

Trinity Parish

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TRIO TO MAKE CENTRAL PA DEBUT



Trinity's Concert Series continues its outstanding performances with the newly formed West Branch Piano Trio on Sunday afternoon, November 20 at 4:00 p.m. Since his critically acclaimed Lincoln Center debut in 1993,

the American violinist Odin Rathnam has established himself as one of the most versatile artists of his generation. Odin is well-known to area audiences as the concertmaster of the Harrisburg Symphony Orchestra. He has been praised by critics and audiences alike



for his "captivating temperament," "brilliant technique," and "innate musicianship."

The West Branch Piano Trio was formed in the spring of 2005 by Mr. Rathnam, cellist Daniel Gaisford, and pianist Angela Jia Kim for a performance in New York.



The experience prompted the three acclaimed artists to pursue further collaborations as a trio and this program represents their first appearance in the midstate. Our concerts are free. Come and bring a friend.

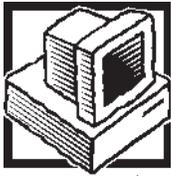
The Great Commission Window

The Great Commission Window, located in the left corner of the nave over the doors to the Gathering Space, is executed in a Renaissance-style treatment to accord with the building architecture, and a desire to retain interior light. Each pane is a sheet of antique, mouth-blown glass. Subject matter is rendered in a combination of kiln-fired iron oxide paint, silver stain (for yellow tones) and enamels (for other colors), all of which form a permanent bond with the glass.

The subject is The Great Commission as portrayed in the Gospel according to Saint Matthew, Chapter 28, verse 19, and written in the arc at the top of the window: "Go ye therefore and make disciples of all nations." Christ's charge is here interpreted across all nations and eras:

- Jesus, the central figure, holds the Word and stands upon the globe to indicate the scope of his mission and influence.
- Early apostles surround Jesus.
- On the right:
 - § Among the apostles is Lydia, purveyor of purple dyes, who was baptized by Paul at Philippi (Acts 16:14).
 - § Below Lydia is Martin Luther, holding the Bible he translated into German in 1536 and the mallet with which he nailed the 95 Theses to the door of Wittenberg Castle in 1517.
 - § Next to Luther is Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, founder of the Lutheran Church in America.
 - § Below Muhlenberg is William Tyndale, martyred in 1536 for publishing the Bible in English.
 - § Next to Tyndale is Trinity Lutheran Church, Camp Hill, Pennsylvania.
- On the left:
 - § Below the apostle is a Puritan immigrant to America and his ship.
 - § Below left is a Chinese youth in modern peasant dress.
 - § Bottom center is a Guatemalan girl dressed in a locally woven textile and carrying lilies.
 - § Bottom right is an African woman in traditional dress with infant.
- Above is the dove of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter left behind after the Resurrection.
- To the right is the triquetra, a symbol of the Trinity, and iteration of Trinity Lutheran Church's dedication.

The Great Commission Window, created by Willet Hauser Architectural Glass and a gift to Trinity, has been made possible by an anonymous donor.



Staff Notes

By The Reverend Nancy R. Easton

Our Own Family Tree

When our ninth grade daughter, Sarah, brought home an assignment to make her family tree, we ended up reflecting on our ancestors.

Sarah was to research to the fifth generation, indicating dates of birth and death, where the relative was born, and where they spent most of their life. While my husband Randy and I knew some information, this assignment required Sarah to phone her two grandmothers, who pulled out their family papers and gave Sarah all she needed to complete the task.

Seeing all that information together on a large poster, Randy and I pondered some things we discovered. We learned my grandmother Burglund died one day short of her 80th birthday. I guess I hadn't realized that when she died back in 1984. We learned Randy's great-grandmother Easton gave birth to Randy's grandfather when she was only 15 years of age. We determined my grandmother Rouse lived the longest of our ancestors, making it to the ripe old age of 94. We also noticed that, while Randy's eight great-grandparents all were born in the United States, six of my great-grandparents emigrated from England, Germany and Sweden (bringing with them that vile *lutefisk*, a codfish soaked in lye—though I'm Swedish, I do **not** eat the stuff!)

Combining that new knowledge with reprints of old photos I received at our family reunion this summer, I stand in awe of the passing of time and the histories of people who gave birth to our grandparents, parents, and then us. We are but one branch of this huge, leafy tree, and I am connected to people I never had opportunity to meet, but will finally come to know in God's heavenly kingdom.

