

Trinity Parish

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The Gospel of John

a live off-Broadway and U.S. touring performance
Sunday, Oct. 21, 2007 * 4:00 p.m.

It took nearly five months for actor Brad Sherrill to memorize all 20,000 words of The Gospel of John. He had plans to perform it just once at his home church in Atlanta, but has since presented John's gospel over 400 times in professional theaters and churches across the U.S. and Canada. In October, Sherrill will bring his celebrated touring performance to Trinity.

The Gospel of John is a one-man "live" performance of the fourth gospel in its entirety. Since its premiere in 2000, The Gospel of John's 400 performances have included a six-week off-Broadway run at New York City's historic Lamb's Theatre (2003) and theater runs in Washington D.C., Toronto and Atlanta (from 2001-2005.) It has also been performed at Yale School of Divinity (2002), the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD (2004) and American and Catholic Universities in Washington D.C. (2005). In 2007, The Gospel of John will make its Chicago theater debut at Provision Theater Co. during the month of February.

With perhaps a dozen very simple props used in a variety of ways, Sherrill transforms the gospel into a captivating drama, presenting the entire story of the life, ministry, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. An estimated 80,000 people across the country have now experienced a rare opportunity to see and hear an entire gospel presented live in this dramatic fashion. Response

to The Gospel of John has been overwhelmingly positive from clergy, lay members and the press.

Brad Sherrill has acted professionally in Atlanta since 1983. He was selected by Atlanta Magazine in 2000 as Atlanta's Best Dramatic Actor. He has performed in 15 productions at Atlanta's Alliance Theatre and is an Artistic Associate for the Georgia Shakespeare Theatre where he has acted in over 30 productions in 16 seasons.

"An amazing achievement! You need only watch him as John the Baptist, testifying to his first sighting of Jesus Christ, to become a believer."

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

"The Gospel of John is a sweaty, gritty tale of a miracle-working idealist who runs afoul of the law. Passion, longing, envy, greed, ambition, intrigue and betrayal -- it's all here, and it is riveting!"

The Washington Post

Luther-Fest in honor of Reformation Sunday, October 28, 2007

Join with fellow Lutherans for an evening of delicious German food (a Roberts' family home-cooked four course dinner including beverage), German music featuring soloists from the Harrisburg Singers, a silent auction with goods and services donated by local merchants and individuals, and a Luther Trivia Contest with prizes, hosted by none other than the Wittenberger himself!!

The Luther evening will be held at Messiah Lutheran Church, Forster and Commonwealth Streets in Harrisburg on Sunday, October 28 – REFORMATION SUNDAY – from 5-9 p.m. Free parking is available behind the church buildings. Reserve your tickets by calling the Messiah Church office (233-6731) or contacting Linda or Laurie Roberts (737-9997 or e-mail: lroberts@mac.com). Tickets are \$20 per adult/teen, \$10 per child under 12. Space is limited, so reserve today or by Sunday, October 21 at the latest. If you have items or services (a weekend at your vacation home, a gourmet meal provided by you, babysitting service, another creative idea, etc.) to donate for the silent auction, please contact Linda or Laurie. Proceeds benefit the Youth Ministry at Messiah. Share fellowship, food and fun with area Lutherans on that important Sunday in our faith, Reformation Sunday, October 28!



Blood Bank News

Many thanks to the 24 successful people, who donated at the final 2007 Blood Drive on September 9, AND a special thanks to those that just "dropped in." Without you, we wouldn't have done nearly as well. Trinity will once again "go over" the Central PA Blood Bank's goal, but remember you still have some work to do to reach Jeanie's goal of 175 units. That means you have three months to donate at the local hospitals (including York, Hanover and Gettysburg), donor centers, or Community Blood Drives. Labor Day accidents really put a drain on the Blood Bank. The supply of some types of blood is at an emergency level. Please do your part and donate!

