

## January

### **Ushers**

John Weszely – Captain  
Lorraine Weszely  
Dawn Ferrell  
Olayemi Emmanuel Ajide

### **Greeters**

4 Linnea Wimpenny, Barbara Johnson  
11 Tom & Pat Klutcharch  
18 Rich & Tracy Hood  
25 Danielle & Brian Khan

### **Nursery**

4 Diane Panush, Jen Davies  
11 Michelle West, Jamie Anderson  
18 Joyce Karlson, Pat Anderson  
25 Heidi Weszely, Angela Panush

### **Counters**

Brian Crotty  
Thad Przybylowski  
Kevin McGrath

### Birthdays

3 Leona Young  
3 Norma Forsgren  
3 Deborah Snow  
3 Carol Byland  
4 Dorothy Eckberg  
6 Jenna Przybylowski  
6 Vicki Twigg  
8 Charles Havel  
10 James Gaw  
10 Gloria Vitro  
14 Emily Sullivan  
17 Kari Devine  
17 Virginia Fulton  
19 Kevin McGrath  
22 Dorothy Karner  
22 John Weszely  
23 Marlene Hardesty  
24 Jeremy Schroeder  
27 Priscilla Sarr  
28 John Gorney  
29 Britta Johnson

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

## **Over the Pastor's Shoulder**

<sup>16</sup> **All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness.**

*2 Timothy 3: 16*

Community Bible Experience is coming to Trinity.

Community Bible Experience (CBE) was born out of a simple reality: people are hungry to hear God speak. According to one study, the desire to understand Scripture is one of the biggest reasons people go to church. Yet only one in five church-goers say they are getting the help they need making sense of the Bible.

We need better engagement.

CBE isn't about reading a verse here or a chapter there. It's the complete Bible, understood in context, experienced in community. It's whole churches reading big – journeying through entire sections of Scripture for six to eight weeks at a time.

A CBE is where reading becomes more than just a private discipline. It becomes an experience we share with fellow travelers. It's not about finding all the right answers from Scripture, or debating points of interpretations. CBE is about engaging in God's Word on its own terms. It's about reading – and living - God's story.

Beginning in Lent you'll be invited to participate in the CBE three-fold approach to the reading of the Scriptures:

- **READ BIG**  
We'll read the New Testament in just 8 weeks. All it takes is about 12 pages per day, five days a week. Reading big enables a deeper understanding of the whole story of the Bible.
- **READ REAL**  
We'll engage God's love letter to us – without chapters and verses, red letters or even notes or commentaries. Our reading of the New Testament will more closely resemble how it was read in its original context.
- **READ TOGETHER**  
Imagine everyone at Trinity reading the NT as part of our Lenten journey. We'll read the same passages, at the same time, and then discuss it, using five simple questions every week. (Yes there's a small group component to CBE.)

As we engage with the Scripture in groups we'll find deeper meaning and understanding, within the context of our own community. Together we'll grow closer to God and to each other.

I hope all this sounds as compelling to you as it does to me. I can think of no better way to enter the New Year than to commit ourselves as a fellowship of believers to a more serious engagement with the Scriptures. You'll be hearing more about CBE in the weeks to come.

Happy New Year,  
*Pastor Jim*



Dr. Troy Martin, Biblical Studies Professor at St. Xavier University, will make his annual January appearance to our class. His subject will be "Peter's View of the Human Body." Come join us on Sunday mornings at 9:30 A.M. in the Fireside Room.

**THOUGHT TO PONDER**  
Snowflakes are some of nature's most fragile things – but look what they can do when they stick together.



### 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.



### With Sympathy

As a church family we extend our sympathy to the family of Joanne Anderson. Joanne entered the life eternal on December 7, 2014. A memorial service was held at Trinity on December 12.

As a church family we also extend our sympathy to Kenneth Johnson and family on the death of his wife, Patricia Young Johnson. Patricia entered the life eternal on December 7 in St. Petersburg, FL. A memorial service was held at Trinity on December 20.

As a church family we extend our deepest sympathy to Denise Krueger on the death of her mother, Dorothy Biskoski. Dorothy entered the life eternal on December 16, 2014. Services were held on December 20, 2014, at Church of St. Richard, Chicago.

Peace be to the memory of Joanne, Patricia and Dorothy.



