



# Trinity Lutheran Newsletter

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## "Direct our Days and our Deeds in His Peace"

Another new year has come and another old year has gone. And with every new year, we're given the chance to reflect on the question, "What are we doing with our time?" Maybe we're not completely happy with how we spent our time in 2011. Maybe we have some ideas of how we'd like to spend more time in 2012. So we'll make some new plans for a new year. Some may work. Some may not.

There's a service in our hymnal called *Morning Prayer*. The closing benediction of this service says, "The Lord Almighty bless us and direct our days and our deeds in His peace." I would give this blessing to you as the perfect New Year prayer. The first thing we need in another new year is the Lord's *direction*. Proverbs 16:9 says, "The heart of man plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps." We can plan and plan and plan. But our steps are established by the Lord. His Word gives us direction. His Word establishes our steps. His Word keeps us connected to our Savior Jesus Christ who directs us through the sin and death of this world to the joy and life of the world to come.

Finally, the other thing we need in another new year is peace. Peace is ours through the cross and empty tomb of our Savior Jesus. This peace comforts us no matter what a new year brings. Our prayer is that no matter what happens in 2012, the Lord would keep us in this peace. That we would have peace in the good and the bad, in the joys and in the sorrows.

In this new year, the Lord Almighty bless *you* and direct *your* days and *your* deeds in His peace. Amen.



### IMPORTANT SUNDAYS

#### IN JANUARY

- † **January 8<sup>th</sup> Friendship Sunday** – Invite neighbors, family, and/or friends to worship with you. After the service we will have refreshments in the Parish Hall and welcome our three new members from 2011.
- † **January 22<sup>nd</sup> Life Sunday** – This year's theme for Life Sunday is "Trust God—Choose Life!" Each year on Life Sunday we celebrate God's gift of Life and are reminded from God's Word the high value that He has placed on every human life—that He gave His own Son for every human life.

### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Pat Wolf	Jan. 2
Jimmy Engelhorn	Jan. 4
Jim Engelhorn	Jan. 5
Dennis Hocker	Jan. 10
Lisa Hocker	Jan. 10
Matt Barhum	Jan. 12
Mike Barhum	Jan. 12
Jason Punke	Jan. 13
Jarad Porth	Jan. 14
Jeff Delaney	Jan. 14
Abigail Meyers	Jan. 15
Taylor Wilkey	Jan. 16
Sandy Duffy	Jan. 18
Karen Evans	Jan. 19
Ryan Matzke	Jan. 19
Brian Parkhouse	Jan. 20
Sherrri Russell	Jan. 22
Arlene Punke	Jan. 24
Barb Baumann	Jan. 26
Carol Paternoga	Jan. 29

*Happy Birthday*

(If there is a birthday we have missed, please let us know.)