



February 2021

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Our adult Sunday school class recently read an article together. It was written by Walter Brueggemann and it originally appeared in the January 2020 installment of the Sojourners

magazine. In this article Brueggemann opens a window into the politics of the era of Solomon. He describes the grandeur of the Solomon monarchy and the entire system that surrounded the temple. The military was a grand operation and meant to put on a show of how opulent the Solomon monarchy really was. The reach of the monarchy worked hand in hand with the temple system – working with priests to develop systems of exclusion masquerading as purity. That means they had the keys to the gate. They could say who could worship and receive the benefits of being in relationship with God. Make no mistake, this was about economics and power.

Into this clearly corrupt system came a series of prophetic voices. These prophetic voices spoke a different reality than the totalism of the Solomon monarchy. If you listen carefully, they sound an awful lot like the voice of Jesus who will come along many generations later. They lift up the exploitation of the vulnerable and the exclusiveness of the temple system. They offered hope for a preferred future – if you were one who was suffering and excluded. And we all know how well prophets were treated.

What does that have to do with us today? Actually, an awful lot. Our own systems are called something different but we look more similar to the systems of totalism than we do to the images that are painted with poetry by our prophets. We have certainly had modern prophets. They have taken on the form of people like Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. who dared to dream of a preferred future. One that reflects the qualities of the Kingdom of God. And

we treated him much in the same way that others with prophetic imagination have been treated.

We cling to totalism unawares. We are excellent at sleepwalking through life and pushing snooze on that prophetic voice. There are certainly consequences for doing this. Perhaps ones which we are experiencing right now. So, let's talk about those underlying forces at work and let's talk about the function of prophetic imagination. To do that I want to share a section of this article.

“The first prophetic task is to be clear on the forces and legitimacy of the totalism. And what we have to recognize is that almost all of us—conservative and liberal, clergy and laity—are to some extent inured to the totalism. We take it as normative. And to take it as normative is a great narcotic that makes us passive and apathetic. Becoming clear and unambiguous about the force of totalism is a teaching point that we may have to work at.

The second task of prophetic imagination is that we have to *pronounce the truth about the force of totalism that contradicts the purpose of God*. That's called prophetic judgement. What prophetic judgment amounts to is making the case that acquisitiveness leads to violence, that militarism leads to bankruptcy, that consumerism leads to the evaporation of citizenship, that ecological exploitation leads to chaotic weather, that silencing leads to brutality, and that exceptionalism leads to tribalism. It is a package that needs to be exposed at the teaching level of the religious community.

And the third task of prophetic imagination is to *articulate the alternative world that God has promised and that is birthing before our very eyes. If we have eyes to see it*. It is not often enough that for all the harsh judgment of Amos, Isaiah and Jeremiah, there

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Church Council Members

James C Logan (President)	MaryBeth Eisenhauer
Judith Cassel (Vice-President)	Louise Lundquist
Barbara Baeckert	Hunter Nelson
Kathy Bishop	Marie Smith
Jack Derfler	Rita White
	Ron Witmer

Susan Kulakowski (Church Treasurer)

Committee Chair Persons

Worship/Music—Paul Copenhaver
 Finance—Horace Ehrgood (Acting Chairman)
 Social Activities—Stephanie Kaylor
 Property—Henry Wampler
 Archives—James Rittle
 Social Ministry

LCCM Food Bank Item

The item requested in February is **instant mashed potatoes**. Items can be brought to the church at any time and placed in the red shopping cart labeled “LCCM Food Bank” located in THE GIVING PLACE (Arnold St. side annex of Luther’s Place).

Holy Trinity donated 67 pounds of mixed non-perishable food to LCCM Food Bank in December and January. Please continue your generosity by continuing to donate to the Food Bank. Your donations are greatly needed and appreciated.



March 2021 Newsletter & Calendar Agenda Deadline February 14, 2021

Please submit **before the deadline** any newsletter articles (***including agenda items for the calendar***) to the church office via email (brenda@trinityleb.org) or personal delivery. Anything submitted after the deadline will not be included in the next newsletter unless prearranged with Brenda. Editor also reserves the right to edit for content and space.

