

Newsletter of
**TRINITY EVANGELICAL
COVENANT CHURCH**

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The Messenger February 2017

February

Ushers

Dave Sladek – Captain
Denise Sullivan
Hannah Sullivan
Emily Sullivan

Greeters

7 Bob & Joyce Karlson
14 Dave & Arlene Sladek
21 Sharon Robertson, Margie Morrissey
28 Priscilla Sarr, Desiree Hall

Nursery

5 Desiree Hall, Judy Kurzweil
12 Joyce Gorney, Janice Goetz
19 Melissa Panush
26 Pam Romano, Diane Panush

Counters

Dave Sladek
Denise Sullivan
Marcia Lellos

Birthdays

5 Pete Raines
5 Grace Viner
5 Shirley Jaeger
5 Geoffrey Panush
6 Cheryl Johnson
8 William Hutchinson
9 Shannon Lee
9 Arline Mueller
12 Linda Kozak
14 Alyssa Devine
15 Elsie Koler
15 Thaddeus Przybylowski, III
17 MaryJean Anderson
17 Danielle Khan
17 Clara Serene Panush
19 John Snow
21 Robin Jones
22 Mikey Devine
25 Barbara Johnson
29 Patricia Klutarch

***If we missed your birthday, please
let the office know so that it will be listed
in the future.***

Over the Pastor's Shoulder

¹⁹“Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.”

(Matthew 4:19)

A friend of mine recently visited a Covenant Church in Sacramento, California. The church is growing leaps and bounds. They're adding a third morning service because of the crowd problem. My friend wondered what they were doing that many other churches in our denomination are apparently not doing.

My friend would soon figure it out. At the end of the service, after the pastor gave the benediction, he shouted “And let's all remember our mission! The mission is...” he paused a moment and the congregation shouted back, “...is fishin'.”

The mission is fishin'.

When was the last time you went fishing with Jesus?

Let's be honest, it is easy for us in the church to slip out of the fishing business. We're quite content to hunker down here with all our old friends and long-time members of the church. Oh, if Jesus only were to say to us, “Follow me by organizing a church with some nice people like you.” But that is not what Jesus said, is it? He said, “Follow me,” followed by, “work with me in fishing for people.”

How about we get back in the fishing business? And how about we help one another out? Here's the plan I've put together with the help of the deacons. We've designated Sunday, February 12, as “Bring a Friend” Sunday. We're encouraging you to invite a friend or an acquaintance, maybe even a relative to church. You can say something as simple as, “Why don't you visit with me at our church this Sunday?” This is something most of us ought to be able to do.

I promise to preach a simple Gospel message on the 12th; a message that stresses the saving love of Jesus Christ and his gracious invitation to follow him.

My friends, let's not forget the mission is fishin'!

BRING A FRIEND SUNDAY FEBRUARY 12



Please invite your
friends, relatives, acquaintances,
co-workers, and neighbors
to join us for Worship on
Sunday, February 12 at 10 A.M.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Jim



Now playing at your local church: four contemporary 'schools' of theology

"This is not your typical Covenant Church." That's what North Park faculty have been told for years when they visit congregations across the country. While it is true that every congregation is unique, it is also true that major theological trends as well as secular culture shape the beliefs and practices of every church. During February, we will look at four contemporary schools of theological thought and how they find expression in the worship and ministries of the church.

- February 5: African-American theology
- February 12: feminist theology
- February 19: postmodern theology
- February 26: mystic theology

These sessions will help you understand changes you may have observed with the passing of time here at Trinity Covenant or other congregations in which you have worshiped. We hope they will also help you articulate your own theology of worship and ministry.

Come join Dr. Carol Noren at 11:15 A.M. after the morning worship service in the Fireside Room for these four thought-provoking sessions.

Choir Rehearsal

Reminder – The choir will meet for rehearsal on Sunday February 5, at 11:15 A.M.



Thank You

Thank you for your heartfelt condolences, love, prayers and comforting words all through David's illness. It meant so much to both of us to know you cared.

Diane Manthey

Dear Trinity Family,

A heartfelt thank you to all our Trinity Family – the cards, phone calls, Pastor Jim's numerous visits, the beautiful poinsettia for Norman.

