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Stewardship of our money

Rev. Robert Blezard

And Jesus said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." --Luke 12:15

Jesus often uses words of caution when teaching about money. Jesus warns us of money's power to capture our souls and turn us from loving God first and most, and then our neighbors as ourselves.

Because we North Americans live in a wealthy culture, the temptation to love money more than God and neighbor may be worse than it was for the folks of Jesus' time. So, we need to take Jesus' warnings to heart and be sure to keep money in its proper place. Here are some ideas:

Develop gratitude: Be happy for (and with) what you have. Dwell on your blessings rather than your wants. Constantly entertaining thoughts of your unfilled desires leads to scarcity thinking and unhappiness.

Celebrate sufficiency: Learn to live on what you earn. Excessive debt corrodes our wellbeing by causing us stress and hunger for more. Strive to live without credit

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Community Outreach at Trinity

One of my goals was to continue the community outreach at Trinity. I am happy to report these outreach ministries from Trinity:

- David Tringali continues with the Tribe Program from 6-7 PM every Monday. More recently, we have seen an influx of neighborhood youth to be part of the scripture study, wrestling activity, and the Caitlyn Smiles project.
- On September 29th, we had our Community Meal and Fellowship at Trinity. Thanks to Jim and Sandy Canning who organized the event and to Ed and Jan Holwig, Mark and Shelly Radic, Anne Lentz, and Tom Lupkie who were part of greeting and serving. Some 60 persons stopped in to eat, watch some football, and share fellowship. It was a great way to get to know some folks in our community. We hope to do another one of these events, soon.
- We are planning to begin our help with the Steel-High Elementary Tutoring Program in November. This will be a way for us to assist the students at our local elementary school.
- We also continue to work with St. Peter's and SOHL with upcoming events: **The Animal Blessing** on October 6, the **Family Promise Event** on November 11-18, and the **Live Nativity** in December.

These and others are ways to invite our neighbors to be part of our faith community here at Trinity.

- *Pastor Mike*

cards and make choices to help your income match expenses.

Embrace generosity: Our culture tells us that the more we have the happier we will be, but that's really not so -- once we have enough to meet our true needs. Miserly people tend to be miserable no matter how much they have, while generous people tend to be happy even if they have modest means. Giving generously is a spiritual discipline that breaks the power that money has to control us.

Good stewardship of our money helps us avoid the traps that Jesus warns about. Stewardship means managing our wealth rather than letting it manage us. Free from money's traps and lures and lies, we are free to love God first and then our neighbor as ourselves.

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Our 22nd annual Oktoberfest will take place on Saturday, October 27 at the Chambers Hill Fire Co. Social Hall. Doors will open at 4 PM for those who want to come early and eat their dinner there. Music will be provided by *The (Polka) Whooo* from 5-9 PM. We will have lots of different foods, door prizes, and raffles. Tickets will be \$8 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and under and are on sale now before and after church. If you would like to reserve tickets to pick up at the door that evening, please call Ed Holwig at 717-564-6360.

If you would like to donate a prize for the raffles, please bring it to church at any time and make sure that Judy Krovic or Jan Holwig gets it. You may also leave it in the choir room, but be sure to mark it so that we know it's for Oktoberfest!

We are also asking for donations of desserts to be sold during the evening. Please sign the sheet at church if

you are able to bake. Bring your dessert (UNCUT) that evening and give it to the food servers. They will cut it and put it out to be sold.

Gather all your friends and relatives and come to the dance! It's quite a family event! There will be something for everyone to enjoy!

October Fellowship

Our October fellowship will be on the 7th and will be sponsored by our two birthday boys, Richard Schultheisz and John Brunner. Our chefs will be Mike Miller and Gay Rezin. Please stay after the service for a delicious meal and to wish the guys a happy birthday!

Bake/Soup Sale

The 2018 elections will take place on Tuesday, November 6 so be sure to get out and vote! And don't forget to support our Soup and Bake Sale taking place that day in our social hall.

We have our soup makers lined up, but now we need bakers and candy makers. We are asking you to bake at least one type of goodie for which you are extremely famous! Brownies, cupcakes, snack cakes, lemon bars, cookies, Rick Krispies treats, and candies are all great choices. Please place them in baggies in amounts to sell for \$.50 or \$1.00. Bring them to church on Sunday, November 4 and place them in the kitchen or deliver them on Monday afternoon from 1 PM until 4 PM when our secretary will be in the office to let you into the building.

We will also need help selling our items on Election Day. There will be a sign-up sheet in the foyer of church and we ask you for an hour or two of your time that day.

There is a preorder form in this newsletter. Please us it to place your order ahead of time so that we are sure to have your favorite soups or fudge ready for you to pick up on Tuesday, November 6 or Sunday, November 11.

The Bake/Soup Sale committee will meet after church on Sunday, Oct. 14.



