

## The Trinity Window February ~ 2012

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### From the Pastor



*"Return of the Prodigal Son" by Rembrandt*

*"Almighty and ever-living God, you hate nothing you have made and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and honest hearts, so that truly repenting of our sins, we may obtain from you, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever." --Prayer of the Day for Ash Wednesday*

**Lent begins this month, with Ash Wednesday service on February 22 at 7:30 p.m.**

I invite you to commit yourself to the discipline of Lent: repentance, fasting, prayer, and works of love, beginning with Ash Wednesday and continuing for the 40 days leading up to Easter.

Once again, Trinity will offer ashes all day long at the Orange Street entrance, and ashes to commuters at Union Station.

The Prayer for Ash Wednesday above reminds us that God hates nothing he has made. Indeed, we are all his creations, and each one of us is born with an eternal purpose--to enjoy life with Him forever. Yet the reality of sin is ever-present in our lives and in this world: our little faith, our lack of love, our hardened hearts, our pride and impatience, our indifference to injustice, our negligence in worship. Ash Wednesday invites us to confess these and our many secret sins. We bring all these to the Cross of Jesus Christ, knowing that he is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Lent is a time for us to stop trying to be god, and let God Himself create in us "new and honest hearts". Like the prodigal Son pictured above, Lent is a time for us to return home, to return back to God's loving arms, and to find him running out to greet us.

**I urge you to be faithful in worship this Lent, with Worship every Sunday at 10:15 a.m., with Bible Study and Sunday School at 9 a.m.**

Each Thursday in March we will hold a **Lent Soup Supper & Study on "The Seven Last Words of Christ" at 6 p.m.**, followed by **Lenten Vespers at 7 p.m.**

With prayers for a Holy Lent,  
Pastor Mills+

### Pastoral Acts

*Holy Baptism*

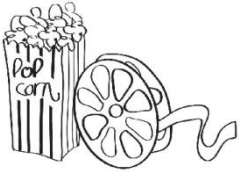
**Preston William Spears**

Born, September 3, 2011

Baptized, January 8, 2012

*"Reborn by water and the Spirit"*

## Movie Night



*Movie night* is for **movie lovers of all ages** every month. Everyone is welcome to join us. The movies are shown in

**Emma's Place** (in the church basement) the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of every month. **Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 6:30 pm** the feature film will be **"The Help"**. During intermission we will provide snacks, juice and coffee. Hope you can join us. Mark your 2012 calendars for every 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

Pat Sundermann

## Sanctuary Eternal Light

Burns to the glory of God...

In Memory of all the Faithful Departed

**Warren Edgerton**

**January 1<sup>st</sup>**

**James Mourer**

**January 8<sup>th</sup>**



In Honor of

**Hunter Leslie**

**January 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Gail Pederstuen**

**January 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Fred Lubenow**

**January 29<sup>th</sup>**

## Altar Flowers

Given to the glory of God...



In Memory of all the Faithful Departed

**John and Augusta Kaiser**

**January 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Frederick and Doris Kaiser**

**January 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Erik Minkkinen**

**January 29<sup>th</sup>**

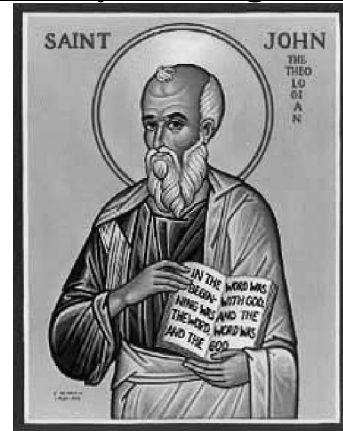
## Sunday School Spotlight

In Sunday School we have been working in the Bible on Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. We have done short plays in our groups. The younger kids go with Karen to help them study the Bible in creative ways. Then Gail takes the older kids and teaches them new things about the Bible.



Amanda Schmidt (9yrs. old)

## Journey Through John



Start your week off right with our new Sunday morning Bible Study, each week in the parlor at 9 am. *"Journey Through John"* explores the most mysterious, least-known, and beautiful Gospel, the Gospel of St. John. Join us for this journey!

