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Other opportunities to be in God's Word

Tuesday Morning

Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.

This group has been using the magazine "Good News", which is published by Concordia Mission Society. The editor is the former LHM speaker Wallace Schultz.

There are several editions available in the pastor's study/office for anyone who would like to review a topic or use one for a personal Bible study.

Wednesday morning

Ladies Bible Study at 10:30 a.m. Nov. 28th started the "Joy" Bible Study.

Women spend a lot of their time waiting to be happy; thinking it will be right around the corner. Don't keep waiting. You can start enjoying the blessings of God today when you start noticing the joys hidden in plain sight. Books are \$8.00. The books help follow along with the study, but are not required. Please let Kristin Myher know if you would like a book.

If evenings are better, join us at the **Cottage Meetings** the last Friday of the month at 7 p.m. hosted at a members home. February will be hosted by the Myhers'

Pastor Snider's Sunday Adult Bible Study will be stepping us through the book of Isaiah. Join us for this insightful study of this important work of this prophet.

We hope to see all of you at one or more of these Bible Studies.

Christian Education News

During September, October, November and December, the Sunday School collected offerings for LCMS World Mission to support Pastors in Guinea West Africa. We collected \$256.69 which will be used to purchase 4 bicycles for Pastors to ride to villages in Guinea to preach the Good News. Starting in January, our offerings will go to the Haiti Lutheran Mission Society to provide meals and tuition for two students to attend a Lutheran school in Haiti. We will continue to collect for this mission until we have \$260, enough to pay for both of the students we adopted last year to continue in school. Please keep bringing your offering to Sunday School, it's amazing how we can help other people just quarters and dollars at a time!

There is a lot going on in February here at Trinity! The Board of Ed invites everyone to a Euchre Party on Saturday, February 9th at 7:00 pm. No partner is necessary! Bring your favorite snack or dessert to share. We will be providing a movie for kids to enjoy. Everyone is welcome so invite your friends and family to join us.

Don't miss the cottage meeting Friday, February 22nd at 7:00 pm

hosted by Kristin and Mike Myher. If you've never attended a cottage meeting before, I encourage you to give it a try. We have a Bible Study, snacks and fellowship in a "cottage" environment.

Friday, March 1st from 6:00-7:30 we are hosting a Kid's Craft Evening. We will have several different projects available for kids to work on. This will be a fun evening of creativity and fellowship. Kids are welcome to bring their friends too! If you'd like to volunteer to help with this, let me know. I'd especially appreciate some youth volunteers.

The board of Education had our quarterly meeting on January 16th. Our next meeting is scheduled for April 15th at 7:00 PM. Please plan to come if you have any ideas or input for us.



Trinity Lutheran Church 2009

Know What Our Children Are Studying

The topics for February include:

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| 2/13 Jesus Heals Many | Luke 4:31-44 |
| 2/10 The Transfiguration | Luke 9:28-36 |
| 2/17 The Temptation of Jesus | Luke 4:1-13 |
| 2/24 Jesus Heals Ten men with Leprosy | Luke 17:11-19 |

Pastor's Page

The February Soup Supper

By Pastor Snider

The terrible cold and wintry blasts that have been known to this part of the world have been felt this year, maybe because they weren't felt the past couple. There have been some days that showed its cold and frightful teeth as the snow and ice built up barriers to being out and about. Even with the terrible weather it is still refreshing to have a good bowl of soup. At the Advent Soup Suppers we enjoyed in December, we found how comforting it can be to have a bowl of hot soup. Those suppers were quite well received and it seems we can learn a thing or two from those bowls of soup we so enjoyed back there in December.

During the month of February when the wind is blowing cold and there seems to be a little extra time to relax and feed our body and our soul the Bible comes to mind. One of the problems is similar to making a bowl of soup. All the recipes are based on making a whole pot of soup and surely one would be over filled with a whole pot or tire from leftovers before they are gone. So how do we begin?

The first thing we learned from the Soup Suppers is that not everybody likes the same soup. Each evening we had at least two or even four kinds so we had a choice. Chili was usually on the menu each time along with another delicious choice from which to chose. The Bible is like that too. There is of course the division of the Old and New Testaments but there are also divisions in each of them. The New Testament

has the divisions of the Gospels and the Epistles, i.e. the life of Christ or the life of the early Christians. There are also small bowls or large bowls. Some of the most filling and yet short books are James, the Epistles of Peter, John and Jude. These are almost like a warm afternoon snack that really fills you up to the point that a big dinner would be too much.

