

# Trinity Lutheran Church



## Upcoming Events:

- *Souper Bowl/Youth Sunday February 5th*
- *Serving with Your Youngest Children-February 5th*
- *BOLD Valentine Party-February 8th.*
- *Praying Aloud -February 12th & 19th*
- *Chili Cook Off-February 18th*
- *Baltimore Servant Trip-February 19th*
- *Ash Wednesday-February 22nd*
- *Soup Suppers Begin-February 29th*

## Pastor Mike's Message-But Jesus Didn't Say That!

It's hard to believe, but Lent is right around the corner!

This year, we will again observe Lent by gathering together on Wednesday nights for food, fellowship, and worship. Except for Ash Wednesday, we will remain in the fellowship hall for worship itself, as this allows us to remain together to hear the Word while also allowing our BOLD activities for youth to continue through the season without interference. Worship at meals, as you might remember, is an ancient Christian tradition. We hope to see you there!

Our theme for Wednesday nights in Lent will be "But Jesus Didn't Say That!"

Every Christian generation, every culture where Christ has been celebrated has, in one

way or another, rewritten the tradition to their own wants and perceived needs. Sometimes, this has resulted in amusing misunderstandings; sometimes the results have been tragic; in our own day, some of these misunderstandings have actually driven people from the church.

Make Wednesday nights part of your Lenten discipline this year and join us for great soup, wonderful fellowship, and the chance to learn what Jesus DIDN'T say, and (more importantly), what he DID say. See you on Wednesday nights!

In Christ,  
Pastor Mike



# LENT

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## Ash Wednesday Schedule

### Wednesday Night Schedule (beginning February 29th!)

5:45	Soup Supper Begins (sign up in the sanctuary to help provide for these meals!)
5:45	Senior High Supper Club at Trinity Place
6:10	Children's Choir
6:35	Preschool BOLD
6:45	Worship BOLD for remaining age groups begins
	Youth Praise Band
7:00	Dessert in Library

### Ash Wednesday Services! February 22nd!

We will again have TWO Ash Wednesday services this year—one specifically for youth (during BOLD) and our traditional Ash Wednesday Service. The Fellowship Committee has again agreed to host a Meager Meal to kick off the season AND our Lenten Soup Suppers!

Our schedule on this night is slightly different than the rest of our schedule in Lent!

5:45- Meager Meal Begins (Fellowship is providing the meal!)

6:45- Service for Children and Youth in Library with imposition of ashes followed by BOLD programming. (Henna tattoos for Lent will be provided!)

7:15- Traditional Ash Wednesday Service in Sanctuary- Service of Holy Communion and the Imposition of Ashes



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Do what blesses not burdens

## Pastor Katie's Message-Lenten Disciplines-Blessings Not Burdens

On Thursday mornings a group of 18 women gather together to study the book of James with the help of Beth Moore's study called, "Mercy Triumphs." As I am writing this article we are only in the beginning stages of the study, but I have a feeling that this particular study will be useful for the group as we begin our Lenten journey.

New to Beth Moore's study this year is the optional level of participation for the members of the group. Participation levels range from just watching the videos to not only watching the videos, doing the homework, and rewriting the book of James, but also memorizing the all 108 verses of the book of James.

However, before choosing at what level you will participate, Beth says to, "Do only what

BLESSES and not what burdens."

This line stuck out to me, because as most of us think about what we are going to do for Lent we focus on what we can give up. We give up things that are hard for us to live without - chocolate, sugar, watching television, etc... As the season of Lent continues we find ourselves feeling burdened by the discipline we chose for Lent. We begin to feel as though what we said we would give up becomes more complicated and more of a hassle for us in our lives than it is anything else. We find that those things that burden us are really not helping us to grow closer to God.

So, we sometimes give up our Lenten discipline before Holy Week even begins. Lenten disciplines are not meant to burden

us. They are meant to challenge us so that we may find new ways to connect to God. Lenten disciplines should be used to remove those things that separate us from God and instead use that time to worship, to serve, to love, and to give thanks.