Many of you know that Bob Lyman, Frank Gamber, Bob Landis, and Ken Bistline have all been active, hard-working Trinity members for many years. But I will tell you something else about them that you might not know! For many years, they were my four "senior," "mature," "whatever you want to call them," regular blood donors. Many times they were the first to sign up, and they were usually accepted, without question. Now, however, their doctors, say, "No More Blood Donating!" Not only did they donate to the Central PA Blood Bank, but some started when they were in the military during World War II. What does this mean? It means that we need younger people to form the same life long blood donor habit that the two Bobs, Frank, and Ken had for so many years.

If you see these gentlemen around Trinity, please be sure to say Thank You! Better yet, replace them as a regular blood donor. Did you know, that by the time someone is 72 years old there is a 95% chance they will need a blood transfusion? I'll have to ask them if they ever needed a transfusion, because they are all certainly more than 72 years old!

Call Jeanie Bentzel at 766-3526 if you have any questions. The next time CPBB comes to Trinity is Sunday, January 20, 2008.

Jeanie Bentzel

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STAFF NOTES

"The Path to Take"

The hike was meant to be a little less rugged and lengthy than it became. Our family traveled into Dauphin County on Labor Day to walk in a state park on trails we'd hiked several times before. This time, though, the grasses and weeds were covering the trails, sometimes high as my hips. We wondered if the waning days of summer simply brought fewer people to that park for a hike, if end-of-summer vacations and back-to-school activities like pre-season sports meant the trails were unused for a few weeks. It looked as if no one had hiked those trails in awhile, and at points our hike seemed to be more like trail-blazing than we'd bargained for. Sometimes we even had to stand still, look carefully at our map, and decide just where the trail really was going. At hike's end, grateful for a snack and water at our van, we figured we'd done our part to tramp down the wild grasses on the paths for those who would come after us.

Our own journey of faith can be like that unexpected rugged, lengthy hike we made that day. Jesus' call to discipleship and lives of faithful obedience can set us on paths that are not "easy-to-moderate," as the trail maps indicate. Instead, the journey is challenging. Tough decisions about kingdom priorities come up in front of us on the trail. Suddenly we're confronted with choices: How we spend our time, energy, and money. How we live out our baptism as forgiven and empowered people of God. How we reach out into a broken world with God's love when doing so brings the possibility of rejection and risk. How we get back on the trail again when we find ourselves lost and confused.

Of course, Jesus never promised his disciples that the journey would be easy. In his "Sermon on the Mount," a compilation of his teachings in Matthew 5-7, Jesus speaks about the narrow gate his followers are called to enter in their journey of faith. Matthew records Jesus saying, "Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the road is easy that leads to destruction, and there are many who take it. For the gate is narrow and the road is hard that leads to life, and there are few who find it." (Matt. 7:13-14) How accurate those words are! When "everyone is doing it," how easy it is to take the path of least resistance trod by the many, and adopt actions or attitudes that are truly contrary to God's holy ways. To take the road less traveled, as Robert Frost put it, can indeed make all the difference, and may just take us to places where, not only we will grow in faith, but also will be able to speak to Christ and be his hands and feet, offering justice and compassion for those who have been long without. Only you must not be surprised at the ruggedness of the road along the way.

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Yet that rugged road has already been traveled, the trail blazed, and we keep ever in our sight the One who took that journey before us. We look to Jesus Christ, who journeyed to the cross. He is the One whose direction we seek, whose words keep us firmly on the path, and whose resurrected life brings us to our journey's end and the place where we belong.

The Reverend Nancy R. Easton

A Note from the President

As many of you know, my wife Judy and I have moved many times during our marriage because of my job. Therefore, we have belonged to many Lutheran congregations. We have found Trinity Lutheran Church to be the most caring, loving and giving congregation that we have ever belonged too. Whenever the congregation is made aware of a need they give very generously. Whether it is for World Hunger, Katrina relief or one of the many other ministries that Trinity supports, people respond.

However, did you know that instead of mailing a check to the organization or cause that Trinity is supporting, there is an easier way for you to give? All you need to do is to use one of the blue colored envelopes in the pews and write the recipient organization's name on the memo line of your check.

