and others affected by the flooding. Pray for the Lord to continue to grant these congregations hearts of mercy and grace, and that He would sustain them as they serve their neighbors in love.

**26.** for victims of flooding in Queensland, Australia, and for the Lutheran Church of Australia as it explores ways to respond to this crisis and reach out to those in affected communities.

**27.** for families who lost loved ones and whose homes were destroyed by the October 2011 earthquake that struck eastern Turkey. Ask God to grant hope and comfort to families who must now face winter's cold temperatures and snows while living in tents and other temporary housing.

**28.** for both the victims of disasters and the volunteers, caregivers and workers who minister to them — that the Lord would strengthen their faith in the midst of trials, and that as the situations in which they live and work fade from the news headlines, they would be strengthened by God's promises and His assurance that He is with them always.

**29.** for the ministry of LCMS Disaster Response staff, including Rev. Glenn Merritt, the LCMS director of Disaster Response, and Rev. Edward Grimenstein, the manager of Disaster Response.

**30.** with thanksgiving for the first-ever International Disaster Response Conference held in St. Louis, Mo., in October 2011. This conference provided Lutheran leaders from around the world with an opportunity to encourage and learn from one another in their post-disaster ministries and laid the groundwork for the formation of an international Lutheran disaster response team.

**31.** with thanks for the generosity of LCMS World Relief and Human Care donors, who have given a total of \$10.3 million towards disaster relief ministry since July 2009. Praise God for their gifts!



## Missionary & Personnel Birthdays

Missionary and personnel prayer cards may be downloaded from the LCMS website at [www.lcms.org/prayercards](http://www.lcms.org/prayercards).

- Jan. 3** Alissa Asmus, Macau
- Jan. 5** David Erber, Nigeria
- Jan. 8** Jack Carlos, Guinea; Monta Denow, Thailand; Tom Going, Southeast Asia; Michael Parris, Macau
- Jan. 12** Dennis Denow, Thailand; David Lyon, Asia
- Jan. 17** Marva Ludgood, South Africa
- Jan. 20** Shirley Piepenbrink, Hong Kong
- Jan. 21** Robin McCoy, Thailand
- Jan. 26** Michelle Gillard, Uganda; Emily Goddard, South Africa
- Jan. 27** Mary Garetson, Hong Kong
- Jan. 28** Jennifer Leese, Hong Kong
- Jan. 29** Joan Koerschen, Asia; Krista Trump, Kenya

### Military chaplains with birthdays in January:

Chaplain Curt Cizek, Lackland AFB, Texas; Chaplain Jason Dart, Japan; Chaplain Richard Malmstrom, Cherry Point, N.C.; Chaplain Harry Matelski, Long Beach, Calif.; Chaplain Peter Mueller, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; Chaplain Paul Sherouse, Germany; Chaplain John Thomson, Guam; Chaplain Lynn Wilson, Camp Rapid, S.D.

**Photo:**  
Some 80 Lutheran leaders attended the first-ever International Disaster Relief Conference in October.