As you prepare for Ash Wednesday and begin to think about what your Lenten discipline will be this year, consider choosing a Lenten discipline that blesses you, not one that burdens you.

Prayers for you as you prepare yourself for the death and resurrection of our Savior.

Shalom,  
Pastor Katie

## Henna Tattoos on Ash Wednesday!

It's that time of year – Henna tattoos and Ash Wednesday, February 22nd. Join us that night for worship, education, food, and fun with friends. Here's the schedule:

5:45—Meager Meal Begins in Fellowship Hall

6:45- Service for Children and Youth in Library with imposition of ashes followed by BOLD pro-

gramming. (Henna tattoos for Lent will be provided!)

Programs end at normal times. See you for your Henna on February 22nd!



We can help you lead your family in this spiritual practice

## Gain Confidence in Praying

Ever feel as though you are unable to lead your family in prayer? Or afraid that you may say the wrong thing when you are praying? Consider joining Pastor Katie Sunday, February 12th and 19th at 9:45am in the

library to learn more about the importance of prayer in your life and in the life of your family.

We will go over the basics of prayer, how you can help to lead your family in this spiritual

practice, and also how prayer can play an important role in your own spiritual life.

## BOLD Valentine's Party with Hershey Medical Center

It's another year of wellness and Valentine's at Trinity! On Wednesday, February 8th, Hershey Medical Center teams will join us once again for wellness activities and fun. Our focus this year will be on emergency preparedness. They will be sharing a new program with us that was introduced at the Farm Show this year.

In addition to educational fun, we will also be putting together Valentines and "Pamper Packs"

for people in need in our community. Valentines will be prepared for our friends at Hearstone, and we are asking for donations of lotions, shampoos, lip gloss, nail polish and other "pamper" items for moms. These "Pamper Packs" will be given to the moms at Mom's House in Lancaster.

This nondenominational mission provides free childcare and support services to single parents with infants to preschool

age children. Through these services, the moms and dads who are facing tough challenges can finish their education and pave a stronger future for their kids. You can learn more about this organization at [www.momshouselancaster.org](http://www.momshouselancaster.org).

## Baltimore Servant Trip – Sunday, February 19th

It's time for the annual Worship-in-Baltimore Servant day! We'll gather in community with the members of Amazing Grace for their morning worship, and after the service, work on various projects at the church. We'll end with dinner at the Inner Harbor. Special skills needed for this day include: carpentry, electricity,

artistry/painting, and general cooking and clean-up. Please sign up at the back of the sanctuary to be a part of this great day.

Special thanks to Thrivent who is funding much of what we will do on this day.

## Flamingos In the Future for Trinity!

It's preparation-time for New Orleans – and that means the flocks are forming over Central-PA! The Flamingos will be pink-ing yards during Lent, beginning on Ash Wednesday, February 22nd. Get your insurance to avoid the flock!

Gathering youth: watch for "pink-ing" schedules coming soon! (It's always a fun time and brings in great money for our trip.)

Take a moment now to mark your calendars for our future sessions and events:

- Wednesday, February 22nd – Ash Wednesday and start of Flamingo Fundraiser
- Sunday, March 18th – 12:00 noon curriculum meeting (including lunch)
- Wednesday, April 4th – Easter Egg Hunt Activity and servant night
- Sunday, May 6th – 12:00 noon curriculum meeting

(including lunch)

- Sunday, July 15th – Commissioning at 11:00 Service; 12:00 noon logistics meeting (including lunch)

# BOLD<sup>4</sup>CHRIST



Wednesday Night  
Schedule during Lent:

5:45pm– 6:45pm

- Sr. High Dinner Club

6:10 pm—6:45 pm

- Children's Choir

6:35 pm– 7:45

- Preschool BOLD

6:45 pm—7:45 pm

- K-3 BOLD
- Tweens
- Youth Praise Band

6:45 pm—8:00 pm

- Jr. High Youth



## “Dave Ramsey’s Generation Change” Continues



BUY! BUY! BUY!