Hospital Visitation

Important Update Regarding Hospital Admissions!

Due to HIPPA regulations, hospital admission of our church members is **NO LONGER MADE AVAILABLE TO US BY ANY HOSPITAL**. It is very important that you notify the church office (or have someone notify the church office on your behalf) of your hospital admission so pastoral or spiritual visitation can be provided to you. Thank you.

Aluminum Can Collection

The church continues to collect aluminum cans for recycling. Please bring the aluminum cans (**rinsed & flattened**) to the church weekdays during church office hours, or bring them along to church, Sunday School, or any other church function. A container for them is located in THE GIVING PLACE (Arnold St. side annex of Luther’s Place). Thank you.



Altar Flower Change

Fresh flowers are no longer being used on the altar. Artificial arrangements will be used each week. The flower chart will remain in the Narthex to sign up to sponsor the altar flowers on a weekly basis. There will no longer be a set cost for flowers. Sponsors may choose the amount they wish to donate along with the memorial or honorarium.

If anyone signing up to sponsor flowers prefers fresh flowers, they can be placed as altar flowers or as one arrangement on the Chancel wall. **Please be advised that fresh flowers must be ordered, picked up and placed on the altar or Chancel wall by the party sponsoring the flowers for that Sunday. Sponsors must take flowers along with them after the service.**

The church will no longer be handling any of these arrangements.

February 2021 Worship Schedule

- February 7, 14, 21, 28
9:00 AM—Traditional Service
- February 17 (Ash Wednesday)



Below you will find all of the options for worship as well as what is required to participate. It is important that you keep this information handy.

Radio Worship Service:

There will be a radio broadcast of the service available to those who are parked just outside of the church, either in the parking lot or on the street.

Just tune your radio to 88.5 and you can sing your heart out. Communion and bulletins will also be available for anyone who would like to participate. Just stay in your car and someone will bring these items to you.

Online Worship Service:

With the uptick in COVID-19 cases in our area, council has decided that in-person worship will be suspended for the time-being. There are still ways to worship which can be found on our website at: <https://www.trinityleb.org/links> <<https://trinityleb.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=934636f3680c960bd818a30bb&id=c1dc2e8dc7&e=fdc614c6d5>>

Here you will find links to the live-stream, the bulletin, the replay of the service so that you can watch at any time you wish during the week.

Following the online service, drive-through communion will be available to anyone who would like it until 10:15 am. I will set up a distribution station on the Monument Park side of the church.



Message of Thanks

I thank you for the very nice Fruit Basket. May God Bless all that helped to make them up.

-George Smith

Thank you for the nutritious fruit basket and all your volunteers who move the "work of the Kingdom" forward. Blessings as you take the "walk from Bethlehem to Calvary." -Marian Dorward

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runs through their rhetoric extraordinary promises about beating swords into plowshares and not learning war anymore. All of which have come to contemporary fruition in Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "I Have A Dream." It is a dream that images a world that is completely alternative to the one we now live in.

If you are feeling lost right now and you need direction, let me direct you first to Christ and also to our prophets. They are bright lights in the darkness. They show us how to be courageous under the thumb of tyranny. They can help us to identify where our own blinders have been. And they can help us to see when our reactionary path doesn't line up with God's preferred future. You need to know whether the path you are following is of God or if it is simply the last gasp of the grip of totalism. And lastly dear hearts, be of good courage. May the challenge of this day bring the promise of God in the next.

Prayer Partners

Each month names will be listed here for prayer concerns. If you would like your name added to the newsletter list for prayer, please call the church office, 717-273-8567.