This coming Sunday, November 6, will be celebrated as All Saints Sunday, a day to remember those in our congregation who have died in the previous year, as well as remember all who have died in the faith. Just as my biological ancestors have somehow shaped me by their lives, those in our congregation who have gone before us have shaped our lives and our ministry. These people are part of our history. They sang in our chancel choir and served on congregation council. They taught in our Sunday school and gave generously of their income to honor God in this place of worship. Thus we are connected to people we may never have had opportunity to meet here, but will finally come to know in God's heavenly kingdom.

Until that day, whenever we gather for the Lord's Supper, we experience the *communion of saints* (remember that phrase from the Apostles' Creed?). As we receive Christ's body and blood in the meal of bread and wine, we truly commune both with our Lord and with his people of every time and place. I commune with my grandmother Burglund and my brother Danny. You commune with those you've loved who've died in the faith. We all experience a mysterious unity with our Trinity brothers and sisters—those still living this earthly life, and those now living in the Church Triumphant. Thanks be to God!



Happy Birthday

Homebound Birthdays

- November 12
Iona Cook
123 Sunset View Drive
New Cumberland, PA 17070
- November 15
Dora Kanarr
Messiah Village - Room # 15
324 Messiah Circle
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055
- November 18
Shirley Coombe
Messiah Village - Room # 40-D
222 Messiah Circle
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055
- November 18
Mitzi Fortenbaugh
The Woods at Cedar Run - Apt. # 108
824 Lisburn Road
Camp Hill, PA 17011
- November 21
Jean Laufer
The Brethren Home - Special Care Unit
2990 Carlisle Pike
New Oxford, PA 17350
- November 24
Evelyn Bentz
5 Chelton Circle
Camp Hill, PA 17011

Staff Birthdays

- November 11
Blaine Gibson
- November 26
Pastor Hardy

FROM THE MISSIONS CORNER

By *Elizabeth Winters*

Can you comprehend \$20 million dollars? Yes, \$20,000,000! Your gift to the Katrina Disaster Appeal helped to make that amount possible. Lutherans and non Lutherans responded generously. Kathryn Sime, director for the ELCA world Hunger and Disaster Appeal writes: "I am grateful for all the gifts of prayers, volunteers and, most of all, financial contributions which will help fund a long-term response to the two hurricanes in the Gulf Coast."

Consider yourself thanked and graciously so. You can be proud of this organization and assured that when a disaster hits, Lutheran World Relief (LWR) is there working with other agencies so that disasters are dealt with efficiently. Continue to keep these people who have been so devastated and those who are bringing relief in your prayers. You also can be sure that the International Disaster Response is with the people in the Pakistan/India earthquake helping those in need.

As you begin your Christmas shopping, think about buying from the LWR Handcraft Project catalog. Buying gifts from artisans and farmers around the world is giving a gift of hope, dignity and justice to persons in the Third World countries. These items are also available at Ten Thousand Villages. I will have catalogs in the Gathering Space in November.

BLANKET SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Women of Trinity will be observing the Church World Service (CWS) Tools of Hope & Blanket Program on November 6. Gifts to this program help ease the suffering of people world-wide.

The devastation wrought by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita staggers our imagination and burdens our hearts. With contributions, Church World Services has already provided more than \$1.2 million in material assistance, including C.W.S. blankets to shelters and relocation centers in nine states. And, thanks to funds from C.W.S. Blanket Program, they will continue to meet emergency needs as well as the long-term demands of rebuilding shattered lives and communities in the Gulf States area.

A day after the powerful earthquake near the Pakistan-India border on October 8, the Church World Services and its Pakistan-Afghanistan office reports they are responding with expedited food relief and shelter kits to survivors of the "worst earthquake in a century".

Tools and Blankets provides the right "tools" at the right time: from blankets, tents, and emergency supplies in the wake of disaster, to material assistance, education and training, and small-enterprise loans as part of sustainable development programs.

A gift of \$25 provides warm blankets to a refugee family of five. When a family has lost everything these blankets mean warmth and so much more. Your gift can help give hope to vulnerable families around the world.

Special envelopes will be in the November 6 bulletins for your use or you may mail a check to the church office, payable to Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church with "Blanket Sunday" noted on the memo line. Proceeds will be forwarded to Church World Service.

TRINITY SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Make your reservation now for the November 16 luncheon. Lunch will begin at noon in Fellowship Hall followed by a program by Dan and Joan Bechtel, "Sheep to Shoulder." The sign-up sheet is at the desk in The Gathering Space. The cost is \$5.50 per person. Guests are encouraged - bring a friend or two.