Senior High: do you want to live on your own someday and have a family separate from mom and dad? You need to learn about money, finances, giving and more! Join us every Sunday for this free class (donated by a generous Trinity family).

Why should you attend? Here's an excerpt from the curriculum: "Every day our youth are bombarded with everything from

billboards to internet ads telling them who they are and what they are worth if only they would BUY! BUY! BUY! In 1971, the average number of ads seen per week was 560. In the year 2000, the average jumped to 3,000! That is huge! Society is defining our young people consciously and subconsciously by what they have – and subsequently by what they don't." (Dave Ramsey's, Genera-

tion Change, Leader's Guide, pg. 6)

There's no need to sign up, just show up on Sundays! Miss earlier sessions? No problem! We'll catch you up! Bring a friend or two with you for this incredible free course.

## The Jr. High Retreat is Coming!



Surf's Up at Camp Mount Luther

It may be winter, but our Jr. High youth will be "Surfing the Waves" in March! Mark your calendars for the Jr. High Retreat at Camp Mount Luther scheduled for March 9 - 11, 2012.

Youth grades 6-8 and their friends are invited to join us for an exciting weekend in the

great outdoors. We'll learn about the hard times in life, and how God can help us get through these times with faith, perspective, the love of family and friends, and an eye to the future. Our time together also includes the annual "Romans and Christians" game, "Minute-to-Win-It" challenges, great food, and of course fun times with friends.

Leaders for this trip include Thorny Embly, Sarah Embly, Molly and Tony Johndro, Jon Lee, and Michelle Shirk.

The \$60 per-person fee and permission forms are due Sunday, February 26.

## Sr. High Supper Club – Wednesdays at 5:45 pm



You have to eat, right?

You have to eat, right? Why not dine with us every Wednesday! Pastor Mike is creating wonderful cuisine for our Sr. High Youth each week. Drop in between 5:45 and 6:45 for

good food and conversation. We look forward to seeing you there!

# February 2012

Sunday Worship: Traditional (9:45 am) Contemporary (8:30/11:00 am)

Sunday Education: Children age 2 through Adult (9:45 am)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 5:45pm: Sr. High Supper BOLD	2 9am: Quilting 10am: Beth Moore 7:30pm: Chancel Choir	3 9:30am: Mom's Small Group	4 9am: Confirmation Retreat-Trinity 1:00-1:30pm: Youth Sunday Practice
5 Youth Sunday/ Souperbowl Sunday!	6 9am: Yoga 9am: Comfort Stitchers 6pm: Comfort Stitchers 6pm: Weight	7 5:30pm: Young Adults Discussion	8 5:45pm: Sr. High Supper BOLD 6:45pm: finance meeting	9 9am: Quilting 10am: Beth Moore 7:30pm: Chancel Choir	10	11
12 Summer Camp Sunday	13 9am: Yoga 6pm: Weight Watchers	14 10am: Mom's Club of Mount Joy 5:30pm: Young Adults Discussion	15 5:45pm: Sr. High Supper BOLD	16 9am: Quilting 10am: Beth Moore 7:30pm: Chancel Choir	17	18 5pm: Chili Cook-Off
19 8am: Baltimore Worship & Servant Day	20 9am: Yoga 6pm: Weight Watchers 6:30pm A Bead and A Prayer	21 5:30pm: Young Adults Discussion 6pm: Mom's Night Out-Mom's Small Group Event 7pm: Congrega-	22 5:45pm: Sr. High Supper 5:45pm: Meager Meal BOLD 7:15pm Ash Wednesday Service	23 9am: Quilting 10am: Beth Moore 7:30pm: Chancel Choir	24 9:30am: Mom's Small Group	25
26 Congregational Meeting	27 9am: Yoga 6pm: Weight Watchers	28 5:30pm: Young Adults Discussion	29 5:45pm: Sr. High Supper 5:45pm: Soup Supper BOLD			



Help Feed the hungry in Mount Joy!