## Oremus



*"Let us pray"* This month we prayed for the following members and friends of Trinity who were sick and/or hospitalized: Byron McMillan, Bob Wiedenmann, Mary Jordan,

Grace Kopakow, Mary Clark, Janet Mathers, Dorothy Stahlschmidt, Karen Wobser, Charles LeGrand, Sr., Kenneth Froeberg, Peggy Tocey, Brian Esch, Kirt Atwater, Jeff George, Roy Garza, Jayme DeLucia, Jeanne Carafano, all those who serve in the armed forces especially Bob Macarz, Andrea Reynolds, Michael Atem, Tameka & Cedric Wheeler, Andy Ching, Kenneth Froeberg, Tyler Masciola, and our homebound members, Marilou Cone, Evelyn Harris, Mabel Hoffman, Bertha McGhee, Anne Ockert, Olga Oravec, Lillian Richkowski, Mary Lou Semmler, and Dorothy Stahlschmidt and those who mourn Pat Wiedenmann.

## Parish Nursing



On February 19<sup>th</sup> there will be a monthly blood pressure screening in the Mission Mart after Sunday worship service. For those who have attended my blood pressure screenings, please remember to bring your card so you can keep an updated record of your blood pressure.

Thanks,  
Andrea Jordan, RN, BSN

## Fellowship Hour



There is a sign-up in the narthex for anyone who would like to host a fellowship hour. The paper products, sweeteners and coffee are provided. You bring the juice, creamer, cakes and/or cookies. If it is your first time hosting I will help you get started. If you have any questions please stop me and ask, or you can call me at 203-239-4511 or in the church office 203-787-6521.

Pat Sundermann

## Operation Christmas Child

February in Dental Hygiene month. Donations of toothpaste and child size toothbrushes are needed.

As always all donations are welcomed and may be left in the OCC box in the narthex. See me if you would like an already wrapped box(s) to take home to fill and return at your leisure.



Blessings

Barbara Mourer

OCC Chair Person

## Upcoming Events

Here is a preliminary listing for the events we have for this month. Please mark your calendars in advance so you can save the dates.

### FEBRUARY

2 <sup>nd</sup>	7:00 pm	Council
10 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	Movie Night "The Help"
14 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm	Emerson Board Meeting
15 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	LCW Meeting
19 <sup>th</sup>	12:00 pm	Mardi Gras Lunch
22 <sup>nd</sup>	7:30 pm	Ash Wednesday Worship
23 <sup>rd</sup>	7:00 pm	Finance Meeting
26 <sup>th</sup>	After Worship	Confirmation Class

## Trinity Window Articles

Trinity Window articles for next month are due by the 15<sup>th</sup>. It is important that you get your articles in on time and think ahead for the next month. Please mail articles to [Office@TrinityLutheranNH.org](mailto:Office@TrinityLutheranNH.org) or place them in the folder in the rear of church.

## Laugh with Luther

A Sunday School teacher said to her children, "We have been learning how powerful kings and queens were in Bible times, but there is a **higher power**. Can anybody tell me what it is?" One child blurted out, "Aces!"

## LCW/AG

Our February meeting will be held on Wednesday the 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 in the Sunday school rooms the topic for the evening to be announced. Our March meeting is titled Bad Women Of The Bible and will be led by Kathleen Mills. We encourage everyone to set aside Wednesday night March 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 and plan to join us for a great evening

Barbara Mourer  
President

## Weather Related Church Closings

Please be aware that any weather related cancellations of activities of Trinity will be broadcast on WTNH - Channel 8. This information is also available on their website at [www.wtnh.com](http://www.wtnh.com) under the heading Weather - Storm Closings.



## Thank You

To Louise Bahner for donating the new toilet in the powder room upstairs and Sandy Langlois for donating the dehumidifier for the downstairs ladies room. All the women of Trinity are very grateful.

Thank you to Pastor Mills for bringing me a Christmas poinsettia, I enjoyed the visit very much. It made me remember all the wonderful Christmas services I attended throughout the years and how beautiful the church always looked.

Best,

Dorothy Stahlschmidt

## Seafarers and International House

Almost all of the ships I visited in January related stories of harsh weather and dangerous crossings of the Atlantic. Ships that look so huge when they are in port are easily tossed about like toothpicks in stormy weather. Sometimes cargo or the ship receives damage as things are tossed about. Seafarers tell me that they are not able to sleep or eat, that they do become seasick. Many tell me they are afraid and many tell me that they do a lot of praying. They are always happy to reach a safe harbor. Several of the ships I visited were out on the ocean for 40 days unable to have any contact with home or family. On reaching port, many of these seafarers having no visas could not leave their ship. SIH's phones, phonecards and wifi allowed them to call home, skype and facebook.



