

Trinity Parish

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Holy Week at Trinity

Trinity's Way of the Cross During Holy Week

This spiritual reflection on Christ's last journey as he walked to his death on a cross at Calvary as atonement for our sins is available anytime the church building is open from 6:00 p.m. on the Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday, March 16, until after the Tenebrae Service on Good Friday evening, March 21.

Holy Week Services

Palm/Passion Saturday/Sunday: March 15/16

Saturday

5:30 p.m. - Fellowship Hall

Sunday

8:15 & 11:00 a.m. - Traditional Worship - Nave

10:45 a.m. - Contemporary Worship - Fellowship Hall

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday: March 17, 18, 19

7:30 p.m. - Holy Communion - Chapel

Maundy Thursday: March 20

7:30 p.m. - Holy Communion - Nave

Good Friday: March 21

12:00 noon - 3:00 p.m. - Nave

7:30 p.m. - Tenebrae and Adoration of the Crucified - Nave

Easter Vigil: Saturday, March 22

7:30 p.m. - Nave

Easter Sunday: March 23

8:15 & 11:00 a.m. - Traditional Worship - Nave

9:00 & 10:45 a.m. - Contemporary Worship - Fellowship Hall

Trinity's Way of the Cross Returns during Holy Week

The Way of the Cross is a spiritual reflection on Christ's last journey as he walked to his death on a cross at Calvary as atonement for our sins. This spiritual reflection takes many forms, from actually walking Christ's route along the Via Dolorosa in Jerusalem with stops at the fourteen stations traditionally ascribed to the Way of the Cross (visit www.holylandnetwork.com/jerusalem/via_dolorosa/via_dolorosa.htm) to Lenten devotionals based on the Way of the Cross.

Once again this year during Holy Week you will be able to take your own spiritual journey along the Way of the Cross here at Trinity. The physical journey will be short – it will be totally confined to Fellowship Hall – but the spiritual journey may be long and intense for you. While others may be taking the physical journey with you as you walk from station to station, the spiritual journey is one that you will take alone, but not really alone for the Holy Spirit will be with you in your journey.

The journey will start when you pick up the devotional booklet (written by Trinity's Director of Learning Ministries, Christopher Couch) that will guide you through the fourteen stations. For each of the fourteen stations, the booklet includes scripture passages, a devotional reflection and prayer that focus on the events that occurred at that station in Jesus' final journey. At each station, there will be a work of art that is the artist's reflection on the events of that station. Fourteen Trinity artists who work in a wide variety of media contributed works of art for the stations that are the artists' spirit-led reflections on the events of the stations. Each of the works will help you in your reflection of Christ's final walk to his crucifixion.

Traditionally, the Way of the Cross begins with Christ's condemnation by Pontius Pilate. Trinity's Way of the Cross will begin a few hours earlier with Christ and his disciples in the Garden of Gethsemane and ends with Christ being laid in the tomb.

Come join Jesus on this journey along Trinity's Way of the Cross.

Blood Bank News



In the February Trinity Parish I told you that Neil and I were going on faith when I said that the January 20 Blood Drive was successful. Of course it was successful! Not because of our faith, but because Trinity has some great blood donors! We had 34 successful donors at that drive, in addition to the seven people who donated at the hospitals or donor centers. That means, just in January, Trinity has fulfilled almost 35% of our yearly goal. However, all that really means is that we try even harder! It makes me feel so great when the Central PA Blood Bank (CPBB) tells me how wonderful Trinity is. I think so too!

Kids! Did you see the article in the paper recently about 16-year-old donors being accepted for the first time? I know some of you will be asked to donate at school, but on May 18 we will be looking for the rest of you! Closer to our blood drive in May I will see that Peter Fox has a supply of parental permission blanks from CPBB, as well as having a supply at the sign-up table on May 4 and May 11. These must be **signed** and **handed** to the technician at the blood drive – each time.