Why give this way? There are several good reasons. First, you save the postage. Second, you need not wait for a receipt from the organization you gave too. The contribution will be credited to your giving at Trinity and it will show up on your regular giving record. Lastly, since Trinity will be sending the final check, our congregation's benevolence giving will be credited with the giving, so we will get a better idea of how much benevolent giving Trinity actually does.

The choice is up to you how you give, but please consider the above information and if it is convenient for you, please give your charitable giving through Trinity.

Tim Trissler

Stewardship Reflection

We pay our family bills on a regular basis: a mortgage, multiple utility bills (some not really a utility but more an extravagance i.e. Comcast so I can enjoy sports on TV), taxes, insurance, home and auto maintenance, gasoline, food, entertainment and credit cards.

We also plan our giving to Trinity in October when we make our annual stewardship pledge. In recent years, "On Eagle's Wings" and other ministries we support have taken a larger share of our income. Lots and lots of calls on our income and it seems more every year. Our

financial commitment, however, starts with Christ and His ministry here at Trinity and around the world.

When I started to think about this month's "Stewardship Reflection," I was also considering a large unplanned, unbudgeted expense for work on our home. This led me to think about large unbudgeted and unplanned maintenance expenses at Trinity. Yes, at Trinity we do plan and budget for long term maintenance and replacement needs. At any time, however, a major expense can occur and it can cost thousands of dollars. The Property Committee, Finance Committee and Congregation Council then have to "find" the money. They have to wrestle with which budgeted items to defer without cutting ministries. As homeowners we can borrow the equity in our home to finance major repairs. At Trinity we must go to the members and ask for additional financial support.

I did a little research. Did you know that Trinity's gas bill incurred for February 2007 was \$9,885.00? It was also our lowest month thus far this year for contributions - both for the same reason: cold weather, ice, snow and sleet. Our total gas bill for the first seven months of 2007 was \$29,000; our electric bill for the same seven months was \$18,000, and the annual premiums for property and liability insurance is \$27,500.

When you are paying your bills, please reflect on Trinity's overhead expenses. We need all members of the parish to step up and accept the challenge and increase giving, now! Continued inflation in the costs of supplies, services and utilities is inevitable. 2008 expenses will doubtless be higher!

Christ expects us to live out our discipleship – "Stewardship is what we do after we say we believe."

Jim Kriebel

A course for Lutherans–

Lutheran Roots

meeting at 9:30 Sunday morning
in Room 239

November 4, 11, 18; December 2, 9, 16

There'll be prizes!

Well, no there won't.

But there won't be a final exam, either.

We will, though, learn or re-learn,
what it means to be part of this marvelous tradition,
which we prize,
the Lutheran Church

All church members and visitors are invited!

Questions? Contact Christopher Couch,
through the church office.

Presentation on Elder Law
Wednesday, October 24
7 to 9 p.m.
Library

All are welcome.

Advanced Directives, Transfer of Assets, Power of Attorney or Durable Power of Attorney, Guardianship, Wills, Trusts, and Estate Planning. If any of these issues are confusing to you or hard to understand, please plan to attend this presentation by Elder Law Attorney Marielle F. Hazen.

Marielle Hazen has earned the distinction of being one of only 31 attorneys in Pennsylvania to be certified as an Elder Law Attorney by the National Elder Law Foundation, as authorized by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. She is a member of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys and a past Chair of the Elder Law Section of the Pennsylvania Bar Association. She is an editor for the PBA Elder law Section Newsletter and is actively involved in the legislative advocacy activities of the Section. Hazen is also a member of the Special Needs Alliance, a national network of attorneys dedicated to Disability and Public Benefits law, and of the American, Pennsylvania, Dauphin and Cumberland Counties Bar Associations.

If you or a loved one you are caring for have questions on any of these legal issues or other questions, please bring them to this gathering.



Potluck Dinner

Interested in Supper Clubs?
Here's your change to get a taste of what they're like. Everyone is welcome to join the final supper club

potluck dinner after church, at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, October 14 in Rooms 124-126.

Please bring a dish to share – the kitchen will be available either to store cold food in the refrigerator – or with volunteers who will heat your dish in the oven at the prescribed time and temperature.