So what kind of soup is the right kind to make? We found there are creamy soups, clear soups and some in between. A good example is

chicken noodle. You can have both cream of chicken with noodles or chicken and noodle in chicken broth. Reading scripture can be a lot like that. If you read Hebrews or Revelations for example it is hard to see what you are reading because of all the cream that surrounds the message. They are jammed and packed with message and meaning. You really can read it several times and still taste it through the night as you ponder the meaning.

The Gospel of Mark and the Epistle to the Galatians on the other hand are like chicken noodle in a clear broth. These books have a lot of good messages from God in them but they are small pieces that stand out as a thought for the day. Many of these thoughts have a point and an explanation within a few verses and then on to another bite with only noodle or one big chunk of chicken.

Scripture, I will admit has a few lumps in it and you may have a little trouble chewing the pieces at first. You may want to take some small bites at the beginning. It is real easy to loose the taste of any of the many chapters if you try to drink or eat a whole book or even a whole testament at one time. It is like drinking that steaming hot soup from a hot cup DANGER...

CONTENTS MAY BE HOT... It is much wiser to take a small bite on a spoon to see if you can handle it. Take one thought; mull it over in your day. Hold it in your mouth for a while, get the full taste. Chew on it for a while even if it is a noodle. Get the whole flavor that is there for you.

During the Advent Soup Suppers, it was interesting to taste the slight differences in soups that are brought out by adding a variety of spices to enhance the flavor. We have some spices available to use as we read our Bible during these cold days in February. These are called commentaries. Most of them are not expensive and they can never add to the Holy Word of God but they can and do add just a little bit of understanding to the verses. It is important to remember that like spices, commentaries will change the flavor of what you read. Every one of them is written from the view and understanding of the person who read scripture and is now writing their interpretation. Be careful, a lot of commentary, like chili powder, can go a long way.

While I like potpie, I would hope that you don't treat your Bible like one of these. You know there is some thing in there but you have no way of knowing what it might be. You can scratch the surface and even take a bite of the crust and until you take the crust off you don't get to the real meat of the pie.

Currently we have two feedings going on a regular basis. We have a Sunday morning Bible study of Isaiah at 8:45 a.m. and a Tuesday morning 10 a.m. group studying Prayer. There is also a small group who are feeding on 'The Joy Study'. Feel free to attend any of these feedings. On Sunday we are using a guide from the series called 'Life Light'. On Tuesday we are using 'The Good News Magazine and the Self-Study Bible. In both study groups the input and experiences of those gathered around the table

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February 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>St. Valentine</p>						
<p>3 8:45 Bible Class & Sunday School</p> <p>10:00 Worship w/ Comm.</p>	<p>4 7:00 Trustees</p>	<p>5 10:00 Bible Study @ Trinity</p>	<p>6 10:30 Bible Study @ Trinity</p> <p>7:00 Choir</p>	<p>7 7:00 Posse</p>	<p>8 7:00 am Men's Group</p>	<p>9 7:00 Euchre Party</p>
<p>10 8:45 Bible Class & Sunday School</p> <p>10:00 Worship</p>	<p>11 7:00 Trustees</p>	<p>12 10:00 Bible Study @ Trinity</p>	<p>13 10:30 Bible Study @ Trinity</p> <p>7:00 Ash Wednesday Service</p> <p>8:00 Choir</p>	<p>14 7:00 Elders</p>	<p>15 7:00 Cottage Meeting @ Myhers</p>	<p>16 5:00 - 7:00 Ham Dinner</p>
<p>17 8:45 Bible Class & Sunday School</p> <p>10:00 Worship w/ Comm.</p>	<p>18 7:00 Trustees</p>	<p>19 10:00 Bible Study @ Trinity</p>	<p>20 10:30 Bible Study @ Trinity</p> <p>6:00 Soup Supper</p> <p>7:00 Lenten Worship</p> <p>8:00 Choir</p>	<p>21 7:00 Council</p>	<p>22 Upcoming: March 1, Kids Craft night</p>	<p>23 7:00 am Men's Group</p>
<p>24 8:45 Bible Class & Sunday School</p> <p>10:00 Worship</p>	<p>25 7:00 Trustees</p>	<p>26 10:00 Bible Study @ Trinity</p>	<p>27 10:30 Bible Study @ Trinity</p> <p>6:00 Soup Supper</p> <p>7:00 Lenten Worship</p> <p>8:00 Choir</p>	<p>28 7:00 Stewardship</p>	<p>29 7:00 am Men's Group</p>	<p>30 7:00 am Men's Group</p>