CPBB is truly your community blood bank. Since 1960 their primary goal has always been to meet the local area blood needs through local blood donors. Blood that is drawn is used here. **Please donate . . . it's about life.** Questions: Call Jeanie Bentzel at 766-3526.

Trinity Parish Deadline

Deadline for the April 2008 Edition of *Trinity Parish* is: Monday, March 10, 2008. Please forward all articles to Editor, Donna Sprowls at parish@trinitycamphill.org

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STAFF NOTES

Who is My Enemy? Who is My Neighbor?

The opportunity to listen to the faith stories of people of differing religious traditions through our Sup-n-Study program this Lenten season is invaluable. It helps us put into perspective our assumptions and feelings about people who differ from us. It keeps us from our tendency to develop a “we-they” mentality. Most important of all, it has the potential to **de**-construct our construction of who we think is our “enemy.” For, at one time or another in our history, we have viewed Judaism and Islam as “enemy,” either to our Christian faith or to our way of life. The consequences of viewing Jews and Muslims as “enemy” can be devastating, as seen in the Holocaust. Some would say our present war on terror is fueled by a view of Islam as “enemy.”

Whether one supports or opposes our war in Iraq, the truth is that, as fallen human beings, we do indeed tend to construct a picture of the “enemy,” and that construction becomes codified in a precise way. Here’s the basic process, as described by James A. Aho, a professor of Sociology at Idaho State University, and the author of the book *This Thing of Darkness: A Sociology of the Enemy*:

1. We name or label the other, not only to describe, but also to defame or separate them from us. (Remember how “Communist” was just such a label?)
2. We engage in making that label legitimate by using it in speech on sacred ground. (In other words, we employ the label in halls of legislature, in churches, in formal gatherings of people.) This makes the label stick.
3. We use myths to undergird the “truth” of this label. These myths can be half-truths at best, but most often false. (For example, labeling Jews as “Christ-killers,” or Hitler’s claim that Jews had contributed to the financial and cultural ruin of Germany after World War I.)
4. We use rituals to maintain a state of tension, threat, or momentum to constantly remind us of the danger of the “enemy.” (For example, celebrating anniversaries of our victories over evil may not just be patriotic, but also have the effect of keeping us “on alert” about the “enemy.”)

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Our Lord Jesus was asked the following question by a well-educated man in the Gospel of Luke (Luke 10:25-37): **Who is my neighbor?** The unspoken expectation of the man was that Jesus would put parameters around who our neighbors are, and thus, parameters on just how far our love and compassion would need to extend. Jesus' response to the question? He told the parable of the Good Samaritan (an outsider, and certainly an "enemy" to those listening to Jesus) whose mercy and care for a man beaten and left at the side of the road made all the difference in that injured man's life. Jesus recognized we tend to construct who our neighbor is, along with who our enemy is, so that we can limit how far our love needs to go.

But Jesus' love knows no limit. God so loved the world that he sent his only Son—not to condemn the world, not to name and label and separate us as either neighbors or enemies, but to save the whole world through him. As we journey with Jesus to the cross and resurrection in these weeks to come, may we remember his reconciling ways, and devote ourselves to the same. May our definition of "neighbor" widen exponentially and encircle the world.

The Reverend Nancy R. Easton

Trinity is Proud to Recognize Susan Hochmiller

Susan Hochmiller has earned her Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the Eastman School of Music. She currently is an Adjunct Professor of Voice at Gettysburg College and maintains a private voice studio in York. Susan was a member of the Matins Choir while in high school and is now a frequent soloist for worship services. She and her family attend the 11:00 a.m. service.

27th Annual Spaghetti Dinner

Come one, come all, and join us for a family style Spaghetti Dinner. This is our 27th annual dinner. This is a great gathering for the whole family. Prizes will be given away. Come for a fun evening. The event will be held at the church on March 7, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. The cost is \$4.00 in advance and \$5.00 at the door. Children 12 years old and under are free. You may buy tickets during the week before the dinner in the church office.