It will be a final time for the fall supper club groups (70 participants who have met in each other's homes once a month for the last three months) to get together, along with any additional interested folks and enjoy each other's company. So please join us in fellowship, meet some new friends, talk to some old ones and enjoy a good meal together.

Sign-up sheets will be in the Gathering Space, or contact Kathy Holmes at 761-4977 or kathyholmes@mac.com.

Trinity Prayer Concerns

- The Lord has provided Trinity with a good foundation of committed Christians who desire a closer relationship with Him and with each other. We pray for all these groups at Trinity. And we pray that the Lord is lifted up and is pleased with our gatherings. May God be glorified!
- We pray that our heavenly Father blesses and protects our servicemen and servicewomen who are in harm's way.
- We pray for our missionaries and those of us who go on mission trips. We ask that God grants each one good health, safety, and a successful mission.
- We pray for our Lord's protection over the little ones who will go trick-or-treating at the end of the month. May they be safe? And may they have fun!
- As Lutherans, we celebrate our 490th birthday on October 31 – the date Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses onto the door at the Wittenberg Castle Church. And, now, we pray that we never ever lose sight of God's love and grace through Christ Jesus. Amen.

Every Member Prayer Ministry

"When men in a ship pull on a rope fastened to an anchor, they do not pull the anchor toward them but themselves toward the anchor. In the same way, when we pray, our words are not to pull God toward us but to pull us toward Him."

September 30-October 6: Mary Snyder; Joseph, Inez, and Ilsa Snyder; Isabel Snyder; Faye Snyder; Douglas, Joy, and Eric Snyder; Dave, Gretchen, Emily, Kevin, Rachel, and Olivia Snyder; Clayton, Daria, Landon, and Larissa Snyder. October 7-13: Jack and Karen Snider; John and Sally Smither; Wallace and Kathleen Smith; Travis, Diana, Rachel, Rebecca, and Riva Smith; Tamatha, Abigail, and Ava Smith; Scott, Karen, Amanda, and Wilton Smith; Roger and Roberta Smith; Jennifer Smith; Heather Smith; David Smith. October 14-20: Todd, Carol, Bradford, and Benjamin Smeltz; Ray and Marian Smeltz; Jack and Irmgard Smawley; Emma Smawley; Kelsey Smart; William and Mary Slike; John and Loma Slike; William, Ursula, William, and Spencer Siverling. October 21-27: James, Annie, and Lydia Sitlinger; Lois Sipe; Kimberly Singel; Paul and Heidi Sienkiewicz; Frank, Frank, Thomas, and Ashley Sienkiewicz; Frank and Clara Sienkiewicz; John and Nancy Shutika; William Shupp. October 28-November 3: Beth Shunk; William Shuman; James and Gloria Shuman; Karla Shultz; Ed and Marcie Shuey; Scott, Karen, and Gregory Shreffler; Dennis, Jane, and Bradley Shoop; William, Annie, and Dane Shoemaker.

Letters to Trinity

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ at Trinity,

I am writing to thank you for the generous gift that you recently gave our Parish. The gift of numerous LBWs and WOVs is so greatly appreciated and enjoyed. They will be used for years to come and will add music and life to our worship.

It is always amazing to see how a congregation can do ministry over so many miles. Please know that Trinity is once again doing God's work. May you all be blessed as you continue your mission and ministry in Camp Hill and beyond.

Thank you again,

The Reverend Sarah M. Keilholtz
Pastor, Central Bedford Lutheran Parish
(Rev. Keilholtz served as Trinity's Vicar)

Dear Friends,

Let me express my deep gratitude and thanks for your prayers, cards, and kindnesses extended to me after my hip surgery and during my recovery. A day didn't go by without a note or a call, or some kindness. A special thanks to those who drove me to my physical therapy appointments and to the drivers from Trinity cares.

May God bless you as you have abundantly blessed me.

Pastor Hardy

Attn: Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Memorial Fund

We are enclosing a check to your Memorial Fund for \$200.00 in memory of our beloved son, James P. Fickes. Jimmy was so proud, grateful and happy to be a member of Trinity.