To my church family,  
I want to thank you for your prayers, cards, calls, flowers and even some meals. I especially want to thank Pastor Jim for his calls and visits. I hope to be back in church soon.

Sincerely,  
Nancy Keller

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Thank you so much for the beautiful poinsettia plant. It adds to the festive Christmas décor in my apartment.

Love,  
MaryJean Anderson

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Thank you, dear Trinity, for the beautiful poinsettia plant given to me at the Jul Fest celebration. What a delightful day that was, so good seeing old friends and being back at Trinity.

Thank you also to Pastor Jim for your call – was good seeing Charlene too at Jul Fest.

Thank you again.

Christmas blessings to all,  
Lois Carlson

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Rich and Priscilla Swanson want to thank everyone for your care and concern of our neighbors after their fire. They very much appreciated all the donations.

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It was so good seeing Pastor Jim and Charlene the other day! Then to receive a Poinsettia plant was very nice. Thank you and may you have a beautiful Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year. With love and prayers to all.

Marian Zeise

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### Covenant Women Project

Pastor Kari Lindholm-Johnson will be doing "Craft-devotional" worship at our Covenant Women Spring Celebration on Saturday, March 14, at New Zion Covenant Church in Dolton. We are in need of empty Half & Half containers or milk jugs, 14 oz. to complete this project. If you normally use these products, we would appreciate these containers. See Lorraine Weszely. Our goal is 25 containers.

**Just a Thought**  
The secret of true service is absolute faithfulness wherever God places you.

## Tuesday Women's Bible Study



Will you spend these minutes reading about the make-up of our group and what we will be about as we begin this new year.

We are a combination of ages having the advantages that give us the wisdom of Solomon, the patience of Job, the perseverance of Joshua and the continued laments and praises of David.

We are blessed in having been elected and chosen to carry God's planning throughout our many years which are a tribute to being steeped in His Word and the recipient of His everlasting love.

We have studied, learned, shared and grown in our daily walk – forgiven, overcome valleys, slipped off the path, brought to the potter's workshop to be re-molded and renewed and now guaranteed to live eternally in a place made for us -

- ◇ What a gift
- ◇ What a blessing
- ◇ What a promise
- ◇ What a claim

But in essence we are still seeking as we now face new challenges. The future now leads from being independent to being more dependent and yes, we accept this coming plan as we acknowledge it being His plan working for the benefit of His people, His creation, His family. We must always be ready to adjust our temporal life-style which has been "in the making" ever since He borne us.

So now, as He gives us strength to climb the mountaintop, we rejoice in our sole dependence on Him and this we know – for sure! From Jesus Calling by Sarah Young:

1. As you walk in the Light with Me, you have one foot on earth and one foot in Heaven.
2. I am not only committed to caring for you, but I am absolutely capable of doing so.
3. Your need for Me is as constant as the flow of My love for you.
4. Those who live close by Me develop an inner aliveness that makes them seem youthful in spite of their years.
5. I am all you need, just when you need it.
6. When you arrive at a choicepoint, I will show you which direction to go.
7. I designed you for deep dependence on your Shepherd-King.
8. Trust that I know what I'm doing and be ready to follow My lead.
9. Together we can handle anything.
10. I am re-creating you into the one I designed you to be.

11. The one who walks beside you, holding you by your hand, is the same one who lives inside you.
12. I view you as the one I created you to be.
13. Before you were born, I knew you. Ponder the mystery of a love that encompasses you before birth to beyond the grave.
14. I designed you to need Me not only for daily bread but also for fulfillment of deep yearnings.
15. Every detail of your life is under My control.
16. Hold My hand in deliberate dependence on Me, and I will smooth out the path before you.

This, and so much more, is what we know and live by and even at this moment or in times coming we are secure as we walk in trust, have faith and receive mercy. And we joyfully rejoice in our full dependency on our God. This is His gift given and ours to open and use moment by moment.

This January we continue as we view DVD's, read, discuss, and receive answers about Heaven from Randy Alcorn.

Trinity - Fireside Room – Tuesdays – 9:30 A.M.

Barbara Johnson

## Career Connections



The job interview is just one of the hurdles to overcome for a person searching for a job and is, of course, the key factor in the hiring process. The interview is actually a dialogue between the employer and prospective candidate. Such was the topic of our December 8 meeting titled "Interview Dialogue."