Every Member Prayer List

"I pray that my life is worthy of Your goodness."

March 2-8: George and Janet Preble; Kathy Powers; Joanne Powers; Brandon Powers; Miriam Powell; John and Teresa Powell; Tonja and Grace Potter; Matthew Porter. **March 9-15:** Walter and Doris Pond; Kathy Rodgers; Michael, Addy, and Avery Pion; Jim and Susan Pinti; William, Karen, Ryan, and Kaelee Pines; William Pines; Bonnie Phillips. **March 16-22:** Rosemary Phelleps; Ralph Phelleps Jr.; Jeff, Tamara, Carey, and Jamey Pfaff. Pete and Gretchen Petri; Eric, and Marla Sechrist Peters; Eric and Marla Peters; Donna Peters; Rick, Jill, Cole, and Grant Perlick. **March 23-29:** Dylan Perkins; Bill and Fay Pepperman; Jim, Linda, Jim, and Tim Penny; Eleanor Pennisi; Stephanie Pennington; Peter and Susan Pennington; Karen Peiffer; Craig Peiffer; Carole Peiffer. **March 30- April 5:** Rebecca and Alexander Pautz; Judith Patton; Timothy Patterson; Gabrielle Patterson; Linda Paterson and Ashley Machado; Sharon Pastucka, and Andrew and Lauren Wagner; Margaret Parker.

Trinity Prayer Concerns

- During Easter season, we pray for our pastors, teachers, choirs and all those who willingly share their time and talents to bring us closer to our Heavenly Father *through* worship.
- We know that we have all sinned and we thank You, Father, for giving your *only* Son for our forgiveness. Help us to remember to keep You first in our hearts. We pray that we have the courage *each day* to seek opportunities to put our faith in action according to Your will.
- We thank You, Jesus, for coming down to live among us to show true love, compassion, and forgiveness. You came to serve, not to be served. Let us learn from Your example, and let us begin **TO-DAY**. Make Your Holy Spirit *known* through our words, our thoughts, and our actions. Help us to be sensitive to the needs of others.
- And please guide us to know *where* to place our priorities. Help us to realize and remember that You are **Number One** in our lives. In Jesus' Name ... Amen.

YG News

Greetings to all in the name of the Lord. The 2008 YG (youth group) season is now in full gear. There is so much on the YG calendar. This will be a very busy YG year. Make a fresh start, the time to get out to YG is definitely now. We have something YG related on almost every weekend. YG is a place for everyone in grades 6-12, so get on out to YG soon and take part in all of the faith, fun and fellowship. Just to let you know what YG is all about, here is a taste of what we did in the month of January.

We started off the month with the Sr. High Synod-wide Event called WINTERFEST. We have attended this event year after year and it is always a success. Sixteen Sr. High YG, three advisors and two YG Winterfest staff were at the event this time around. It was awesome from start to finish. The theme this year was LOVE. We had powerful large group time, inspirational small group time, and lots of time for the YG to just be together. This was definitely one of the best Winterfests to date. The next two weekends were filled with two YG meetings back-to-back. Around 60 YG and advisors were in attendance at both. Continuing our RULES theme for the year, the first meeting was BRING FRIENDS. This is one of our easiest rules but also one of our most challenging. YG is all about friends so the meeting concentrated on why friendship is so important in our lives. That was the easy part. The hard part is the word BRING. That word implies evangelism, pure and simple. So we concentrated part of the meeting on that aspect as well. It was a powerful meeting with much meaningful discussion. The second meeting, one Sunday later, was concentrated around our rule TIME FOR SERIOUSNESS, TIME FOR FUN. This rule talks about our need as human beings to have serious times as well as fun times in our lives. To find that balance is what is key. This meeting observed those times in our lives and discussed when each of those times is necessary. The large group and small group discussions were fabulous and very deep at this meeting. I must say this, all of the meetings so far this year have been so powerful because of the kids sharing and relating to each topic that we talk about. The youth are seeing the YG RULES act out in their lives outside of church as well, which is awesome. Lastly, we finished off the month with our annual "total-fun" event, SNOWTUBBIN@ Roundtop. Twenty-seven YG and advisors braved the cold and icy conditions and had a blast. The snowtubbing was awesome! I have the wounds to prove it (hahaha). This was a night of