## The Souper Bowl of Caring and Youth Sunday is February 5th!

The annual tradition continues! Youth Sunday, the Souperbowl of Caring, and the NFL's superbowl have been a team at Trinity for many years. Mark your calendars for February 5th, and join us to experience children and youth leading worship and an opportunity to give to the hungry in Mount Joy. Financial donations and non-perishable

food items will be accepted. Last year, we brought in \$145 and 600 food items for the Mount Joy Food Bank. We can top that in 2012!

Signups are happening now for our Jr. and Sr. High youth to choose their parts in worship services. Please see Michelle for more details. We

will have a half-hour run-through of parts on Saturday, February 4th immediately following the confirmation retreat (approximately 1:00 pm). Please schedule this practice meeting on your family calendars.

Special thanks to Thrivent for their support of this event.

Keep the balance in your family's life

## Keep the Family in Balance (On the High Wire of Life)

On March 11th, Pastor Mike will lead the Building Faith Through Family Sunday School on an exploration of maintaining family balance in the face of the demands of modern life.

Life has become very complicated. There was a time when one parent could stay home while the other went out to make a living. In our world, both parents usually have to work while sharing the tasks of maintaining a household.

On top of this reality, the demands placed on the lives of our children have also increased. Gone are the days when Mom and Dad said, "Go

out and play," and kids disappeared for the afternoon to frolic with the neighbors. Now, sports, dance, and music all demand an adherence to schedules. As a result, parents often end up feeling like they own a taxi service while kids, simultaneously, can begin to share the stress that endless running around can bring.

What is the answer? Balance. Perspective. Good choices. And, not least of all, recognizing what is important based on what God tells us is good for us—and for our kids.

Join Pastor Mike and the Building Faith Through Family group

on March 11th in the Library for an exploration of how to bring a sense of balance and peace to our over-busy lives!



Start perfecting your chili recipe!

## Chili Cook-off February 18th at 5:00pm

Start perfecting your recipe now for your chili because Trinity's annual Chili Cook-off is right around the corner.

You will want to save February 18th at 5:00pm for the day that the die-hard chili chefs are separated from the occasional chili chef. Prizes will be awarded for best chili, best dessert made by

an adult, and best dessert made by a youth. The Fellowship Committee will provide all toppings, hot dogs, baked potatoes, and drinks for this event. Please do not forget to make your chili peanut free, and if chocolate is used, label accordingly.

We are also playing BINGO that night. If you are interested in playing Bingo you will need to bring a prize of your choosing to the event. The prize should not be wrapped. We hope to see you on February 18th!

## Wholy, Wholy, Wholy—What It Must Have Been Like for Mary?

In the past few weeks I've found myself wondering how Mary must have felt in the days following Jesus' birth. In artwork, she is typically depicted with a demure smile, radiating happiness and joy. What must it have been like to give birth to your first child, away from family, in less than hospitable conditions? In Matthew's account, soon after the birth, Joseph and Mary are then uprooted and on an unexpected trek to Egypt. What was going through her mind? In Luke's account, in response to the shepherds' stories, *"Mary treasured up these things and pondered them in her heart"* (Lk. 2:19 NIV), so we assume she had a smooth transition to motherhood. In a sense she appears to be the picture of "perfect" mom.

But how do we console the woman who experiences a more difficult period of adjustment? One that is better expressed in Psalms 13:2, *"How long will you hide your face from me? How long must I wrestle with my thoughts and every day have sorrow in my heart?"* I am referring to the woman who suffers postpartum depression.