We could never have enough thank-yous for all of the many acts of kindness bestowed on Jimmy and his family, by your church members, during his illness. The list is endless! What a true witness of Christian love! We truly appreciate everything, including the luncheon provided after the funeral services for family and friends.

Please extend our love and thanks to everyone, who in any way, helped to ease the burden for Jim, Suzanne, young Jim and Paige.

Most gratefully,

Winnie & Jim Fickes

Dear Pastor Brock,

Please express our thanks to all who contributed in any way to the support of the funeral – those who cleaned and prepared the church, those who prepared the program, the vocalist, the organist, the sound technician

and the many individuals who supported the meal after the burial. Having all of these details handled so effectively enabled us to focus our energies on caring for one another and in expressing our goodbyes to a son, a brother, a husband and a father. The outpouring of support and good words in those days and since reminds us of all the good Jim did in his all too brief life. His service to others was also service unto our Lord.

You have our sincere and grateful thanks. God bless all of you for your loving support.

Your brother in Christ,

Scott A. Fickes
(Jim's eldest brother)

Dear Trinity family:

The outpouring of kindness and support offered to the Fickes family during the past year has been overwhelming. It was extremely gratifying to observe a congregation willingly offer assistance in so many meaningful ways. To everyone who prepared and delivered meals (more than 60 members), cleaned the house or yard, went grocery shopping, donated money, knitted a prayer shawl or performed other acts of caring, **THANK YOU FOR PUTTING YOUR FAITH INTO ACTION.** The help offered to the Fickeses truly was a "team effort." I especially thank Meal Coordinator Carol Lundquist, Housecleaning Coordinator Kelly George, and Grocery Shoppers Alden and Donna Amig for their outstanding efforts.

Gratefully,

Jane Hess, Coordinator
ALS Care Team

Dear Pastor Hardy,

This letter comes to express to you and your congregation deep gratitude for the care and support you offered to the Jim Fickes family during Jim's journey with ALS.

It was evident when I spoke at your church a year ago and helped to form the Congregational Care Team. Jane Hess did a wonderful job of coordinating support needs ongoing and through difficult times. She has since expressed her gratitude for the care and support the congregation has given.

It was an honor to have a part in the "kingdom work".

Blessings

Barbara Gascko
ALS Clinic Chaplain
ALS Association,
Greater Philadelphia Chapter

Thanks to all ...

We had some terrific visits from guest musicians to supplement the summer Contemporary Worship schedule. Thanks to Carolyn Sweeney who joined us on July 1; Nancy Martin, July 8; the Heinly family, July 15; Pastor Nancy Easton and Robin Fero, July 29; Mark and Amy Heinly again on August 19; and Amy Koch on August 28. Shannon Jones rejoined the band while she was home from college for the summer. What exceptional gifts they all have and I thank them for being so willing to share their offerings with us! We also enjoyed the company of guest musicians during the Second Summer Sundaes Concert Series. Evan Brock in June, Mark and Amy Heinley in July, and Amy Koch in August. It was a terrific team effort!

Debbie Wilson
Director of Contemporary Worship Music

Lutheran World Federation Celebrates its 60th Year

In 1947 Lutherans came together following WW II to form the Lutheran World Federation to assist with caring for the tens of thousands of refugees in Europe, many of whom were Lutherans, and to begin to heal the wounds where Lutherans had been at war with other Lutherans.

Today we are 66 million members strong, and 66 million Lutherans DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE. LWF is made up of 140 member church bodies in 78 countries. They have relief and development projects around the world, are active in responding to the needs of the 140 churches, are involved with ecumenical relations, human rights advocacy, HIV and AIDS work, theology and countless other ministries.

LWF General Secretary, Dr. Ishmael Noko says the following:

"We are a communion of churches united through Word and Sacrament. This holds us together in a more profound sense than any constitutional requirements. Whenever and wherever we gather in local congregations to hear the Word and celebrate the Sacraments we are reminded that we do so as part of the communion of saints worldwide."