The last of the Christmas-at-Sea satchels were distributed to a Hindu crew from Myanmar who were overjoyed to receive them. Usually traveling a southern route this crew had no idea what winter weather in New England would be like. Warm hats and sweatshirts brought lots of smiles and a genuine appreciation for the people who had put these gifts together for them.

A final tally is in for 2011 and Seafarer & International House chaplains distributed 1,643 Christmas-at-Sea satchels to seafarers in the ports of CT, NY, NJ and PA. WOW! Thank you all for your generosity! This would not have been possible without your help!

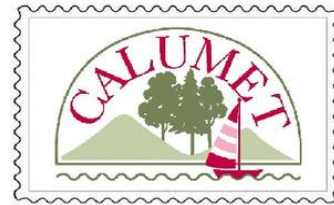
I have noticed in my trips to Walmart and other stores that winter hats, sweatshirts, etc. are now on sale as Spring things are appearing. I have already started my shopping for satchels for Christmas 2012.

All year your donations of magazines, playing cards, knit hats, candy and nuts, etc. are greatly appreciated and can be left in the blue box in the narthex. Thank you!

Ruth Setaro, Chaplain  
Seafarers & International House

## Calumet

Eight of us had a wonderful time at our winter retreat at Calumet. Next year's dates are January 8-11. The cost is approximately \$280 which includes transportation to camp. If you think you might like to join us, please see Louise Bahner in the parlor after church.



1. The stars above are twinkling  
on Calumet tonight  
guiding it in mission  
God's most awesome sigh
2. In the cold of winter  
as snow lays on the ground  
in a place called Calumet  
Gods beauty still abounds
3. Glory be to Calumet  
praise be to God on high  
if you just ask him for his help  
he'll always hear your cry
4. Sweetly and tenderly  
Gods peace can be found  
here at Calumet  
where love can be found
5. So glory be to Calumet  
a truly sacred place  
giving solace to those who visit  
by it's Amazing Grace

1/12/ 2012

Barbara Mourer



## Is there a Ringing in your Heart?

The Bells have been on hiatus for a while--but no more! New church member Jessica Semins, a long-time ringer, has offered to help get things off the ground again.

Please contact Bob Ford ([rford05@snet.net](mailto:rford05@snet.net)) or

Jessica

([jessicasemins@gmail.com](mailto:jessicasemins@gmail.com)) and let us know of your interest. We can provide tutorials to beginners and refresher sessions prior to whatever rehearsals are eventually arranged. We need input as to the best time for practices. All are welcome, so don't be shy!



## Volunteer at The Connecticut Hospice, Inc.

If you or someone you know is looking for an opportunity to **serve others in your community**, we would like to hear from you. Our patients and families are in need of your care and support. As a **CONNECTICUT HOSPICE VOLUNTEER**, you can fill your hours (weekdays/evenings or weekends) by assisting in an administrative capacity or offering direct care as a friendly visitor, provide pastoral or bereavement care, help in the arts or meet transportation needs. For more information please call Pat Corradino, Director of Volunteer Services at 203-315-7510. You can also email [pnowak@hospice.com](mailto:pnowak@hospice.com).

**"All are from the dust,  
and to dust all return."**

Ecclesiastes 3:20, ESV



**Ash Wednesday Service**

**February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7:30 pm**

## 10 Most Clichéd Things People Give Up for Lent

As Lent approaches, many Christians and non-Christians alike prepare for the celebration of Easter by giving up something they enjoy as a sacrifice for Lent. In addition to giving up a luxury or vice, followers are encouraged to give back to the needy and strengthen their relationship with God. It takes some serious willpower to keep from giving in to your temptations, but, as history shows, it can be done. Here are the 10 most clichéd things people give up for Lent:

1. Alcohol
2. Chocolate & Sweets
3. Cursing
4. Facebook
5. Television
6. Junk Food
7. Soda
8. Smoking
9. Texting
10. Gossiping