Within 48 hours of delivery, hormones rapidly drop and researchers appear to link this to the onset of depression in some women. But unlike the "baby blues", postpartum depression does not lessen within a week to ten days. Instead it

can occur any time within the first year after birth. Any combination of the following symptoms that last longer than two weeks may be signs of depression: feeling restless and irritable; feeling sad, hopeless and overwhelmed; crying a lot; having no energy or motivation; sleeping too little or too much; trouble focusing, remembering, or making a decision; feeling worthless and guilty; withdrawal from friends and family; overwhelming anxiety; even being afraid of hurting the baby or oneself (WomensHealth.gov). Often a woman suffers in silence because she feels too ashamed to admit that she does not feel overjoyed by this new addition to her life.

Factors which compound postpartum depression are: doubting one's ability to be a good mother by setting up expectations of perfection; being physically exhausted due to the disruption of sleep patterns; for working mom's, adjusting to a new routine; feeling a sense of loss in the changing of one's identity; having less free time; lack of a good support system; having suffered from depression prior to pregnancy.

Women suffering from depression following childbirth need to be taken seriously, not shamed. Untreated, postpartum depression can interfere with the mother's ability to form a strong emotional bond with her child. Usually a combination of psychotherapy, sometimes medica-

tion, and establishing social support – all factors in treating regular depression - will work to alleviate the problem. If medication is ordered, and the mother is nursing, she should be sure to report this to the prescribing physician – many medications can be passed on to the infant. However, there are several anti-depressants available that are safe for use by nursing mothers.

Other things that can help: finding someone to talk to – another mother, a friend, your spouse – someone who can be trusted to share real feelings; consciously carve out at least 15 minutes each day to do something for herself – soak in the tub, read, take a walk; stop trying to be the "perfect mother"; don't spend a lot of time alone – get out of the house; talk with other mothers – do a mom's Bible study; try not to make drastic life-altering changes immediately after the pregnancy, and if these changes are unavoidable – like relocating to Egypt – set up some support to help get through it.

Don't suffer in silence. Speak to your parish nurse, your pastor, your doctor or midwife. There is no reason to feel ashamed. Post partum depression is real, and help is available.

*Blessings,*  
Judi Cosgriff, Parish Nurse



*"Mary treasured up these things and pondered them in her heart" (Luke:2-19)*

## Summer Camp– the Time to Register is Now

The Lutheran Camping Corporation has a summer of fabulous fun in store for all ages. From day camps, to overnight adventures; and from family

camp to elder camp– there is something for you.!

See [www.lutherancamping.org](http://www.lutherancamping.org) for details. Remember Trinity pays 50% for our members.

Please see Michelle Shirk with any questions.

Register for summer camp now!

## Trinity's VBS – Call for Volunteers



Volunteers are needed for VBS!

Trinity is blessed with talented and giving volunteers! Debbie Williams, VBS Director for Trinity's Babylon, is accepting volunteers for VBS. Please sign up at the youth bulletin board or see Debbie to express your interest.

VBS will be held in the evenings

on June 24th through 28th and will focus on Daniel's Courage in Captivity. It's sure to be a fun event!

## NAILS: Issues that Pierce the Heart of Faith

Trinity's Lenten Sermon Series There are a lot of issues and ideas out there that challenge faith. Some of these grab at our own hearts and make us question what we believe. Some of these keep people away from church altogether. This Lent we will examine a few of these ideas and issues in our Sunday Sermon Series: NAILS. Join us each Sunday in Lent, as we tackle some of the toughest questions and issues facing Christianity today. Not every issue has an "easy" answer, but the answers themselves might surprise you and demonstrate

that our God, in the end, is a God of grace and worthy to be praised! Join us for NAILS.

February 26: Science has Proven Religion Wrong (Creation)

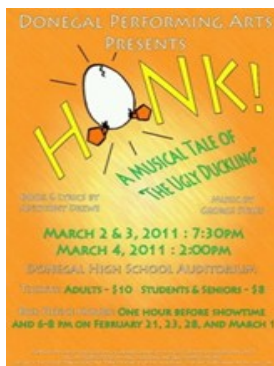
March 4: God Doesn't Answer My Prayers

March 11: God Lets Bad Stuff Happen.