We ask our readers to include the following people in their prayers:



Nancy Albright
Barbara Atwood
Family of Vanessa Brown
Monique Derfler
Joseph Daubert
Jim & Carolyn Dibert
Elzalena Ditzler
Michael Hentz
Raymond Kohr
Family of Fritz Peiffer
Lemoyne Reigle
Shirley Smith
Phyllis Whitman

Deaths



Vanessa Brown—December 5, 2020
Earl (Fritz) Peiffer—December 17, 2020



Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

January 26, 2021

Blessings and peace to you in this New Year. We are writing to you today to inform you of our congregation's annual meeting which will be taking place on **Sunday, February 14, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.** following our 9:00 a.m. online worship service. The reasons for this meeting is that it is constitutionally mandated that we meet once per year to pass the budget and the business of the church, but it also a time to reflect on the shared work and ministry of this past year. During this meeting we will also be voting on new council members.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic our annual meeting this year will be held virtually. You have the option of connecting to our meeting via video conference (Zoom) or by phone. Included below you can find the necessary information to connect via phone. Those of you who are on our regular weekly email list will receive the link to attend via video. For those of you who have not done this before, please try joining us for our coffee hour in the next few weeks via zoom to give it a try. This is a very important yearly meeting for our congregation and we respectfully urge you to try to attend. We must have at least 50 members attend the meeting in order for business to be done. Please RSVP by responding to Pr. Gretchen's upcoming email or calling the church office (717-273-8567) and leaving a message that you will attend.

I thank you so much for your generosity and your partnership in the gospel. You make a difference in the lives of so many people both locally and globally.

Annual Meeting Call In Option:

Call: 1-301-715-8592

When prompted enter the Passcode: 463607

Joyfully,

The Rev. Gretchen Ierien

James C. Logan, Council President

Enclosures:

Sunday School Educational Hour

Sundays at 10:30AM

Sunday School for both adults and youth has begun via Zoom. It is the same link for adults and for the youth. Once we gather together you will be split up into breakout rooms. I know that the technology can be a bit intimidating at first but don't be afraid to give it a try. You can also call Pastor Gretchen if you would like a tutorial on how to connect. Please do this during the week to avoid confusion on Sunday mornings. You do not need internet access to join, simply call the number and follow the prompts to enter the passcode. For the adult class please know that you can join in the study at any time. While each week is connected to each other, you will not be at a deficit if you enter into the study later.



For youth we are beginning to talk about how we would like to celebrate Christmas and also how we will put together videos for the congregation. We want your ideas and creativity to come up with something fun! We hope to see you there!

Topic: Sunday Educational Hour
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82754520831?pwd=ZFYyZ00zOWJ1bSt4WGNrdkRBY2Z2UT09>
Dial by phone +1 301 715 8592
Passcode: 463607

Communication to Our Members

1. We will only be using the calling feature as needed. You will not receive weekly phone calls from the church unless there is a change to the worship procedure or there is an announcement that needs to be shared church-wide.



2. We will send out weekly texts with a reminder for worship reservation sign-up. If you want to receive texts please contact us with your name and cell number. (if you are already getting text messages from us you do not need to do this.)



3. We will also continue the weekly email.



4. Don't forget to make your reservations for worship at: www.trinityleb.org



Our Vision... Our mission is to grow in faith and discipleship, share the Good News of Jesus through word and deed, love others as Christ loves us, and celebrate life in Christ through worship, sacraments and service.

Our Mission... We are a community of believers who come together in:

- ✝ **Worship** to be transformed by the presence of Jesus Christ in and through God's gift of Word and Sacrament.
- ✝ **Christian Education** to deepen our faith and strengthen us in faithful service, trusting in the creative activity of the Holy Spirit.
- ✝ **Friendship** to celebrate our unity in Christ and sustain and nurture each other as we journey with Him in our day-to-day lives.
- ✝ **Stewardship** to gratefully use the time, talents and possessions we have been given in furthering our mission in response to Jesus' call and the leading of the Holy Spirit.
- ✝ **Evangelism** to share the Jesus story so that others may come to know God's reconciling grace and the peace, joy and hope that his divine grace gives.
- ✝ **Social Ministry** to respond to the spiritual, mental and physical needs of our neighbors and advocate for the poor, hungry and vulnerable peoples of the world.