total fun for all who went. It is good to have nights like this throughout the year with the YG. Since we have so much serious time as a YG, here is our fun (see the rules does apply). Well, that was January for you, and it was a great start to hopefully a great year. February looks to be awesome! Let the busyness begin...

Yours in Christ,

Peter A. Fox
Youth Ministry Director

Book Group

The Book Discussion Group is open to all members of Trinity! We meet the third Sunday of every month in Room 232-234 from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Books chosen through June 2008 are:

- March 16** "The Glass Castle", by Jeannette Walls
- April 20** "A Thousand Splendid Suns", by Khalid Hosseini
- May 18** "Three Cups of Tea", by Greg Mortenson
- June 15** "Water for Elephants", by Sara Green

For more information about the book discussion group, please contact Craig Staller at c.staller@verizon.net.

Annual Troop 51 Easter Flower Sale

Again this year, our Boy Scout Troop 51 will be having their Annual Easter Flower Sale. The Sale will take place over Easter Week as follows:

Thursday, March 20 – 8A.M. to 6 P.M.

Friday, March 21 – 8 A.M. to 6 P.M.

Saturday, March 22 - 8 A.M. to 2 P.M

The location will be in the usual place at the west end of our big church parking lot. Be sure to look for the tractor trailer and the wonderful display of flowers at that location. The troop will have a wide selection of flowers for sale. The earlier that you get to the sale, the greater will be your selection.

Please bear in mind that this Flower Sale is our troop's primary fundraiser each year. Support for this event by members of our congregation has always been outstanding. The scouts ask again for your support for their very worthwhile programs for our boys. Of course, the troop deeply appreciates the congregation's past support. As the troop's chartering/sponsoring organization, our Church wants to see the Troop have another successful Easter flower sale. Please plan to buy your Easter flowers from our Boy Scouts.

Disaster Response Update

Seeking information about disaster response? Interested in a mission trip? Interested in learning more about Lutheran Disaster Response and its work in disaster response locally, in the Mid-Atlantic region, and nationally? If so, Disaster 101: Training for Volunteers is for you. Lutheran Disaster Response and its Lower Susquehanna affiliate are providing training for volunteers traveling to disaster areas such as Northeastern PA, Southwestern West Virginia, Ohio, and the Gulf Coast. Trinity's Lutheran Men in Mission, working with the Lower Susquehanna Lutheran Disaster Response Network (LSLDRN), is sponsoring Disaster 101 training on **Saturday, March 8, 2008 from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.** George Bennett and Glenn Beard are the training leaders. Both have had experience leading or working on mission trips to Biloxi, Mississippi and are part of the Leadership Corps of LSLDRN. As part of this training session, there will also be a presentation on Congregational Disaster Preparedness.

Those interested (men and women) in attending this no-cost training session can complete the registration form included in this edition of Trinity Parish or complete the registration form available at Trinity's website (<http://www.trinitycamphill.org/newsandevents/index.htm> or <http://www.trinitycamphill.org/lmm/index.htm>).

Registration Form:

Registration: Disaster 101: Training for Volunteers March 8, 2008

Time: 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Location: Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 2000 Chestnut Street, Camp Hill, PA 17011

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Sponsored by: Lutheran Men in Mission, Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church and the Lower Susquehanna Lutheran Disaster Response Network.