The annual Christmas luncheon is set for Friday, December 16, beginning with social time at 11:30 a.m. and lunch at noon at the Officers' Club in Mechanicsburg. Reservation forms will be available soon in the church office and in the Gathering Space. You need not be a member of Trinity Seniors to attend. Join us for a good meal, entertainment and a carol sing.

Watch for details in Trinity Today later this month. Call Joan Conrad at 774-3331 with any questions.

LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION NOVEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

By *Bard Rupp*

Lutheran Men in Mission (LMM) will again be offering a fall clean-up day on November 5 with rain date November 12. Anyone needing help with clean-up, small fixes or repairs may sign-up for assistance. Please contact Mark Therkildsen if you are in need of LMM's services. Mark will coordinate the times and dispatch the crews. If you can help LMM, please contact Mark also.

Christmas is just around the corner and LMM will be entering the woods to cut our sanctuary trees. LMM is looking for a few good men to help select, cut and return the trees to the church. If you are interested in either cutting the trees or trimming, please contact either Bard Rupp or George Enney. LMM will gather and return the trees to the church on November 26. LMM will meet on Saturday, December 3, at 8:00 a.m. to trim the trees.

Thanks-Giving Meal to Follow November 20 Concert

There will be a hot/cold turkey sandwich meal on November 20 at 6 p.m. following the 4 p.m. concert. There will be a nominal charge to cover expenses and each family unit attending will be asked to bring a dessert to share.

Attendance at the concert is not a requirement, but why not spend a late afternoon/early evening at Trinity and attend both. And bring a neighbor or friend.

Watch the bulletin each Sunday for more information.

If you would like to help with the arrangements or clean-up, please contact Rick Stevens, Arlene Corso or Doug Bonsall.



Letters to Trinity

We give thee but thine own. What e'er the gift may be; All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord from thee. Amen.

Dear Pastors and Trinity members,

I want to thank everyone for the concern and love shown to my mother, Doris Myers, during her time in the nursing home and to the family following her death.

She enjoyed the altar flowers, the prayer shawl and personal visits.

Having so many Trinity friends at her service and giving support in the days following was a great comfort to me.

God Bless,

Charlene Myers Meyers

A THANK YOU FROM WOMEN OF TRINITY

Thank you to all who contributed to the Women of Trinity (WOT) school kit project! Because of all of you – Wal-Mart, the WOT sewing group, and those who donated school supplies – we were able to exceed last year's goal of 40 bags of supplies to be sent to third world countries. Together we have made a difference in the lives of those in need. God bless you all.

Vicky Therkildsen and Laurie Kessler

Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes will be available in the Gathering Space, November 10-27. It will save on postage if you can pick up your box during this time and perhaps that of a neighbor or friend who is unable to get to church. Thanks for your help.

Have you made any household changes?

New address, phone number,
e-mail address, birth of a child?

Do you have a student in college or has your child graduated and moved to their own home?

A family member serving in the military?

Please call the church office at (717) 737-8635
or e-mail at: trinluth@trinitycamphill.org

Artist of the Month

*Painter of sunlight and shadow,
Wind, snow, rain
In city and country
Artist of changing moods of nature
Fleeting effects of light*

Fleur Byers creates art in many mediums: pastel, oil, etching, charcoal, graphite and pen and ink. In her realistic/impressionistic style, she focuses her artistic attention on a variety of subjects, from figures in the urban setting to landscapes and sky paintings.

For more than 30 years, Byers has exhibited her art work in over 350 exhibits throughout the United States, primarily in the metropolitan areas of New York, Boston, Washington, Baltimore, and Philadelphia. Her work has brought her over 70 awards in international, national and regional art exhibitions; and her biography is included in *Who's Who of American Women* and *Who's Who in American Art*.

Many of Byers' works are included in corporate and private collections. Her paintings, drawings and etchings have appeared in numerous literary/art journals and have often been reviewed in magazines and newspapers of the northeast area.

In addition to a busy exhibition schedule, Byers, who lives in New Cumberland, teaches classes in painting and drawing and travels throughout the northeast giving painting demonstrations and workshops.

Peter Mayer's Stars and Promises Alive 2005 Christmas Concert

Peter Mayer's Stars and Promises Alive 2005 Christmas Concert, hosted by the Lutheran Men in Mission and the Parrot Heads in Amish Paradise, will take place on Friday, December 9, at 8:00 p.m. at Trinity. The concert will benefit the ministries of the Lutheran Men in Mission in Central Pennsylvania.

Guitarist, vocalist, and songwriter Peter Mayer has been quietly and steadily building a fervent following across the country, stepping outside his role as one of Jimmy Buffett's Coral Reefers to front his own band, The Peter Mayer Group. Melding a unique and eclectic writing style, a distinctive voice, and virtuoso musicianship, Mayer and his band create compelling and accessible music that is electrifying in live performance.