That includes us as members of Trinity. One of LWF's projects is to provide water by digging wells, building dams, creating catchment facilities, and teaching about clean water. Country by country, village by village, working with village leaders in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and Eastern Europe we are making a difference.

As we celebrate, let us give thanks for LWF and for the impact it has on people everywhere. Take time to pray the following prayer sometime during this month of celebration. "Gracious God, we gather here mindful of our family around the world, those who awoke hungry this morning and will go to bed hungry tonight; those who live

in fear of bombs and destruction; those who long for a word of hope. We give thanks for all those who woke this day to feed the hungry, and care for those in need. We give special thanks today for our work together through the LWF. May your gracious Spirit be active and comforting to all. Open our minds now and awaken your call to us. In gratitude we pray. Amen."

Congratulations LWF. Continue to serve in Christ's name. And to members of Trinity, MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

Elizabeth Winters

Remember to Get Your Flu Shot

October and November are the best months to get a flu shot. The flu is a contagious respiratory disease, and its symptoms include fever, headache, extreme tiredness, sore throat and cough, runny or stuffy nose, and muscle aches.

Be sure to get a flu shot so that you can avoid the distress of this illness. You are considered at high risk for flu related complications if you:

- Are 50 or older
- Live in a nursing home or chronic care facility
- Have a chronic condition, such as diabetes or heart, liver, lung or kidney disease
- Have a weakened immune system
- Are pregnant
- Are a health care professional or a family member caring for high-risk persons.

Maybe you have not gotten a flu shot before because you thought it would give you the flu. The flu shot cannot cause the flu. If you get sick after you get a flu shot, it is because you were exposed to the flu before receiving the shot or you came down with some other virus that may feel like the flu.

Another good reason to get a flu shot is to avoid passing the flu on to someone else.

Parish Ministry Committee

Got Cans?

If you have aluminum soda cans to recycle, please bring them to Trinity's kitchen any time during the week and place them in the white recycling container. Habitat for Humanity will receive a donation from CRS Recycle for each pound of aluminum recycled. Trinity's Lutheran Men in Mission and Habitat for Humanity thank you.

YG News

Greetings to all in the name of the Lord. The YG (youth group) season is back for 2007. With the advent of a new YG season upon us there is so much to do. The summer was truly a time of strong preparation for this season to begin. New meetings, new retreats, new events and new friendships all await our YG participants. A lot of hard work has gone into this year to make a success. Hopefully it will all pay off. The calendar is the most jam-packed that it has ever been. There is truly something on almost every weekend. It felt good to have a break the last few weeks but it feels even better to be back for this YG campaign. It will be all good.

The summer was a good one for the YG all around. We had three successful POOL PARTIES which drew about 15-20 YG and numerous advisors at each of them. We attended the HARRISBURG AREA CONFIRMATION CAMP in June. Seventeen of our YG plus me and four advisors were there for the week. This year's Confirmation Camp was definitely one of the best ones yet, everything was perfect. Next, we had a YG PICNIC outing at a YG student's house with 20 or so YG and six advisors in attendance. The highpoint of the summer was definitely our SENIOR HIGH BEACH RETREAT in Ocean City, Maryland. We had 21 YG and eight advisors along for this fun trip. The weather was perfect, the beach was awesome, and being with one another was the best part. We got to have fun in the sun, shop, eat out, tan, swim in the ocean and pool, have beach worship and candle prayer, and spend time together. It was a fabulous event from start until finish. It was definitely the best beach trip to date. We even had three pretty-successful CAR WASHES to help fund the Senior High Beach retreat. All and all it was a great YG summer. But with that said, it is now busy time again. This year will be a big one in so many ways. With that said, I must get back to work. I have a lot to do. The year will ROCK! I CAN NOT WAIT!!!

Yours in Christ,

Peter A. Fox
Youth Ministry Director

Help needy local families with child care expenses!

Purchase \$5 coupon booklets from Linda Roberts (labrooke@mac.com or 737-9997) or Cindi Teter (tttandwe@aol.com or 938-8421) after all services October 21 and 28.