Please return registration forms to:

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 2000 Chestnut Street, Camp Hill, PA 17011

Registration Deadline: Tuesday, March 4, 2008

Birthdays

Social Ministry of the Month

Homebound Members

- March 2 **Wallace Smith**
5225 Wilson Lane, Assisted Living 204
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

- March 13 **Ed Shuey**
2060 County Line Road
York Springs, PA 17372

- March 14 **Janet D'Agostino**
3510 Walnut Street, Apt. 3
Camp Hill, PA 17011

- March 24 **Sylvia Spealman**
Perry Village - Room 410
213 East Main Street
New Bloomfield, PA 17068

- March 26 **Eleanor Black**
2800 NW 47th Terrace, Apt 210
Lauderdale Lakes, FL 33313

- Ed Wirth**
524 Joyce Road
Camp Hill, PA 17011

- March 30 **Betty Hauser**
5225 Wilson Lane, Oaks Room 13
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

Staff

- March 11 Debbie Wilson
- March 12 Bishop Edmiston

Bethesda Mission

The Journey Begins At the Foot of the Cross
by Ryan Hannigan, Trinity House mentor.

Since 1914, Bethesda Mission has been a missionary army of the local church, reaching out to men, women, and children of all races, nationalities and creeds, providing the poor and homeless with shelter, food, clothing, sharing the good news of Jesus Christ and discipline them in the Christian life. They operate a men's shelter, Trinity House (transitional housing facility for men), a youth center, and a women and children's shelter.

I've been blessed to serve as a mentor for one of the guys who graduated from the Helmsman Program and is now living in a single bedroom apartment in Harrisburg. I remember the first night I went to visit Jim. It was quite an adventure for me since I didn't grow up around Harrisburg and I'm actually from southern York County. But God's grace and faithfulness was with me as I journeyed to the unknown city streets. I found out that Jim was the same age as me but as he puts it, "down on his luck."

Years earlier, Jim had started selling things to pay for his alcohol addiction. He said to me, "Sad isn't it? So you see, not only the 'druggies' sell stuff or steal to support their habit." This habit led to Jim losing everything - his job, his home, his wife, and his 10-year-old son. Alcohol had taken over his life. After months on the street, Jim found a room at Bethesda Mission, and there he learned about Jesus Christ.

Jim still has rough days, like when he relapsed again last summer and drank an entire case of beer with one of his buddies. But he has discovered something - something deeply personal and meaningful. Not a day goes by where he doesn't thank God for getting him through another day sober. Jim tells me that when he feels the urge, that's when "it's time to hit my knees."

Bethesda Mission, in Harrisburg, gives hurting men, women and children the opportunity to climb the steps of the mission and find the same peace in their lives that many of their graduates have experienced. To learn more about Bethesda Mission and their needs, you can visit them on the internet at www.bethesdamission.org. To support or mentor in this program please contact Ryan Hannigan 717-796-9689.

2008 World Day of Prayer
 God's wisdom provides new understanding
 by the Women of Guyana
 Friday March 7th at 9 am
 West Shore Baptist Church
 21st and Market Streets in Camp Hill
 All Women of Trinity are welcome!

Women of Trinity Circle Meeting Schedule

Women of Trinity Circles



Women of Trinity Circles meet at various times once a month, and all women are welcome to join any circle meeting. No registration is required.

The circles have been studying from the book, **Proverbs: Wisdom That Works**, by Vinita Hampton Wright. Passages from the book of Proverbs are the basis for discussion of twelve topics relating to real life today. Each circle selects subjects from the text that are of interest to its particular members. The schedule for meetings this year is as follows:

| CIRCLE NAME | CIRCLE LEADERS | CIRCLE TIME & PLACE |
|--------------------|--|---|
| <i>Deborah</i> | Peggy Bishop, Anne Fry, and Betty Wade | 1 st Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. Library |
| <i>Ruth</i> | Ruth Bertovich and Ruth Dietz | 1 st Tuesday, 9:30 a.m., Room 237 |
| <i>Elizabeth</i> | Elizabeth Winters | 1 st Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. Library |
| <i>Esther</i> | Joan Gamber and Jean Zimmerman | 1 st Monday, 7:00 p.m. Library |
| <i>Lydia</i> | Lori Anne McBride | 1 st Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Library |
| <i>Martha Mary</i> | Karen Woodring | 1 st Thursday, 9:15 a.m., Room 228-230. Childcare in room 225. |