Beginning November 28, Mayer will take the message and songs of Stars and Promises Alive across America and into the Caribbean, as a seven-piece ensemble. This worldwide concert tour will travel from the Midwest, throughout New England, Pennsylvania, and the Southeast, ending in the Cayman Islands just before Christmas. Joining the tour are R. Scott Bryan on percussion, who toured and recorded with Sheryl Crow for five years, and Mark Holland on native American wood flute, concert flute, and various wind instruments, who founded the acoustic folk ensemble, Autumn's Child. The tour will also include pianist Chris Walters who worked with various artists including Barbara Mandrell and Alabama.

Tickets are on sale through Trinity's Lutheran Men in Mission. Prices are \$20 for adults, \$10 for children under 12. Children under five are free.

WOMEN OF TRINITY CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON AND PROGRAM

The *Women of Trinity* (WOT) Christmas Luncheon and Program will be held on **December 10, 2005**. All women of Trinity and guests are invited.

This event will begin at 11:00 a.m. by gathering and packing cookies for our at-home members. If you wish to donate cookies, please drop them off in the church kitchen during the week or prior to packing time. Please label them “WOT Christmas Party”.

The catered luncheon will begin at approximately 12:00 noon. The guest speaker for the luncheon will be Cheryl Hornung, founder of Caitlin’s Smiles, a charity which distributes bags to hospitalized children. Cheryl, who has been recognized by President George W. Bush for her work in this charity, started the organization in memory of her daughter, Caitlin. She will talk about how this organization makes a difference in the lives of children who are suffering from life-threatening illnesses.

Cheryl and her organization distribute “Smiley Bags” at many area hospitals. As part of our Christmas program, each person is asked to bring a donation for the Smiley Bags. Items needed for these bags includes: coloring books, drawing pads, crayons, markers, notebook with stickers, journal/ diary with pen, play dough or modeling clay, craft kit activities, and plush stuffed animals. We will be collecting these items and donating them to Caitlin’s Smiles.

A sign up sheet will be available at the Information Desk in the Gathering Space beginning November 20. Free will donations for the luncheon will be taken on December 10. Please come join us for a time of joy and fellowship in the celebration of the Birth of our Savior Jesus Christ.

WOMEN OF TRINITY

WOMEN LIKE US. In the ongoing *Women Like Us* series, the Women of Trinity Circle groups will study “Hannah: Choosing to Love Children” in the November meetings. The study will focus on 1 Samuel 1; 2:12-26. The *Women Like Us* series is designed to encourage women in their spiritual journeys and draws comparisons to women of the Bible, whose lives have many similarities to our own. Please come and join us. There is a time for everyone.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Circle</u>	<u>Place</u>
Nov. 1 – Tuesday	9:30 a.m.	1	Library
Nov. 1 – Tuesday	9:30 a.m.	4	Room 237
Nov. 1 – Tuesday	1:30 p.m.	5	Library
Nov. 3 – Thursday	9:30 a.m.	3	Cornerstone
Nov. 7 – Monday	7:00 p.m.	6&8	Library

From Your Director of Learning Ministries

I hope you are having a splendid autumn. This is my favorite time of year.

On Sunday morning, November 6, Lutheran Roots, a six-Sunday course, will meet as a class at 9:30 in Room 239. Led by Tim Sheaffer, Lutheran Roots is designed to be both an indepth extension of the Affirmation of Faith Class for new members and a deeper exploration of our faith tradition for all of us.

On Sunday morning, November 13, at 9:30 in Room 126, Pastor Stewart Hardy will lead a presentation on the Special Topic, “The Senior Pastor Looks at Reading the Bible.” Pastor Hardy will take us through the origin and process of the forming of Christian scripture along with traditional and contemporary uses and interpretations of scripture.

There are green brochures distributed throughout the church—and available through my office—that describe all of our worship and learning opportunities at Trinity for the fall semester.

I’d like to mention a few things in terms of need. If I were to give you a wish list for the learning ministries at the church—well, here it is. The use of media equipment is on the rise at the church (a good trend). So our television monitors and videocassette recorders from the ‘70s need to be replaced. If you have good televisions or VCRs, DVD players that you are considering replacing with new liquid or plasma devices or other things, please consider giving what you have to the church. These machines must be in good condition. We don’t repair A-V equipment at the church and we need things to last. So I must use discretion in deciding what to use and how. But, at the same time, we’d be grateful for any new-ish media you might not be using anymore.