To simulate an interview, we asked participants to sit at one of four tables moderated by Dawn Ferrell, Dennis Parney, Frank Harris and me armed with 25 of the now common type of questions asked on interviews. Situational or behavioral types of interviews are becoming the norm and are being asked to determine the candidate's suitability for the job. A person might be asked to evaluate a specific situation and then discuss how he or she would handle it.

A round of questions was asked of each participant and was an exercise in learning how to formulate an answer. Some of the questions are not easy and thus require a little bit of thinking which prompted discussion among the participants including laughter which dispelled the initial jitters. Some of the questions asked were:

- Tell me about a time when you anticipated potential problems and developed preventive measures.
- If I were to call your manager, what would he or she say is the one thing that you're relied on for the most?
- What kinds of decisions are most difficult for you?

- Tell me about a time in which you helped others to succeed at a project.
- What's the biggest misconception that people have about you and why?

Tough questions like these require a person to think on the fly. Our simulated interview dialogue session was intended to help members to be better prepared. While one can never be fully prepared for the questions they will be asked, the goal is to be as polished as much as possible to impress the employer and beat the competition.

Denise Krueger

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The next Career Connections meeting is January 12, at 7 P.M., in the Fireside Room.

## Plows – Drivers Needed

Can you spare a few hours once a week to help the elderly to live independently? PLOWS Council on Aging, a non-profit social service agency located in Palos Heights, is looking for volunteer drivers to transport elderly clients to necessary medical appointments within the southwest suburbs. A small stipend is paid to defray your gasoline expense. Please call Tom Panush, 708-636-7548, for more information.

## Pryme Tymers

Here are the programs for January:

**January 8, 11 A.M.**

Entrée: Beef Stew

Program: "Happy New Year" with Edizon Dayao. Edizon has a new and original show that includes his famous calypso beat.

Guaranteed to have you swingin' and swayin' in your seats. Make your reservation by Friday, January 2.

**January 22, 11A.M.**

Entrée: Spaghetti & Meat Balls

Program: Fun with "The Wise Guys". This duet (a singer and an accordion accompanist) will have you laughing at their humor and humming to their music. Make your reservation by Friday, January 16.

The cost per meeting is \$6. Be sure to bring two canned goods for the Salvation Army Food Pantry. The need for donations is always great.



## A Lesson from Final Tests



Around this time last year, I wrote about the small practices that become who you are. The lesson is worth repeating, this year. A few Sundays ago, the high school students spent their Sunday School time looking at their finals schedule. Many of them felt

overwhelmed by the enormity of the task. They had significant study packets that they were to complete (in some cases, 14 pages of review material per subject) and multiple tests per day.

The work was possible, and didn't need to be such a daunting task. Anyone who's ever been hit with something big knows how the first glance makes everything seem impossible. The panic of it can paralyze anyone, and we all have our threshold for what we can shrug off. Now, for the kids, we were able to plot it out. They made a schedule for everything they needed to accomplish, broke it down into chunks of time and, I hope, that made a difference in working through their finals schedule.

Many of us no longer have tests and there are less unexpected surprises that knock us for a loop. And yet, I thoroughly believe in God's continual call to discipleship. I know several stories of faithful people who are open for God to do his will in their lives. Because we are Christians, we are never able to rest on our laurels. Moses, called back into service at 80; Abraham, a centurial life shaken by childbirth; Nicodemus, a respectable man captivated by an uncompromising Jesus – they all found God asking more of them. They couldn't have been ready for that, but they still prepared themselves to answer God's call by making small choices that readies the heart.

And so, friends, in time when talk of "resolutions" is in the air, let's resolve to continue small choices which lead to greater discipleship. Let's make a lifestyle of obedience. As the students needed to do for their studies, let's make goals. Once a week, why not do something for God's kingdom that makes us feel slightly uncomfortable? Let's push the bounds of fellowship by trusting someone with something that bothers us. Perhaps one person holds a grudge that can begin to heal with a phone call just to check in. Maybe another knows they ought to read the Bible more often, so wants to pair with someone to discuss a weekly reading plan.

As with studies, life becomes all the small choices and actions we take along the way; so let's make them together and for the Kingdom of God.