Thank you for the beautiful floral arrangement at the Memorial Service, and to dear Charlene for the lovely coffee table provided, and to those who came to the Service – the outpouring of love and prayers during these days have touched our hearts forever.

God bless each one -
Joyce and the Olson Family

Dear Friends of Trinity,

Blessings to you all. We enjoyed our recent visit and we thank you for your generous Christmas gift. It reminds us of your love and faithful support. May our God supply all your needs and more!

With grateful hearts,
Steve and Barb Swanson

Altar Flowers

If you would like to celebrate or honor someone on a given special date, please see the sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex. Flowers are \$40 and you are invited to take them home following morning worship.



Women's Tuesday Morning Bible Study

During these winter months we are being re-introduced to the old, old stories in the Gospel of John.

As we travel with John, the Beloved, we see the mission of Jesus in traditional, historical and spiritual realms. We stand in awe of the Pilgrim, the stranger, the rabbi, the Son of Man who was given power to sweep up followers with a word, a phrase, a touch, a glance. What charisma Jesus had to command men of such diversity to cling to Him – home and occupation forsaken: John – the one Jesus loved, the apostle of love and peace. Born a rebellious Son of Thunder full of fire and storm yet harnessed to be the eagle of the church, also a disciple of John the Baptist: Andrew – John's best friend. Simon Peter's brother, fisherman, never mentioned alone in the New Testament: Simon Peter – newly married, head of his father's fishing fleet, longing for the Messiah, one of the inner three. Suffered martyrdom on the cross upside down, the mouthpiece of the disciples. Philip – always questioning, had a retiring personality yet active in faith, a scholar/philosopher. Responded to the words, "Follow Me." Nathanael – liberal Jew, known as transparent, sincere, honest. Jesus could read his heart and face. One of the "boys". Resident of Cana.

These five men questioned, yet walked, with no real understanding until later who Jesus was, what He believed and what he had to say for Himself. They trembled, they hoped, they followed!

If you've heard this all before join us anyway this month as we meet the "others" He chose. Travel with us through stories and times which led men to the great commission. This Gospel of John is doable today and Jesus is also the deliverer of unexpected surprises.

Bakery - Study – Lunch

Trinity - Every Tuesday - 9-10:45/am

Barbara Johnson

**ANNUAL
CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26
12 P.M., PETERSON HALL**

2016 Year-End Appeal

Thank you for your gracious response to the church's final appeal for 2016 contributions. We collected \$10,154.04 during the first two weeks of January. Thank you.



A Finished Project

After 15 years, Trinity knitters have cast off their final stitches.

A box containing 25 knitted items has been mailed to Christmas At Sea, a national mission sponsored by the Seamen's Church Institute of New Jersey.

Christmas At Sea provides knitted watch caps, helmets, scarves, and sweaters for ocean-going and river mariners. These items are presented to crewmen at Christmas no matter where they are on the high seas.

Trinity knitters have mailed 45 packages containing 1,698 items for the project.

Pryme Tymers

Join us for the February programs:

February 9, 11 A.M.:

Entrée: Roast Turkey Breast

Program: *Valentine's Day Celebration with Edizon Dayao.*

Another Pryme Tymer favorite – Edizon plays and sings Hawaiian/Calypso music with a love song theme. Tropical shirts and muu muus are suggested apparel.

February 23, 11 A.M.:

Entrée: Ham

Program: *Mardi Gras Show with Sandi Haynes.* Music, dance and more Mardi Gras entertainment to fill part of your morning. Best table decorations win a prize. Let your imagination go "wild".



Make your reservation by the Friday BEFORE the event. The cost per meeting is \$7. Be sure to bring two canned goods for the Salvation Army Food Pantry. There is always a great need.

FEBRUARY GREETERS

- 5 Bob & Joyce Karlson
- 12 Dave & Arlene Sladek
- 19 Sharon Robertson, Margie Morrissey
- 26 Priscilla Sarr, Desiree Hall

Nutritious Meals Delivered to Seniors' Homes

PLOWS Council on Aging's Home Delivered Meals (HDM) can provide the nutrition necessary for seniors to remain healthy and independent. Seniors, age 60 and over, who have difficulty preparing nourishing meals or grocery shopping may be eligible for the HDM program. Meals are delivered by trusted volunteers Monday through Friday in the morning. Meal delivery also serves as a well-being check for homebound seniors. Requesting a meal is as simple as calling PLOWS at 708-361-0219. Our intake caseworker can explain the process and get it started.