Five Bible Passages About Love for Valentine's Day (Or Any Day)

You know it's coming, because marketing campaigns have been nagging us about it for weeks: **Valentine's Day!** Maybe you're already looking forward to a romantic date night with the love of your life... or maybe you're resigned to playing video games and curating your Pinterest boards by yourself while all your friends go out with their significant others. (Hey, I've been there.)

Either way, Valentine's Day is a good opportunity to learn what the Bible teaches us about love. Not the shallow "love" on display in advertisements and marketing copy, but real, genuine love—the self-sacrificing, grace-extending attitude that God wants to see embodied in *all* of our relationships, not just our romantic ones. Whatever your plans for Valentine's Day, take a minute to reflect on these five powerful Bible verses that explain what true love looks like.

Celebrate with the ultimate Valentine!

WHO KNOWS MORE ABOUT LOVE THAN GOD?

the Ham Dinner this year will be on Feb 23 at 5 pm, everyone, guests and congregation, is invited. Let's celebrate Jesus' Love and enjoy an early evening of fellowship together.

1. 1 Corinthians 13

Perhaps the most famous Bible passage about love, this one is frequently and understandably recited at weddings. But as with many well-known Bible quotes about love, it's not just *romantic* love that is being described:

If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but do not have love, I have become a ringing brass gong or a clashing cymbal. And if I have the gift of prophecy and I know all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith so that I can remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. And if I parcel out all my possessions, and if I hand over my body in order that I will be burned, but do not have love, it benefits me nothing.

Love is patient, love is kind, love is not jealous, it does not boast, it does not become conceited, it does not behave dishonorably, it is not selfish, it does not become angry, it does not keep a record of wrongs, it does not rejoice at unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth, bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But if there are prophecies, they will pass away. If there are tongues, they will cease. If there is knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but whenever the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I set aside the things of a child. For now we see through a mirror indirectly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I will know completely, just as I have also been completely known. And now these three things remain: faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love. (LEB)

2. 1 John 4:16-18

God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus. There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love. (NIV)

3. Romans 12:9-13

Love must be without hypocrisy. Detest evil; cling to what is good. Show family affection to one another with brotherly love. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lack diligence; be fervent in spirit; serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; be persistent in prayer. Share with the saints in their needs; pursue hospitality. (HCSB)

4. 1 John 3:10-17

This is how God's children and the devil's children are apparent: everyone who doesn't practice righteousness is not from God, including the person who doesn't love a brother or sister. This is the message that you heard from the beginning: love each other. Don't behave like Cain, who belonged to the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he kill him? He killed him because his own works were evil, but the works of his brother were righteous. Don't be surprised, brothers and sisters, if the world hates you. We know that we have transferred from death to life, because we love the brothers and sisters. The person who does not love remains in death. Everyone who hates a brother or sister is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life residing in him. This is how we know love: Jesus laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. But if a person has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need and that person doesn't care—how can the love of God remain in him? (CEB)

5. Matthew 22:34-40

But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?"

And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets." (ESV)



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influence what kind of soup we are mixing up for that day. Often, the soup is left to simmer from week to week so to see how it tastes when we gather again to open God's Word for nourishment. It is interesting to see how a pot of soup comes out when you have several cooks and you don't have to wonder what you will do with leftovers. Come join us as we make and take in the soup of the day.

I pray that God the Father and His Son Jesus will bless your reading of Holy Scriptures through the Holy Spirit and that as you graze through the proclamation of Grace you will see Jesus your savior face to face.



Prayer List

Praise and thanksgiving

Gracious God and Father, we humbly magnify the wisdom of your ways and in childlike trust commit ourselves to Your fatherly guidance. Uphold us, we pray You by Your right hand, guide us with Your counsel, and receive us at last into glory. We pray for those among us who are in special need of your guidance and healing:

- For John and Diane Menning give them comfort, peace and strength.
- For Sharon Huetteman for cancer treatments.
- Georgia Rydzewski -- hospitalized

Upcoming Events

HAM DINNER

SATURDAY, FEB 23, 2012
5 P.M.

everyone, guests and congregation, is invited. Let's celebrate Jesus' Love and enjoy an early evening of fellowship together.