March 18: The God of the Bible Frightens Me

March 25: I'm Not a Hater: Christians Condemn and are Hypocritical

## "Honk" Coming to Donegal; Trinity to Offer Family Event



HONK! It's the Ugly Duckling!

Donegal High School will be performing "Honk" on Sunday, March 4th at 2:00 pm. Join us for a preceding lunch and study about this story of "The Ugly Duckling!" Bullying, unfortunately, is a part of our children's lives, and this study will share Biblical examples of how to handle these difficult issues.

Pre-registration is necessary for this event. Please sign up at the youth bulletin board or at

the back of the sanctuary, list the number of people in your family and the amount of pizza you would like to order.

The cost of the show is \$10 per adult, \$8 per student. Pizza will be \$1.25 per slice; Trinity will supply paper supplies, fresh fruit, and water to drink.

We'll begin with lunch at 12:30, work through the study together in family groups, and then travel

to the High School for the show. We look forward to seeing you there!

## Young Adults Discussion Moves to Tuesday Nights

Young Adults Discussion Group has moved to Tuesday nights at 5:30pm in the Small Groups Lounge.

The first Tuesday of the month the group will meet at local restaurants for dinner and discussion. All members and friends of Trinity who are out of high school-30ish are invited to join the group. Feel free to stop

by and join the group at any time. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Katie.

Don't forget there is also a Young Adults Sunday school class that meets every Sunday at 9:45am in the Small Groups Lounge. The group discusses current issues and how they impact our world and our life. All college students are invited

to join this group when they are home on breaks. We would love to have you join us!



Young Adults moving to Tuesday nights!

## Serving with Your Youngest Children

We are all called to do "God's Work (with) Our Hands!" Yet it can be difficult to find ways for little ones to serve. If you know where to begin, you'll be surprised how much is out there!

Join us in the library on Sunday, February 5th at 9:45 am. Be sure to bring along your ideas, too.

Special thanks to Lori Miller who is leading this session

and sharing time for parents and all those who want to serve those in need.

Finding ways for little ones to serve

## Amazing Grace Sunday

Thank you to all who made our Amazing Grace Sunday a success!

On Sunday, January 22, over 45 Of our friends from Baltimore joined us for the 11:00 am worship service. Together we praised and worshiped in a very moving way. Many say it ranks amongst the most powerful worship services in the recent past of Trinity!



Special Thanks to:

The Fellowship Committee—for their wonderful cuisine, decoration, and prayer focus for our lunch

The Band — for their flexibility and willingness to share (very quickly) supplies and equipment

Financial Supporters — for donating over \$900 to cover the costs of the bus that brought our friends to visit. Overages will be applied to the February 19th visit to Amazing Grace to support their work in Baltimore.

A powerful Sunday with Amazing Grace!



## A Musician's Prayer-Lord Be My Music!



I will sing your glory all my days!

In beginning the New Year, I have been revisiting a devotional book that I have used in the past. Upon opening the book, I came upon a “bookmark” that I used that is entitled “A Musician’s Prayer”. I open my article for February with this prayer which reads as follows:

“You’ve given me the words, Lord, and the music; a song of life that’s new and unrehearsed. You have given me the joy that makes my heart sing, even though at times the tears come first. You’ve taken all my yesterdays of discord, a clash of symbols meaningless and vain. Transposing all the noise into a love song that floods my very soul with its refrain, you’ve taken all the gifts I once thought mine, Lord; and changed the compositions of their worth. Reclaiming what was yours from the beginning, returning them transfigured by rebirth. You’ve given me the theme for my existence and I will sing your glory all my days. But now, Lord, and forever, be my music and make my life a symphony of praise.” I want to thank all of you who

participated in singing and playing on December 11 as well as part of the Festival Choir on Christmas Eve and again on Epiphany Sunday, January 8. It was nice to have a cantata that we could use several different ways throughout the Christmas season.