February Happy Birthday Wishes

Happy Birthday to the following Golden Agers of Holy Trinity who will celebrate a birthday this month:

February 14—Judi Light
15—Janice Newmaster
22—Gabrielle Smith
25—Jean Arnesen



Add to their very special day by sending them your greetings. Addresses can be obtained by calling the church office, 717-273-8567.

Attention – Anyone age 75 or older: Please contact the church office to let us know your birthday so we can include you in the monthly Golden Agers of Holy Trinity birthday wish list.

Puzzle!

Discover the identity of a biblical person. First, assign a number value to each letter, starting with M=1, N=2, O=3, ... A=15, etc. Then use the code to complete the clues.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
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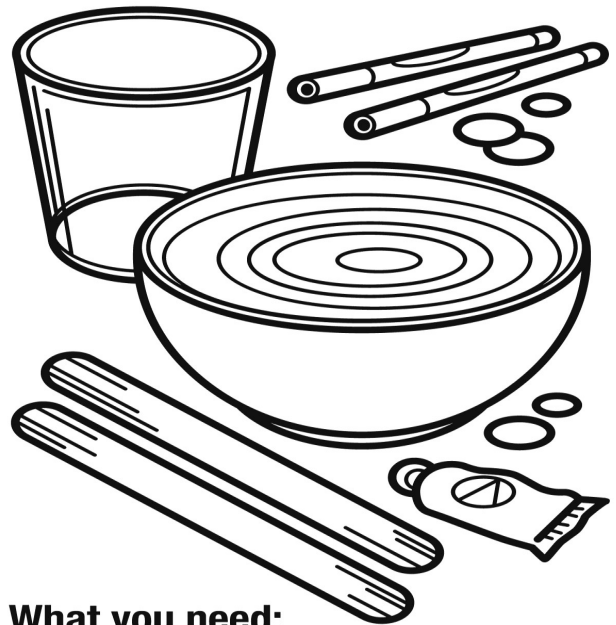
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Who is this person? _____

Answer: Moses

Loving embraces

Express your love and friendship with handcrafted bracelets.



What you need:

- Adult help
- Bowl of boiling water
- Wide wooden craft sticks
- Glass cup
- Markers, paint or decorative tape

What you do:

1. Pour about 3 cups of boiling water into a bowl. Soak sticks in the water about 30 minutes.
2. Remove sticks and slowly, gently bend them into a curve.
3. To maintain the shape, place curved sticks inside a glass cup overnight to dry completely.
4. Remove and decorate the bracelets, which make fun Valentine's Day gifts.

Purchase Strawberry Jelly, Peach Jelly & ChowChow

The Country Store ladies and men have been busy already making strawberry jelly and chowchow.



Jelly: Pints - \$4.50 ½ pints - \$2.25

ChowChow: Quarts - \$8.00 Pints - \$4.00

If interested in buying any jelly or chowchow, give Louise Battistelli a call at 717-272-2747 or see her at church.

Lutheran Camping Corp.

Upcoming Events

The Lutheran Camping Corporation of
Central Pennsylvania

Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, and The Wittel Farm

PO Box 459, Arendtsville, PA 17303

Phone: 717-677-8211

Website: www.lutherancamping.org

Visit the website for event information, updates and registration.

Feb. 21 - Winter Fun Day @ Kirchenwald

March 13 - Lenten Day Apart @ The Wittel Farm

March 21 - Summer Camp Open House @ Kirchenwald
& Nawakwa

April 11 - Summer Camp Open House @ Kirchenwald
& Nawakwa



Taize' Worship

St. Luke Lutheran Church,
Rt. 897, Schaefferstown

You are invited to join in meditative readings, singing, prayer and silence.

Taize' gives you an opportunity to reflect and be apart from the noisy routines of the day. A deliberate time set aside for quiet time with God.

**Taize' Worship begins at 7:00 PM
on the following Sundays:**
February 14, 2021



A Daily Prayer

Whatever happens today, dear Lord, help us remember that you are present. If we find ourselves in the shadows of disappointment or rejection or pain, let us see your comforting light. If we're in the radiant light of success or acceptance or wholeness, may we acknowledge your providence and grace. Wherever we are, grant us the assurance of your nearness. Amen.

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