EUCHRE PARTY

FEBRUARY 9TH AT 7:00 PM
Trinity's Board of Ed is hosting a Euchre Party. Everyone is welcome, no partner necessary! Bring a snack or dessert to share. A movie will be provided for kids



KIDS CRAFT EVENING

MARCH 1, 6:00-7:30

Friday, March 1st from 6:00-7:30 we are hosting a Kid's Craft Evening. We will have several different projects available for kids to work on. This will be a fun evening of creativity and fellowship. Kids are welcome to bring their friends too! Anyone wishing to help can contact Elizabeth Eppler.

ACOLYTE:

- 2/3 Craig Rydzewski
- 2/10 Kenny Minger
- 2/17 Kyle Rydzewski
- 2/24 Mathew Frazzini

ALTAR GUILD:

- FEBRUARY-- Kristin Myher and Gretchen Wick
- MARCH-- Cathie Snider and Helen Riggs

- Aiden Fernald -- friend of Kenny Minger dealing with depression and suicide thoughts
- Cathie Snider relief from pain
- Jeannette Fansler healing from shingles
- Richard Parks--more surgery, Kenny Cadle and Terry Kaczmarek and Nancy Lannon (cancer)
- For the soldiers overseas who are still protecting freedoms, our own and others in the world: Brandon Snider in Korea, Tyler Martin, and Anthony Chapman who are serving in Afghanistan.
- Guidance, wisdom and strength of faith for the Congregation of Trinity as they make decisions that will help it to grow.
- Pray for our Missionaries in other countries that they remain safe in Your care as they spread Your Word

Happy Birthday!!

A very Happy Birthday from the members of Trinity Lutheran Church:

Robert Brumm Jr. 2/1

Andrew Eppler 2/3

Nicholas Pelto 2/5

Carolyn Benkovsky 2/9

Kyptin Gray 2/9

Sharon Meyer 2/11

Kaye Wick 2/14

Stephanie Sidebottom 2/15

Bryanna Bickel 2/16

Noah Pelto 2/16

Kristin Myher 2/18

Gretchen Wick 2/22

Jonah Frazzini 2/23

Betty Jean Sigro 2/25

Nicolle Beauchamp 2/28



Ecclesiastes 11:8

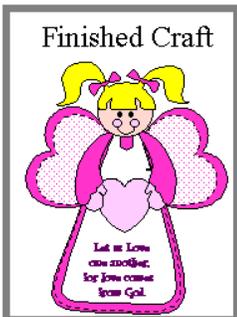
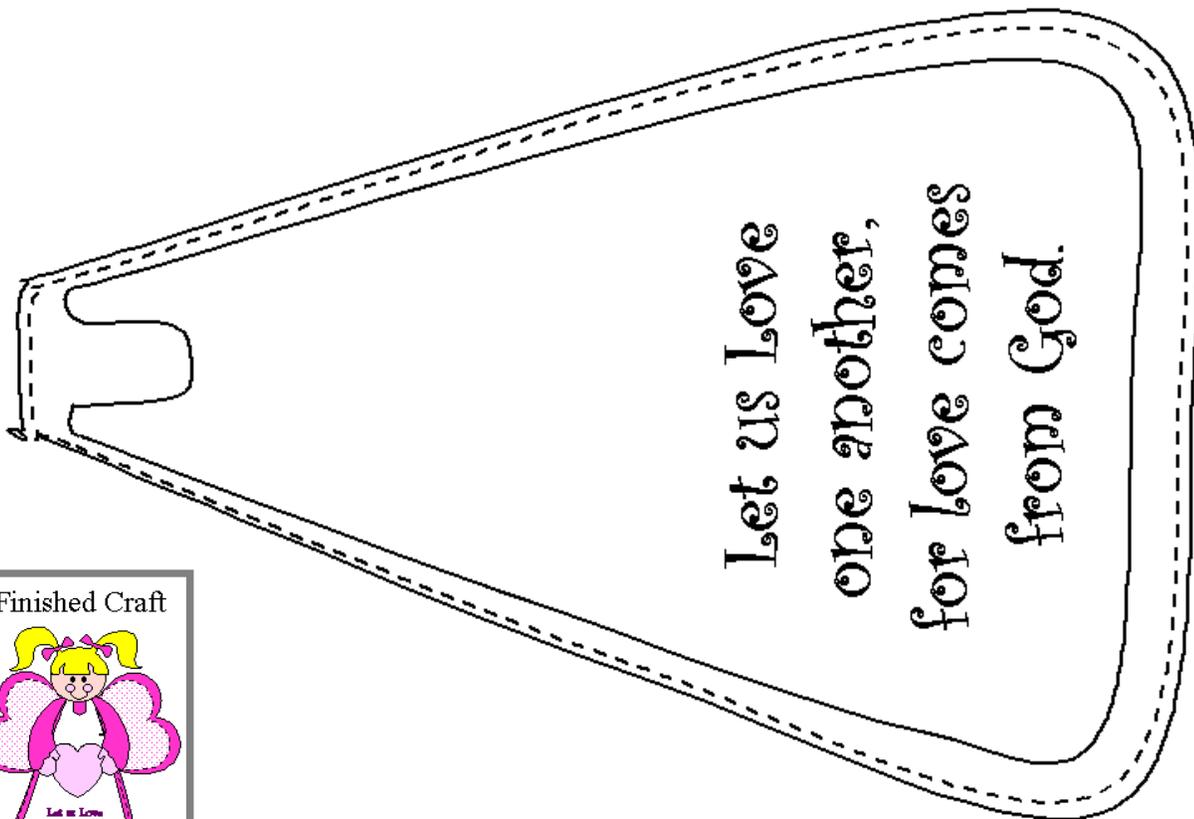
However many years a man may live, let him enjoy them all. (NIV)

Anniversary wishes go out to:

Thomas & Kaye Wick 2/16

Colossians 3:14

And beyond all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity.



Valentine's Day Angel Paper Craft

DLTK's Bible Crafts for Kids
Valentine's Day Angel Paper Craft
"Let us Love one another, for love comes
from God." 1 John 4:7

This craft includes your choice of a
template with a message or one that's
blank. You can use the blank template
and allow the children to print in their
own Valentine's message.

Read a bit about DLTK's Grow With Me
Craft Concept to get some ideas on how
this basic craft idea can be used with
different materials to make it appropriate
for everyone from ages 2 thru 82!

Alternative: Scotch tape a straw or
popsicle stick to the bottom to make a
puppet!

Materials:

- printer
- paper
- scissors
- glue
- something to color with (if using
B&W template)
- Directions:
- Print template of choice.