**Lent is coming up and we will start to work on the music for Good Friday.** This year, it will be in the form of a short cantata will focus on the last week of Jesus’ life which led up to the crucifixion. It will be accompanied by a string and woodwind ensemble. The orchestra was a wonderful addition to the singing at Christmas and this Good Friday cantata will again reinforce the choral music with instruments. In addition, our Good Friday evening service will have visual graphics highlighting the music and plans are underway to have some of our dance students participating through dance movement that will vividly enrich the service of music, readings, candles, and ultimately darkness.

For singers, music will be available beginning on the Sunday after Ash Wednesday, February 22. CD’s of the music will also be available for your learning. A sign up sheet is located on the music ministries bulletin board.

Rehearsals will take place on Sunday mornings, beginning on **February 26 and continuing on Thursdays (8:30-9 p.m.) and Sunday mornings, (9- 9:30 a.m.)**. A Saturday dress rehearsal is scheduled for March 31 and the Good Friday service is April 6.

## Families: Save these dates!

### Shore Trip

June 18-22

### VBS

**(new date)**

June 24-28

### Choir Camp

August 6-10

Don’t forget to register for Camp Nawakwa, Kirchenwald, or the Wittel Farm! [www.luthercamping.org](http://www.luthercamping.org)

## Help Needed for our Midweek Lenten Soup Dinner

Every Wednesday night our congregation hosts a soup supper for the members of our congregation before our Wednesday midweek Lenten service. We ask that families who attend the meals bring soup, salad, or dessert to share. If you are interested in providing an item for any of the Wednesdays in Lent, please sign up in the back of the

church. Please make sure your items do not contain any peanuts, peanut butter, or tree nuts.

Soups, salads, and desserts need to be at the church by 5:45pm. Don't forget the meal now starts at 5:45pm and is followed by our midweek Lenten Service



Get out those great soup recipes!!

## Stewardship- We Want to Give...

"Each one should give what he decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:7).

Isn't it great to please your parents, spouse, children, or friends by giving them gifts? Both the anticipations of the person's reaction to the gift and the actual response can be priceless. Giving is a wonderful expression of love. Jesus said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35).

When we as Christians give to Jesus out of love, we are giving for the right motive. The motive for our giving is more important

that the gift itself. God is not glorified if we give him only our leftovers out of a sense of obligation, or if we give to receive earthly recognition or to get a tax break. Jesus gave his life even for the person who will not acknowledge his gift.

Our heavenly Father showed how much he loved us and was willing to give to us. "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16). God's nature is to love and give. When we spend time in God's Word and participate

in the sacrament, the Holy Spirit matures our faith and leads us to give from hearts that he has filled with love and joy.

God, who first loved us, enables our faithful response to his love and grace. Because our hearts are filled with his love, we give cheerfully and generously. Love motivates us to be givers rather than takers. Giving puts our love into action. May God grant us all loving hearts and make us cheerful givers of the gifts that he has entrusted to us.

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## 2012 Rocky Boy Collections Begin!

It's time to begin our Rocky Boy Collection for 2012. For the past 40 years the Outreach Committee has coordinated the collecting of NEW baby layette items, warm hats, and gloves for Our Savior's Lutheran Church on the Rocky Boy reservation in Box Elder, Montana.

The items we send are distributed to all those who are in need. Often these are the only new items of clothing they will receive.

Each year we have received a very warm and thankful letter in appreciation of the gener-

ous contributions made to Rocky Boy.

Please help us help them by continuing your generosity. Monetary contributions are also welcome.



Serving and helping Rocky Boy for 40 years!

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## Volunteer Coordinators

Altar Duty	Cathy Hoffmaster	Greeters, 8:30 & 11:00	Rhonda Friese
Communion Assistants, 9:45	Helene Wallauer	Lectors, 8:30	Madolin Heisey
Communion Assistants, 8:30	Linda Spiridigliozi	Lectors, 9:45	Donald Miller
Communion Bread	Cathy Hoffmaster	Nursery	Barb Green
Greeters, 9:45	Ann Fitzkee	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Gail Fridy



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