Bible Study

The evening Bible Study continues in October in the fellowship hall at 6:30pm on Tuesday nights. We begin the evening in prayer, then have lessons focused on a theme. In October, the theme will be the devil. The readings we will be studying this month includes the Book of Job, the Fall from Eden, and Jesus being tempted by the devil.

So, come and enjoy fun, food, fellowship, and Bible study as we explore the ultimate villain of the Bible!

FOCUS Update

Stick around for an update from the FOCUS group at the First Sunday Fellowship after our service on 10/7/2018! The group will be talking about the current status of the discussion with St. Peter's and planned next steps for this fall. Feel free to bring any questions or suggestions you may have.

Wednesday Services

Our 9:30 Wednesday Services have grown from 2 people to 6 people (and there is room for more to come join us.)

The service runs about 25 minutes and consists of a spoken service, two readings, a brief explanation of the lessons (homily), and Holy Communion.

The lessons and homily are different from what the congregation hears on Sunday. So even if you attend worship on Sunday, Wednesday will be different.

We will not have a Wednesday Service on October 10, but we will have Wednesday Services every Wednesday in October and November. Stay tuned for the December Wednesday Service Schedule.

R3 Hospitality Training on October 18

Hospitality -- the way we welcome and assimilate members and visitors is very important to churches. People do not come to, join, or remain in congregations if they do not feel welcomed or that they belong.

Stay tuned for more information on the possibility of attending the Lower Susquehanna Synod's Hospitality Training.

Help is Needed for Food Packing

Folks are needed to help put food in book bags for Steelton-Highspire Elementary school students. This will happen on Wednesdays & Thursdays. There will also be opportunities to donate food and funds, more info to follow. If you can help, please talk to Pastor Mike.

Rainy Day Fund Birdhouse

Our RDF birdhouse is back in action! We are collecting funds to help pay for repairs to the leaky roof and also the air-conditioning unit for the 2nd floor of the social hall. Every little bit helps so give as generously as you can and give often! Thanks in advance!

Homework Help Group

David is starting a homework help group at the elementary school in Steelton and is looking for volunteers. There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex if you are interested. More details to come.

Sunday Morning Lesson Study

Pastor Mike has begun a study of the Sunday lessons from 9:30 to 10:10am in the fellowship hall. This will provide an opportunity to learn more about the background and application of that day's lessons. All are invited!

Hurricane Relief

Carolina Disaster Relief, the ELCA disaster response, is helping people in need and will give 100% of all contributions to that effort. If you want to give please write your check to "Lutheran Disaster Response" and put on the memo line - "Hurricane Response." Send your check to:

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
P.O. Box 1809
Merrifield, VA 22116-8009

Choir Rehearsals

Choir Rehearsals have resumed for the fall, starting at 6:30pm on Wednesday nights. If anyone is interested in joining, please see Arthur or come to a rehearsal. We welcome anyone who would like to join us!

Thank You

Dear Evangelical Lutheran Church Humanitarian Fund,

Thank you so much for your \$100 donation received 7/9/18. Your support is greatly appreciated and will allow us to continue our mission of saving more dogs in helpless situations.

Sincerely,

Canine Rescue of Central PA Inc



During October and November, we will be collecting food pantry items, which will be donated to St. Peter's Highspire's Food Pantry. There is a table in the narthex set up as the collection point for the donated items.

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SOHL REPORT (STEELTON-OBERLIN- HIGHSPIRE LUTHERANS)

- **Family Promise:** The next Family Promise week will be November 11 – 18 at St. John's. There are open spots for drivers, overnight hosts, and providing dinner. You can volunteer for one evening or multiple evenings. There will be an informational meeting on **Nov 8th at 6pm**. Also, volunteers are welcome to come help set-up at noon on Nov 11th or clean-up on Nov 18th at 8 am. There is a sign-up sheet at the entrance of our church and speak to Pastor Mike if you would like to have more information. Please consider helping with this life-giving ministry!
- **Blessing of the Animals** A Blessing of the Animals will be held Saturday Oct 6th from 10 am to 2 pm. There will be two locations – one on Front Street in Steelton by the Community Cats Building and the other at St. Peter's in Highspire. We are looking for volunteers and donations of dog treats and cat treats (not dog food or cat food)! Volunteers will sign up for hour shifts.
- **Live Nativity:** At Salem, the four churches will put on a Live Nativity on Friday, December 14th at 7pm and Saturday, December 15th at 4pm..
- **Joint Worship:** The next 5th Sunday joint worship will be December 30th at Trinity.
- **Next SOHL Meeting:** The next SOHL meeting will be on November 5th at 6pm at Salem.