PLOWS organization serves seniors and their families throughout suburban Cook County in Palos, Lemont, Orland and Worth Townships. Those living outside the PLOWS area can find their agency by calling Illinois Senior Help Line 1(800)252-8966.

Community Care Program – Helping Older Adults Remain in their Homes

The Community Care Program (CCP) helps persons, age 60 and over, live independently, in their own homes for as long as possible. Services available through this State of Illinois program include In-Home services, Adult Day Care and Emergency Home Response. There is no cost to eligible participants.

In order to begin the process, PLOWS sends a Care Coordinator to the senior's home to determine eligibility for the program. After determining eligibility, the Care Coordinator helps the client identify needs and sets up appropriate services.



The Illinois Department on Aging funds this program for individuals 60 or older who are U.S. citizens or legal aliens. The Care Coordinator will discuss further criteria for eligibility in this program.

Seniors living in any suburban Cook County town or portion of a town in the Townships of Palos, Lemont, Orland and Worth, or concerned family members, should call the PLOWS Council on Aging at 708-361-0219. Seniors living outside these townships can find their local agency by calling the Illinois Senior Help Line 1(800)252-8966.

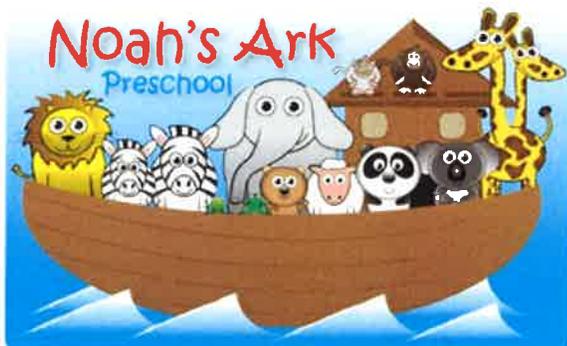
NURSERY ROOM SCHEDULE 2017

Dear Nursery Room Helpers:

Following is the Crib Room Schedule for 2017. If for any reason you are unable to serve during your assigned time, **you are responsible to find your own replacement.** Please let Heidi Weszely know of the change, since we want to print the correct name in the Church Messenger. Thank you for your help with this important service to the children of our church.

CHURCH 10 A.M. – 11 A.M.

<u>FEBRUARY</u> 5 Desiree Hall, Judy Kurzweil 12 Joyce Gorney, Janice Goetz 19 Melissa Panush 26 Pam Romano, Diane Panush	
<u>MARCH</u> 5 Heidi Weszely 12 Ginny Almer, Carol Byland 19 Pam Polcar, Madeline Ford 26 Jen Davies	
<u>APRIL</u> 2 Denise Sullivan, Diana Eigenbauer 9 Rita Grijalva, Elizabeth Byland 16 Heidi Weszely 23 Melissa Panush 30 Pat Klutcharch, Marcia Lellos	
<u>MAY</u> 7 Sandy Hutchinson, Nancy Mondry 14 Matt Panush, Geoff Panush(Mother's Day) 21 Cathy Gardner, Lorraine Weszely 28 Angie Panush, Shannon Lee	
<u>JUNE</u> 4 Melissa Panush 11 Grace Persson, Carol Strickland 18 Hannah, Emily and Denise Sullivan 25 Heidi Weszely	
<u>JULY</u> 2 Diane Panush, Madeline Ford 9 Lorraine Weszely 16 Christine Schroeder 23 Judy Kurzweil, Ariel Kurzweil 30 Jay Hanson, Rebecca Hanson	



February Newsletter 2017

Dates to Remember

Thursday, February 2
Groundhog's Day

Thursday, February 2 & Friday, February 3
Dress like your 100 years' old

Monday, February 6 – Friday, February 10
Teddy Bear Week

Thursday, February 9 & Friday, February 10
Pajama Day & Teddy Bear Picnic

Monday, February 13 & Tuesday, February 14
Valentine's Day Party

Monday, February 20
No School- President's Day

Monday, February 20
Family Night
Jump Zone
Chicago Ridge
More info to come

Please mark your calendars for these important dates!