<http://www.onlinedegree.net/10-most-cliched-things-people-give-up-for-lent/>

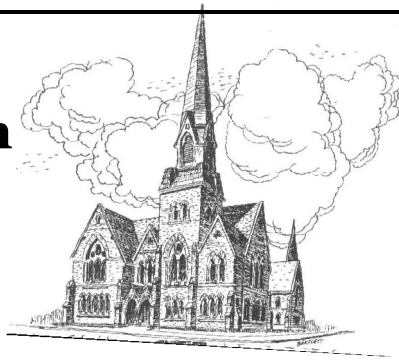
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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> 10:30am Hamden Bible Study 7:00 Women's NA	<b>2</b> 7:00 Council 7:30 Choir	<b>3</b> 7:30 pm AA	<b>4</b> 7:00 pm Youth NA
<b>5</b> Epiphany 5 9:00 Sunday School Adult Bible Study 10:15 Worship 2:00 Unity House 7:00 NA	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 10:30am Hamden Bible Study 7:00 Women's NA	<b>9</b> 7:30 Choir	<b>10</b> 6:30 pm Movie Night: <i>The Help</i> 7:30 pm AA	<b>11</b> 7:00 pm Youth NA
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<b>19</b> Transfiguration of our Lord 9:00 Sunday School Adult Bible Study 10:15 Worship Mardi Gras Lunch 2:00 Unity House 7:00 NA	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 10:30am Hamden Bible Study 7:30 Ash Wednesday Worship 7:00 Women's NA	<b>23</b> 7:00 Finance 7:30 Choir	<b>24</b> 7:30 pm AA	<b>25</b> 7:00 pm Youth NA
<b>26</b> Lent 1 9:00 Sunday School Adult Bible Study 10:15 Worship Confirmation Class 2:00 Unity House 7:00 NA	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 10:30am Hamden Bible Study 7:00 Women's NA			

# February 2012 Celebrations



- 8<sup>th</sup> ~ Vern Beaudoin
- ~ James Holowaty
- 9<sup>th</sup> ~ Dennis Olson
- ~ Kenneth Sturdivant
- 12<sup>th</sup> ~ Ryan Morris
- 13<sup>th</sup> ~ Janice Morris
- 15<sup>th</sup> ~ Wayne Lubenow
- ~ Frank Wright
- 18<sup>th</sup> ~ Monique Rivas
- 22<sup>nd</sup> ~ Tanya Handy
- ~ Morgan Wilcock
- 23<sup>rd</sup> ~ Keith Schmidt
- 28<sup>th</sup> ~ Alma Asadoorian
- ~ Patricia Gensicki

## Baptismal Anniversaries

- Ute Brinkmann ~ February 1
- Erik Sundermann ~ February 9
- Ted Warsawski ~ February 19
- Imiam Doward ~ February 26



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**Evangelical Lutheran  
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God's work. Our hands.

**Altar Guild – Andrea Jordan & Christine Golden**

<b>FEB 5</b>	<b>FEB 12</b>	<b>FEB 19</b>	<b>FEB 26</b>	
<b>FLOWERS</b> (Charge for flowers is \$25 per vase, 2 vases per week)				
1. Klaiber 2. Golden	1. Bahner 2.	1. Lubenow 2. Lubenow	LENT	
<b>ETERNAL CANDLE</b> (Charge for the Eternal Candle is \$5)				
Lubenow	Bahner	Lubenow		

## ASSISTING MINISTERS

<b>DATE</b>	<b>COMMUNION ASSISTANT</b>	<b>LECTORS</b>	<b>ACOLYTE – CRUCIFER</b>	<b>USHERS</b>	<b>GREETER</b>	<b>DEACON</b>
<b>FEB 5</b>	Barbara Mourer	Debbi Cakal Carol Lee Robinson	(C) Louise Bahner (A) Z. Holowaty	Team 2 – D. Cakal, R. deLaubell, J. Holowaty, C.L. Robinson`	Joe Fox	Marlene Warsawski
<b>FEB 12</b>	Ruth Setaro	Robert Cone Ed Jordan	(C) Louise Bahner (A) Drew Gensicki	Team 3 – R. Cone, R. Paquette, E. Jordan	Bob deLaubell	Kent Golden
<b>FEB 19</b>	Marlene Warsawski	Vern Beaudoin Cynthia Olson	(C) Louise Bahner (A) Z. Holowaty	Team 4 – J. Fox, D. Nicolson, R. Parks	Eileen Gwotz	Fred Sundermann
<b>FEB 26</b>	Debbi Cakal	Barbara Mourer Fred Sundermann	(C) Louise Bahner (A) Drew Gensicki	Team 1 – J. Handy, E. Jordan, L. Thompson	Robert Cone	Ruth Setaro

## MONEY COUNTERS

<b>1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY</b>	<b>2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY</b>	<b>3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY</b>	<b>4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY</b>	<b>5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY (if needed)</b>
LISA ESCH FRED SUNDERMANN	LISA ESCH FRED SUNDERMANN	FRED SUNDERMANN LISA ESCH	ROBERT DeLAUBELL JOE FOX	LISA ESCH FRED SUNDERMANN