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

- The Intercessory Prayer Group meets year-round, the first Thursday of every month, at 1:00 p.m. in the church library.
- The Project Sewing Ministry meets year-round the third Tuesday of the month (except for December), at 9:00 a.m. in Room 237.
- The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets the fourth Thursday of each month (excluding December), at 1:00 p.m. in the Library.

March Class on the Apocrypha

What is the Apocrypha? (Hint—it's not the same as the gnostic collection.) Do Lutherans acknowledge the Apocrypha? (Yes, we do.) Over three Sundays in March—March 4, 11, and 18—we will have a Special Topics Class on the Apocrypha during the Church School hour (9:30 to 10:30 a.m.). This collection of ancient history, prophecy, wisdom, and fable was a regular part of the Christian Bible for a thousand years. And Catholics, Episcopalians, and Lutherans respect the Apocrypha still. The Apocrypha, in fact, was published as part of one of the first, great Protestant translations of Scripture, The King James Bible. Our class will read through the Apocrypha and in our discussion consider the reasons for its inclusion or lack of inclusion in the Bible. The class will be led by Christopher Couch, Director of Learning Ministries. All Trinity members and guests are invited to all or part of the class, which will meet in Room 126.

Thank You – “Knitters of Trinity”

Women of Trinity extend a sincere thank you to all those knitters and donators of knit hats, scarves and gloves for distribution at Christmas.

You will be interested to know that the WOT board voted to give those items to the 400 registered homeless children in the city of Harrisburg. A party was held for them on Monday, December 17 at the Harrisburg Civic Club. The ages of the children were 12 years and under. Items that were in excess were donated later to the “after school” program at the city elementary schools.

The homeless coordinator for the children is Vera White who is a member of city council. She acknowledged on Channel 20 at the council's December 12 meeting that the “knitters of Trinity Lutheran” had donated 78 knit caps, 59 knit glove sets and 34 knit scarves.

The Special Concerns Committee of the Women of Trinity have been asked to be present at their Christmas party next year should we decide to again donate to them.

A letter was received on December 28 from the Harrisburg School District thanking Trinity for their generous support and relating that contributions such as ours make an incredible difference to what is available to their students.

Alzheimer's Support Group

will meet March 26

7 – 9 p.m. – Library

For more information,

Contact: Donna Sprowls at
766-8075 or SPROWLSD@aol.com

Missions Corner

Travel around the world and stay close to home with a Global Mission Event

Here are two great opportunities for reasonably-priced family vacations—and you'll travel around the globe and experience the difference we make.

The first is the Friday and Saturday of Memorial Day weekend—May 23 and 24—with a Mini-Global Mission Event right here at Trinity. The second is the ELCA Global Mission Event July 17-20 at the University of Wisconsin in LaCrosse, Wisconsin.

Global mission events help us to receive the gifts of Christians and churches around the world. Through large group presentations, workshops, and worship, participants deepen their understanding of mission. Special programming for children, junior high school students, and senior high school students helps learn how they can live as faithful Christians in a global culture.

The cost of these events has not yet been determined. I anticipate the ELCA event will cost approximately \$250 per person for adults, which includes registration fee, food and lodging, and \$175 per person for young participants. Travel scholarships are available from the Missions Committee.

For more information, contact Craig Staller, 717-921-1957 or c.staller@verizon.net or Elizabeth Winters, 717-696-3673 or winters277@verizon.net. You can also visit the ELCA website at www.elca.org and do a Search for Global Mission Event.