*Pastor Zach*

## Youth Events

Month of January:

- Jan 11 2-3:30 P.M. Interactions, Oak Lawn Ice Arena  
6-8 P.M. Jr./Sr. High Youth Group  
Jan 18 4-5 P.M. Children's Ministry Night  
6-8 P.M. Jr./Sr. High Youth Group  
Jan. 21: 6-8 P.M. Family Night – Karaoke Party

### Interactions

- January 11: Ice Skating, Oak Lawn Ice Arena
- February 1: Super Bowl Pre-Party and Party
- March 1: Swimming at Schaumburg Water Works

### Family Nights

- January 21: Karaoke Party
- February 19: Ash Wednesday Supper
- March 18: Minute to Win it Games
- April 15: Pie eating contest
- May 20: End of Year Picnic

### Church Chuckle

A kindergarten teacher was observing her classroom of children while they were drawing. She asked one little girl who was working diligently what the drawing was.

The girl replied, "I'm drawing God."

The teacher said, "But no one knows what God looks like."

Looking up from her drawing the girl replied, "They will in a minute."

### A NOTE FROM...

Mrs. Palazzolo & Mrs. Onesto

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

Happy New Year! We hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday Season!

We are pleased with the progress made by your child thus far. The children have been doing an exceptional job learning the sounds of the vowels and consonants. We are beginning to sound out blends and complete words.



Please continue working on the following at home; printing with reminding your child to print from top to bottom, letter recognition and sounds, and counting 1-20. During the month of January, we will continue to focus on the vowels and past letters learned and introducing letters Dd, Gg, Rr and Ff.

January assessments will be sent home towards the end of the month.

Our on-site field trip will be scheduled soon!

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us.

Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Palazzolo & Mrs. Onesto

### A NOTE FROM...

Ms. Amanda & Mrs. Dyer

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to 2015! Happy New Year!

With the hustle and bustle of the holiday season behind us, it's time to get back in the swing of things here at preschool.

It may be rather cold here, but at preschool we will be discussing places that are nice and warm! This month we will discuss the tropical rainforest!



During January, we will focus on letters Kk – Ll and focusing on numbers 8-9. We will continue counting to 15 and recognizing numbers 1-5.

Please feel free to contact us at any time concerning your child's progress.

Sincerely,

Ms. Amanda and Mrs. Dyer



# January Newsletter 2015



## A Note of Thanks!

Thank you....

~to our wonderful readers who have shared their time, reading to our preschoolers.

~Pastor Zach for sharing your wonderful stories about Christmas and Baby Jesus.

~to our family & friends who attended our Holiday Party & Christmas Program!

## Dates to Remember

Happy New Year  
Thursday, January 1

School Resumes-  
Monday, January 5

Thursday, January 15 &  
Friday, January 16  
Reading to the Preschoolers  
(Parent Volunteers)

No School-  
Martin Luther King Day  
Monday, January 19

Thursday, January 29 &  
Friday, January 30  
Reading to the Preschoolers  
(Church Volunteers)

**For the month of January the children will focus on...**

**Colors-** Blue & White

**Shapes-** Circle

**Science-** Ice & Water Experiments

**History-** Martin Luther King

Mrs. Palazzolo & Mrs. Onesto's class will focus on reviewing vowels & past letters and letters Dd, Gg, Rr & Ff and numbers 0-10.

Ms. Amanda & Mrs. Dryier's class will focus on letters Kk - Ll and numbers 0-9.



*2014 Christmas Greeting From your  
Friends at Trinity*

Betty & Bob Aardema  
Svea Agner  
Ginny & Bill Almer  
MaryJean Anderson  
Patricia Anderson & family  
JoAnn Bergwall & family  
Jeff Blust  
The Byland Family: Jim, Carol, Andrew & Elizabeth  
Hazel Carlson  
Lois V. Carlson & family  
Brian Crotty  
Thomas & Barbara Dorl  
C. Lowell Edgren  
Diana Eigenbauer  
Dick & Joan Erickson  
Tom & Barbara Eustace  
Pastor Paul & Muriel Everts  
Rick & Dawn Ferrell  
Lois Flaws  
Kelly, Maddie & Ally Ford  
Norma & Susan Forsgren  
Virginia Fulton  
Edna Garcia  
Jim & Joy Lynn Gaw  
Greg, Janice, Kendra, & Cameron Goetz  
John & Joyce Gorney  
Rita Grijalva  
Desiree Hall  
Marlene Hardesty  
Chuck Havel & Pam Polcar  
Bud & Lois Jaderholm  
Barbara Johnson  
Britta Johnson  
Kyle Johnson  
Sarah Jones  
Bob & Joyce Karlson  
Dorothy Karner