Your donation goes directly to the Churches Affiliated Child Care Centers scholarship fund. You are supporting a Trinity charity and will also get a \$10 off coupon and other % off coupons to use at the Camp Hill Bon Ton on November 10!

Sup and Study A Time of Community for Trinity Lutheran

Wednesday Evenings, 5:30-7:30
October 17, 24, 31; November 7, 14
Come for all or just for classes or just for supper!
The whole church family is invited!
(There will be childcare in the Nursery during class time)

5:30, arrive in Fellowship Hall for supper
Classes begin at 6:30

Catered suppers—\$6 per adult, \$4 per child
by Personal Chef of Camp Hill
(no cost for classes)

Classes will be spiritual, practical, relevant,
Taught by clergy and laypersons

Music programming for young children
(other programming for older children and youth)

Registration information in the Gathering Space

With questions, contact Christopher Couch,
Director of Learning Ministries,
through the church office

Y'all come!

Compline

Lord, take this day now ended
The rawness of my well-intentioned deeds
My thoughts, my words all hesitant and incomplete
My strivings and my stutterings
My work unfinished – laid aside in weariness

Take into your shaping hands the rough ores of my doings
Mold them to a perfect round
An ornament to grace the wholeness of your world.

Virginia Hine Ely
1995

Every life we touch is a field,
everything we do and all the words we speak,
are seed. What will the harvest be?

Give us this day our daily bread.

Matthew 6:11

Walk Through the Bible Seminar – November 17, 2007

Mark your calendars and plan on attending. The West Shore Conference of Lutheran Congregations is sponsoring a day-long Walk Through the New Testament seminar which will be held here at Trinity. This interactive seminar walks you through the entire New Testament in a fun and exciting way. By participating, you will learn about the major people, places and events of the New Testament through key words and phrases. People of all ages are welcome. The cost for the day-long event is \$20.00 which includes lunch. Family discount rates are available. Child care is also available. To register, complete the registration form located on the back cover of this newsletter (copies are also available in the Gathering Space) and return it to the church along with your registration fee.

Tools and Blankets Program

The Women of Trinity will be observing the Church World Service (CWS) Tools of Hope and Blanket Program on Sunday, November 4. Disasters and emergencies of all kinds demand many resources to assist in recovery. Gifts to the Tools & Blankets Program help provide needed resources to give families and individuals a little comfort when they are displaced from their homes.

Whether an ocean away in South Asia, or on our own Gulf Coast, CWS is able to respond immediately after a disaster happens. Church World Service responded immediately to the tsunami of December 26, 2004, with blankets, tents, mosquito nets, water, medical supplies, and hygiene kits. \$1.4 million in material response to survivors of the Hurricanes Katrina and Rita disasters included CWS blankets. Family-sized tents (part of the CWS shelter kits) were distributed in the wake of the October 8, 2005, earthquake in Pakistan that left more than 2.5 million people homeless as winter set in.

\$5 will provide a warm blanket for a refugee child anywhere in the world.

\$10 will provide a school desk for an Afghan child.

\$25 can provide five warm blankets for a family left homeless by a hurricane in Florida.

\$175 can shelter an extended family of disaster survivors in an extra-large tent.

Church World Service offers tools of hope to people in need around the world.

Please give generously to the Tools & Blankets Program. Special envelopes will be in the November 4 bulletins, or a check may be mailed 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.

Women of Trinity Circle Meetings to Start in October!

Women of Trinity Circle Meetings start in October and continue through next April. Circles meet at various times once a month, and all women are welcome to join any Circle meeting. No registration is required.

This year, circles will study the book, Proverbs, by Vinita Hampton Wright. Passages from the book of Proverbs will be the basis for discussion of twelve topics relating to real life today. Some areas for discussion include: Wise versus Foolish, Righteous Character, Wealth and Poverty, Managing Our Emotions, and Wise Speech. The books will be available at the first circle meetings, and the cost is \$5.00.