Friday, April 7- Donuts with Dad/Grandpa

Thursday, April 13 – Friday, April 21- No School
Spring Break

Friday, May 5- Mother's Day Tea

Monday, May 8- No School, Parent
Conferences

Monday, May 29- No School, Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 30- No School, Teacher In-
service Day

Wednesday, May 31- Preschool Graduation



February Family Craft

Thank you to our wonderful families for donating all the candy for our gingerbread houses. We used the left-over candy for our Ice Cream Social. Thank you, Mrs. Ikpe for making the frosting for our houses. Thank you, Chavez family, and Wojos restaurant for donating the Ice Cream and toppings! We truly appreciate everyone's generosity!

For the month of February the children will focus on...

Colors- Red & Pink

Shapes- Heart

Science- Groundhog's Day & Dinosaur Fun!

Math- Measuring with Hearts & 100th Day of School

Health/Nutrition- Taking care of our teeth

Mrs. Palazzolo & Mrs. Wojcik's class will focus on reviewing vowels & past letters. Introducing letters Kk, Gg, Vv, Ww & Yy.

Ms. Amanda & Mrs. Theodossopoulos class will focus on the letters Nn, Oo and Pp. Numbers 10 & 11.

A NOTE FROM...

Mrs. Palazzolo & Mrs. Wojcik



Dear Parents & Guardians,

The school year is moving along rather quickly! In the month of February, we are continuing to work on vowel sounds and consonant sounds. The children are beginning to hear the specific vowel sounds in words and are able to recognize each vowel sound.

At home, please continue working on letter recognition and sounds, number recognition 0-20 and printing from top to bottom.

This month, we will focus on the letters Kk, Gg, Vv, Ww, and Yy and numbers 0-12. During the month of February, the children will learn the many fun and interesting facts about groundhogs, dinosaurs, the President's and dental care.

If you would like to have a meeting regarding your child's assessments sent home, please contact me.

Thank you,

Mrs. Palazzolo & Mrs. Wojcik



NOTE FROM...

Ms. Amanda & Mrs. Theodossopoulos



Dear Parents & Guardians,

Welcome to the wonderful month of February! With Valentine's Day approaching fast there is a definite feeling of love in the air. Our Valentine's Day party will be here soon!

The children have been making good use of the puzzles and blocks during preschool! It is great to see that the children are having fun while they are learning as well!

The letters we will focus on this month are, Nn, Oo and Pp. Numbers 10 and 11; while continuing to recognize colors and shapes during circle time on a daily basis.

At home, please continue to work on colors, shapes and numbers 0-10.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at any time.

Sincerely,

Ms. Amanda and

Mrs. Theodossopoulos

February 2017

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28				

On-going Ministry

Sunday Mornings

10:00 AM Worship

10:00 AM Nursery for Infants/Sunday School Pre-K–6th Grade

11:15 AM Confirmation, Sr. High, Adult Classes

(childcare will be provided for parents who want to attend Sunday School)

Noah's Ark Preschool – Mon – Fri, 9 AM – 12 PM

Women's Bible Study – Tuesday, 9:30 AM, Fireside Room

Pryme Tymers – 2nd and 4th Thursday, 11 AM

Notes:

2: Groundhog Day

5: Together We Cope retiring offering

7: Women's Bible Study, Fireside Room (9:30 AM)
Ronald McDonald House supper (4:30 PM)

9: Pryme Tymers (11 AM)

12: **Bring a Friend Sunday**
Name Tag Sunday

14: **St. Valentine's Day**
Women's Bible Study, Fireside Room (9:30 AM)
Deacons meeting (6:30 PM)
Trustees & CE Board meetings (7 PM)

16: Church Board meeting (7 PM)

19: Let's Do Lunch and Painting the Faith
Articles for February Messenger due

20: **President's Day** – Noah's Ark Preschool Holiday closing

21: Women's Bible Study, Fireside Room (9:30 AM)

23: Pryme Tymers (11 AM)

26: Annual Church Business Meeting, Peterson Hall (12 P.M.)

28: Women's Bible Study, Fireside Room (9:30 AM)

Coming Event: March 12 – Camp Rally Day

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Karen Christakos

Secretary

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Custodian

Articles for the
March  Messenger
are due February 19