Fall Participants in our Services

Date	Communion Assistants	Ushers	Lay Reader	Acolyte	Flowers \$25	Bulletins, Candles \$17
Oct. 7	Sandy Canning, Jan Holwig	Shelley & Mark Radic	Jan Holwig	Ni'Shaun Ward-McMullen	John Michtich	Elizabeth Faul
Oct. 14	Jan Holwig, Gay Rezin	Bob Emrich, Richard Martz	Gay Rezin	Brady Holwig	John Brunner	Ann Kline
Oct. 21	Shelley Radic, Doris Reynolds	Ed Holwig, Zack Szekeres	Jim Canning	Zachary Anthony	Matt & Mary Hunt	Christine Miller
Oct. 28 Reformation	Tom Lupkie, Judy Krovic	Jim Canning, Lenny Bowling	Doris Reynolds	Grace Holwig	Betty Flickinger	Betty Flickinger
Nov. 4 All Saints	Mary & Matt Hunt	Ed Holwig, Richard Schultheisz	Jan Holwig	Gabe Whary	Judy Krovic	Holwigs



Oct: Jan Holwig, Shelley & Mark Radic
Nov: Jan Holwig, Peg & Lenny Bowling



October Birthdays (* 80 or older!)

- 5th Kathleen Michtich *
- 10th John Brunner *
- 12th Richard Schultheisz *
- 25th Elizabeth (Canning) Koffler
- 30th Mark Radic
- 31st Helen Bailey *



October Anniversaries

- 4th Chuck & Monica Reider
- 10th Carl & Anna Zeiders
- 13th Jim & Sandy Canning
- 16th Mike & Abby Anthony



We pray for those...

In need:

Fletcher Smith
Michael Brown
John Schenfelt
Joyce Stickle
Anna Zeiders

Serving in our military:

Kyle Anthony
Anthony Szekeres
Scott Whary

Continued prayer:

Rana Sweiden
Jackie Day
Chuck Korte
Our homebound members

Bereaved:
Orris family

The following are those who cannot get to church because of physical problems, etc. Please remember them with a card, a visit, and/or your prayers.

Alice Brown
71 Edenvue Road
Smith North #382
Elizabethtown, PA 17022

Nancy Brunner
2115 James Buchanan Dr.
Elizabethtown 17022

Bernie Campbell
100 Freemason Drive
Masonic Village
Elizabethtown 17104

Jackie Day
335 Wesley Dr. Apt. 601
Mechanicsburg 17055

Fran Dubesky
517 Kelker St.
Steelton 17113

Darlene Martz
97 Brompton Rd.
Hummelstown, 17036

Kathleen Michtich
S2 -228A Spring Creek
1205 S. 28th St.
Harrisburg 17111

Christine Miller
4800 Lancer Court Apt. C
Harrisburg 17109

Katarina Schuech
4805 E. Circle Dr.
Harrisburg 17111

Rene & Joyce Stickle
224 Elm St.
Steelton 17113

Ray Stoner
S310-A Spring Creek
1205 S. 28th St.
Harrisburg 17111



Soup and Bake Sale

Here we go again! It is time to get ready for our general election Soup and Bake Sale on **November 6!** The soup makers will be putting the kettles on their stoves and cooking up gallons and gallons of wonderful homemade soups and we will be asking the congregation again to make their cookies, cakes, breads, fudge, and any other goodies they are willing to provide for this event. We here at Trinity are truly blessed with wonderful cooks! We are the envy of many local congregations.

Below, please find the pre-order form for soups and fudge. We ask that you complete this form and return it to **Jan Holwig** (in her mailbox at church) by **October 28** so that we are sure to have your soups and fudge ready and waiting for you on Voting Day.

The Committee would like to thank everyone in the church who helps to make this sale a success! ***This year's proceeds will be used to purchase some end tables and lamps and to replenish our funds after purchasing the new sofa and chairs for the chapel area foyer.***



Soup and Fudge Order Form - due Oct. 28 - put in Jan Holwig's mailbox or mail to Trinity, 221 S. 2nd St., Steelton 17113 or email Trinity at trinitysteelton@yahoo.com

Your name _____ Phone _____

\$3.00 per pint (soup) \$7.00 per lb (peanut butter fudge)

vegetable beef (*made by Peg Bowling & Ken Smith*) _____ (number of pints)

chicken corn (*made by Shelley Radic*) _____ (number of pints)

ham & bean (*made by Gay Rezin*) _____ (number of pints)

peanut butter fudge _____ pounds

You may pay for your food at the time of pick-up.

(Fudge is made by Karen Schlott who won first prize for it at the Farm Show!)

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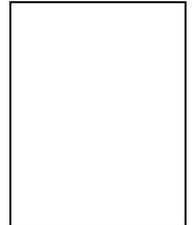
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April 2019	3/21/2019	3/28/2019
May 2019	4/18/2019	4/25/2019
June/July/August 2019	5/16/2019	5/30/2019

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