The Keller family  
Tom & Pat Klutcharch  
Gary, Linda & Paul Kozak  
Richard Larson, Genie, Patty, Rick  
Pat, Kellie, Shannon, Justin Lee  
Chuck & Marcia Lellos  
Ray Lewis  
Pastor Zach Lovig  
Dave & Diane Manthey  
Matt & Barbara Mateer  
Rhea Maurer,  
    Craig, Mary & Ellie, Curt, Sherri & Rheann Pinley  
The McShane family  
Ruth Mitchell  
Mel & Arline Mueller  
Norman and Diana Nilsson  
John Nordstrom  
Norman & Joyce Olson  
The Palazzolo Family  
Diane and Tom Panush  
Dominic Panush  
The Parney family: Dennis, Sharon, Amy, Kaylen & Chloe  
Harry & Grace Persson  
Patricia Petersen  
The Przybylowski family  
The Raines family  
Arnold Rodstrom  
Clarence & Dolores Rosengren  
Pastor Jim & Charlene Sandberg  
The Schroeder family  
Roger & Kay Shannon  
Arlene, Dave Sladek  
Bruce & Char Sladek  
The Sorensen family  
Jean Smith-Woodruff  
Jim & Carol Strickland  
Donna & Royce Swanberg  
Richard & Priscilla Swanson  
Oren Swift  
Grace Viner  
Gloria Vitro  
The Weszelys: John, Lorraine, David, Heidi, Robert  
Linnea Wimpenny  
Leona Young & family  
Marian Zeise  
Cathy Gardner, Karen Gardner, Gertrude Penar

# January 2015

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 New Year's Day	2	3
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## On-going Ministry

### Sunday Mornings (Sept. 7, 2014 – May 24, 2015)

9:30 AM Adult Sunday School, Fireside Room

9:30 AM Senior High Sunday School

9:30 AM Confirmation

10:15 AM Kingdom Kids for ages 2-11, Nursery for Infants

10:45 AM Worship

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

Career Connections - Monday, January 12, 7 PM

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

Pryme Tymers – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday, 11 AM

## Notes:

3: Men's Prayer Breakfast, Jedi Garden (8 AM)

4: Confirmation #15

6: Women's Bible Study (9:30 AM)  
Ronald McDonald House supper (4:30 PM)

8: Pryme Tymers (11 AM)

11: Confirmation #16  
Interactions – Oak Lawn Ice Arena (2-3:30 PM)  
Jr./Sr. High Youth Group (6-8 PM)

12: Career Connections (7 PM)

13: Women's Bible Study (9:30 AM)  
Deacons meeting (6:30 PM)  
Trustees and CE Board meetings (7 PM)

15: Church Board Meeting (7 PM)

17: Take down Christmas Decorations (9 AM)  
Covenant Women South District Meeting (10AM – 1 PM)

18: Confirmation #17  
Children's Ministry Night (4-5 PM)  
Jr./Sr. High Youth Group (6-8 PM)

**Articles for February Messenger due**

19: Martin Luther King Day

20: Women's Bible Study (9:30 AM)

21: Family Night – Karaoke Party (6-7:30 PM)

22: Pryme Tymers (11 AM)

25: Confirmation #18

27: Women's Bible Study (9:30 AM)

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**Reverend Dr. James R. Sandberg**

*Senior Pastor*

**Reverend Zachary Lovig**

*Assoc. Pastor: Minister to Youth and Families*

**Nate VanDerMale**

*Interim Director of Music and Worship*

**Betty Aardema**

*Organist*

**Stuart Seale**

*Pianist*

**Christina Palazzolo**

*Director – Noah's Ark Preschool*

**Karen Christakos**

*Secretary*

**Phil Cavallone**

*Custodian*

**Articles for February Messenger  
are due January 18**