In terms of person need, our rotational classes on Sunday morning (Kindergarten through Fifth Grade) change teachers every three weeks. We are using new Lutheran curriculum, which can always be supplemented with more ideas and options. The program is especially designed for those not trained in teaching. If you’d like to try a three-week stint in the rotations, sing out.

A teacher-in-training for the Senior High Class is also needed. No prior experience is necessary: resources and training are provided on the job (the volunteer job, that is). Contact Stephanie Maurer or me. What can I say? There are always snacks.

My prayers for blessings to you as we end the current church year this month. God keep you,

Christopher

Have you visited www.trinitycamphill.org lately?

If not, take a look! Trinity's web site has a lot to offer.

By Jeff Weaver, Webmaster

Here are some navigation tips:

- On the left side of every page (the two discussion sites being the only exceptions) there are a series of buttons that take you to a variety of areas of the web site. These include: Home Page, Worship Services, Devotional Aids, Ministries, Arts & Music, Education, Preschool, Calendars, News & Events, About Trinity, Directions & Maps, People & Groups, Youth Group, Sermons, Trinity Parish, Related Links and Quick Links.
- Some of the pages (Worship Services, Arts & Music, Preschool, About Trinity and Youth Group, for instance) have buttons in the header area that take you to related pages.
- In almost all cases, clicking on a word or phrase that is underlined will take you to a page that provides more information related to that word or phrase.
- Related Links provides links to such web pages as the ELCA, Lower Susquehanna Synod and others.
- Quick Links provides links to many pages that bypass their parent pages. For instance, you might be looking for the Christ Renews His Parish page (Ministries parent page), the Lutheran Men in Mission page (People & Groups parent page) or the Women of Trinity page (People & Groups parent page). Links to these are found on Quick Links, not only by their names, but also by their initials (CRHP, LMM, WOT).

What are you looking for? Information about:

- Worship services – times, types, orders of service, special services, etc. – click on Worship Services.
- The daily lectionary, daily or weekly devotions from a variety of sources, Trinity's every member prayer list, Luther's Small Catechism and other devotional materials – click on Devotional Aids.
- Christ Renews His Parish, On Eagle's Wings, Prison Ministry, Kambasegela Congregation and our other ministries – click on Ministries.
- Our concert series, the current artist featured in the Gathering Space, our vocal choirs, our bell choirs, FaithX and other arts and music related information – click on Arts & Music.
- Our Educational Ministry programs and available Sunday School classes – click on Education
- Trinity's Preschool – program details, available classes, policies, costs – click on Preschool
- Calendar information included in the yellow Trinity Today foldouts – click on Calendars
- News and events items included in the yellow Trinity Today foldouts – click on News & Events
- Building and office hours, building floor plans, pictorial tour, our mission statement, our congregational goal, the latest annual report and other miscellaneous information – click on About Trinity
- Directions and maps to Trinity, both for on-line viewing and in a printer-friendly format for printing – click on Directions and Maps
- Trinity's staff, Congregation Council, committees and groups within the church – click on People & Groups
- Trinity's Youth Group (YG), including a schedule of events for the year and lots of photos – click on Youth Group
- Copies of sermons – Generally they are available a few days after they were preached and include most of the sermons since January, 2004 – click on Sermons
- Copies of Becky Enney's children's stories from the 10:45 service, from August 7, 2005 on – click on Sermons
- Copies of Trinity Parish – All issues since February, 2005 are available – click on Trinity Parish

Trinity's web site tries to achieve a balance between providing information helpful to people outside the congregation that may be visiting, attending a program at Trinity or seeking a church home, and providing information that is helpful to members of the congregation. Your comments and suggestions are not only welcomed, they are encouraged. The most helpful way of providing comments or suggestions is by email to TrinityLutheranWebMaster@comcast.net.

Over the next several months, look for some of the following improvements and additions:

- A new pictorial tour of both the exterior and interior of the building featuring many of the several hundred photographs taken by David Spear.
- The Art of Trinity – From the "Instructive Christ", the "Good Shepherd" and "David and the Lambs" sculptures, to the cantilevered altar and the cross in the columbarium, to the centennial banner and the centennial quilt, to the baptismal font in the nave, to the needle point cushions to so much more, we have wonderful examples of Christian art throughout the interior and exterior of the building. Over time, as many of these as possible will be highlighted on the web site.
- The Ministries page will be expanded to provide a more complete picture of the ministries that are undertaken by, or supported by, Trinity.

Join Us For

A Trinity Family Christmas

A concert presented by
FaithX and the childrens' choirs

Sunday, December 4, 2005

4:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

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