Color the template pieces if you are
doing the B&W version

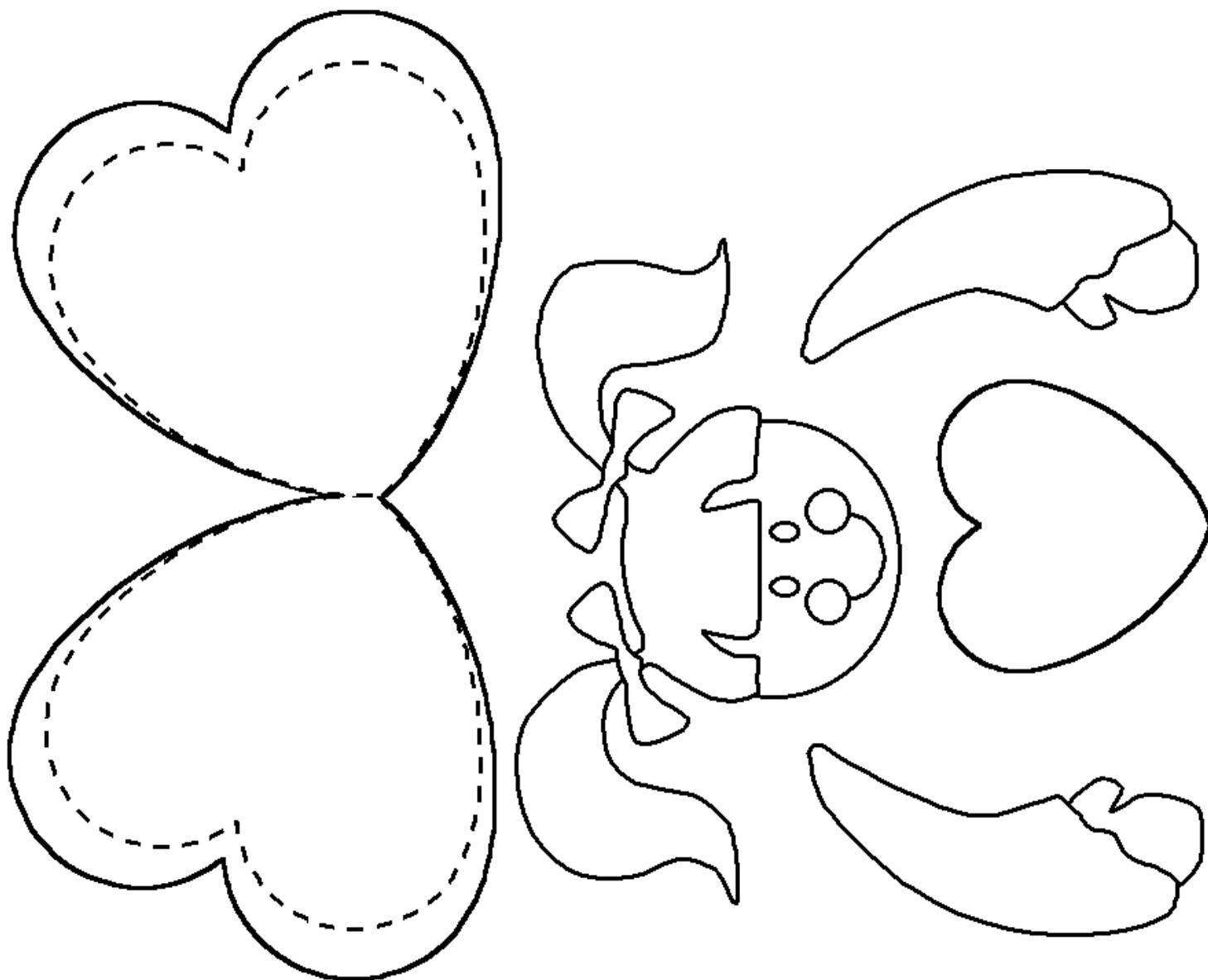
Cut out the template pieces (this may
require adult assistance — I usually
roughly cut the paper into pieces with
one template on each. Then I give my 3

year old the big ones to work on and I
cut out the smaller ones.)

The large piece (dress) is the bottom. To
it, glue (in order):

- the heart (right about in the center)
- the arms (so the hands overlap the
heart)
- the wings (on the back)
- the head

look at the image of the finished craft if
you get stuck (there's a small image of
the finished project on the second
template of each version).



Mission in Haiti

"Starting in January, our Sunday School offerings will go to the Haiti Lutheran Mission Society to provide meals and tuition for two students to attend a Lutheran school in Haiti. We will continue to collect for this mission until we have \$260, enough to pay for both of the students we adopted last year to continue in school." The following is an excerpt regarding education from the Haiti Lutheran Mission Society

Education in Haiti

The literacy rate in Haiti, as defined as those over the age of 15 who can read and write, is only 52.9%. Even though public education is "free" in Haiti, it is still not accessible to many Haitians. The cost is still too high for Haitian families who must pay for uniforms, textbooks, and supplies. Due to weak support from the state of education services, private and parochial schools make up about 90% of primary schools, and only 65% of primary school-aged children are actually enrolled. At the

secondary level, this number drops to around 20%. Less than 35% of those who enter will complete primary school. Although a high value is placed on education, very few Haitians can afford to send their kids to secondary schools. Today, primary school enrollment is also dropping due to economic factors. 60 percent of rural households suffer from chronic food insecurity, and food must come before education.

The typical school year runs from October through June. The education system is based on the French system, begins with six years of primary education followed by seven years of secondary education.

Higher education is provided by universities and other public and private institutions under the responsibility of the Ministry of Education.

With an adult illiteracy rate of 52% (48% of males are illiterate and 52.2% of females are illiterate), education remains a major obstacle to the economic and social growth of the country.

Trinity Lutheran Church Schedule

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Children and Adult Bible
studies start Sundays at 8:45
am

Divine worship at 10:00am

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