

February 2012

“We love because he first loved us.” -- I John 4:19

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

February is the month of the year when we celebrate Valentine's Day and we hear a lot about *love*. The kind of love that we know as Christians is very different than the love that is often talked about in our world. The love that we Christians know from God is a love that involves God's redeeming *grace*. It's a love that God pours out upon us even when we don't deserve it. One person has said that the word GRACE can be understood according to each letter in the word: **God's Riches At Christ's Expense**. Indeed, the rich and abundant love of God has been poured out upon us through the life, death and resurrection of his son, Jesus Christ. God's love and grace are available to us even when we are at our worst. As the Season of Lent approaches, let us all consider how God's grace and forgiveness reach into even the darkest corners of our lives to bring about redemption and renewal. We all have things in our lives that we need to let go of and give to God. Let's use this Season of Lent to lay those things at the feet of Jesus. Once we experience God's love and grace in our lives, we are free from having to worry about all that old sin that we've given to God. That freedom lets us focus on loving others in the same unconditional way that God loves us.

Coming Up.....

King's Kids has started again! The kids in kindergarten through 6th grade can come to Trinity Glenburn after-school for a snack, games, crafts and devotions from 3:30-4:30 pm. So far it has been held on Thurs. Jan. 26, and Wed. Feb. 1. Stay tuned for announcements for when it will be held next!

Confirmation Meetings: On Wed. Feb. 1 there will be a meeting for confirmation students and their parents at 7:00 pm to bring everyone up-to-date on the program for the year. Also, a meeting for students and their mentors will be held on Wed. Feb. 15 at 7:00 pm.

Sweetheart Dinner, Sun. Feb. 12, 5:00 - 6:30 pm: A spaghetti dinner in honor of Valentine's Day will be hosted by the youth going to the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans this July. A free-will offering will be taken.

Ash Wednesday: Services will be held in both Lansford & Glenburn on Wed. Feb. 22. The Lansford Trinity United service will take place at 11:00 am. In Glenburn, a soup supper will be served at 6:00 pm with worship following at 7:00 pm. We're hoping to have some special musical guests this year so look for an announcement in the days to come!

In Christ,
Pastor Heather

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW PARISH SECRETARY NEEDED: After 16 years of faithful service, Verla Hodgson is stepping down as our Parish Secretary. At this time, we are looking for a new part-time secretary. If you are interested, please speak to either Greg Morlock (784-5426) or Missi Payne (720-7333) by Wed. Feb. 15. A job description will be posted soon on the website: www.trinitylutheranparish.com.

9th-12th Grade Youth at Pangea House: Eight of our Glenburn youth held a lock-in at Pangea House on Sun. Jan. 15th. We enjoyed an evening of art, music and theater “improv” and shared devotions. Youth who attended were Clark Gunning, Nate Gunning, Savannah Nelson, Brittany Nelson, Sidney Spokely, Shelby Spokely, Bailey Euleberg and Aly Spiciatti. We had so much fun, we hope to do this again!

LAST SUPPER PLAY: Holy Week is coming soon and this year, David Iversen and Grant Johnson are directing a Last Supper play to be presented on Thurs. Apr. 4 and Fri. Apr. 5th. If you are interested, please call Dave at 720-6472. A cast of thirteen men is needed.