Please check your schedule and see if you can join us. The schedule for the coming year is as follows:

Circle Name	Circle Leaders	Circle Time & Place
Deborah	Peggy Bishop, Anne Fry, and Betty Wade	1 st Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. Library
Ruth	Ruth Bertovich & Ruth Deitz	1 st Tuesday, 9:30 a.m., Room 237
Elizabeth	Elizabeth Winters	1 st Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. Library
Esther	Joan Gamber and Jean Zimmerman	1 st Monday, 7:00 p.m. Library
Lydia	Lori Anne McBride	1 st Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Library
Martha Mary	Karen Woodring	1 st Thursday, 9:15 a.m. Room 228-230

Women of Trinity have other groups and activities which you are always welcome to join:

- The Intercessory Prayer Group meets year-round, the 1st Thursday of every month, at 1:00 p.m. in the church library.
- The Project Sewing Ministry meets year-round the 3rd Tuesday of the month (except for December), from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Room 237.
- The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets year-round, the 4th Thursday of each month, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the library.

The Crosses of Trinity

“When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the prince of glory died...”

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
Words by Isaac Watts, ELW, Page 803



Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.”

Matthew 16:24 NRSV



The cross – our symbol for that wonderful, sacrificial gift that God gave to us – the death of His Son to assure our salvation, as well the constant reminder

to us of what we have to do to follow Him. We have many crosses throughout Trinity to remind us of the gift and the responsibility – from the very obvious ones – the steeple cross, the Christus Rex in the nave, the Fellowship Hall cross – to the less obvious – the crosses in the doors to the nave and chapel, the small brass crosses on the ends of four pews in the nave, the concrete cross from the old education building. In



fact there are crosses or crucifixes in virtually every room in the building. Many of the crosses are wonderful works of art in their own rights, or they have unique stories to tell, or they serve some specific purpose, or they may just be meaningful to you.



Do you like to take photos? If so, Trinity has a project just for you! We’d like you to help us share the story of the Crosses of Trinity through the lens of your camera. We are asking as many people as possible to take pictures of the various crosses both in and outside the building. We’re then asking people to provide Trinity with framed print(s) of the cross(es) that they’ve photographed to be displayed in the Gathering Space in March 2008.



Everyone is encouraged to participate and all framed photographs received will be displayed. Neither special photographic expertise nor expensive, high quality cameras are required – just your willingness to share our symbols of the love of Jesus for us through his death on the cross. In order to make sure that we get photographs of as many of the crosses as possible, we are asking that no more than two people photograph any one cross.



There is a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Space that lists all of the crosses that we were able to think of with space for two people to sign up. There is also an instruction sheet available in the Gathering Space or the church office as well as on-line at

www.trinitycamphill.org/CrossesOfTrinity/ . The instruction sheet provides all of the necessary details. If you have questions, please contact Jeff Weaver at 697-3259, Maggie Ackerman at 790-9345 or Christopher Couch at 737-8635, or send an email to TrinityCrosses@trinitycamphill.org.

We envision the March 2008 display as only being the start of the Crosses of Trinity project. A Crosses of Trinity poster could follow, along with “Cross of the Month” features in Trinity Parish. Perhaps the exhibit will become a yearly event with new photographs being added to the collection each year, possibly depictions of some of the crosses in other media. Please participate and join us in celebrating the rich heritage that we have in the Crosses of Trinity.



DEADLINE

November issue of Trinity Parish is
Wednesday, October 10.
Please forward all articles
to the Editor, Donna Sprowls at:
parish@trinitycamphill.org

Birthdays

Homebound

- October 1 Alverta Hubbard
100 Mount Allen Drive
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055
- October 2 Joan Jarrett
19 North 23rd Street
Camp Hill, PA 17011
- October 5 Jane Kirkpatrick
1700 Market Street
Room # 319-A
Camp Hill, PA 17011
- Harry Weltmer
1212 Yverdon Drive
Camp Hill, PA 17011
- October 10 Dorothy Dascombe
1700 Market Street
Room # 253-B
Camp Hill, PA 17011
- October 16 Marina Ritter
203 Messiah Circle
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Location: Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 2000 Chestnut Street, Camp Hill, PA

Name: _____

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City/State/ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Home Congregation: _____

List any dietary restrictions: _____

Child Care Requested? Yes No Age of children: _____

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