Craig Staller

Missions Committee Chair

*Help our neighbors in Tanzania
have safe water by contributing
with your Lenten folders.*

Discipleship Opportunities

There are a variety of Discipleship Opportunities available for service at Trinity Lutheran Church. With the help of staff, committee chairs and coordinators, Judy Collins and Jeff Weaver have identified areas of need. Immediate discipleship includes Nave Altar Care, Nave Sound Board Operator, Zion Winter Shelter Overnight Hosts, and Zion Wednesday Lunch Hosts. Examples of ongoing discipleship include Contemporary Worship Communion Assistants, Contemporary Worship Offering Assistants, Sunday Church School Teachers, and Flower Delivery Teams. Both lists are preliminary and will be expanded as we develop this format.

To learn more about these and other areas of service, check the web frequently at trinitycamphill.org/TalentTimeTithes/DiscipleshipOpportunities.htm. Each area of service includes a brief description, an estimated time commitment and a contact person for more information. An online response form may be completed to offer your talent and time or request further information.

Staff, committee chairs, and coordinators may also complete an input form to indicate a current or ongoing need. Information will be posted and updated as it is received. For additional information about this web page, contact Judy Collins, Spiritual Gifts Coordinator, at judy.collins@trinitycamphill.org or Jeff Weaver, Web Master, at webmaster@trinitycamphill.org. If you do not have access to Trinity's website, call July at 737-9921, Ext. 239 and learn how you can become involved in Trinity's ministries.

Judy Collins

Coming Events for Trinity Seniors

The lunch scheduled for March 19 has been cancelled.

The next lunch will be Wednesday, April 16 at noon in Fellowship Hall. The lunch is catered by Your Personal Chef for \$7.00 per person, and guests are indeed welcome. The program will be presented by Carolyn and Russ Jones who will tell about their Alpaca Farm operation. You won't want to miss it! Sign up in The Gathering Space.

Mark your calendar now for the Spring Overnight Retreat at Camp Hebron set for Tuesday and Wednesday, May 6 and 7. Our spiritual leader has been selected (surprise!) and you'll have to wait to find out who it is. This is a favorite occasion so plan to join us. Watch for details in the April Parish.

Question? Call Joan Conrad 774-3331.

Volunteer News

*"We have different gifts, according to the grace given us."
Romans 12:6*

Volunteers Needed at Homeless Shelter

Are you available to spend an overnight at Zion Lutheran Church in Harrisburg? Trinity has been asked for four volunteers for each of ten nights in March as our congregation takes a turn to help the homeless of Harrisburg. Every guest at the shelter has been screened and registered for the winter season. A staff person from HELP is on site to record the entrance of each guest into the church each evening and any special needs, such as an alarm clock to get up early for work. Yes, some of the homeless DO have jobs! The dates that we have been asked to fill include March 15 – 19, 22 – 25 and 30. Yes, that DOES go through Holy Week and Easter! Your gift of time will be very much appreciated. For more details on how this all works, please contact Becky Enney at 737-4115 or georgebeckyenney@yahoo.com.

Social Ministry

Nave Altar Care

All are encouraged to serve as part of a Nave Altar Care Team for services in the nave and chapel. Teams set up for communion each Sunday and at all special services in the nave throughout the year and clean up after the services. Two people are required for communion by intinction and four are required for rail communion because of the additional setup and cleanup and the need to wash the individual chalices. In addition, the altar candles in the nave need to be filled with oil each week. The Nave Altar Care Teams are also responsible for the care of the altar linens and the pastor's robes and for changing the nave and chapel parameters as necessary. There are 12 altar care teams. You are asked to serve at least two Sundays of your assigned month. Contact Barbara Kriebel at 697-3928.

Worship Committee

Planning for Trinity's Future

We need **YOUR** ideas! Trinity Lutheran Church has begun a strategic planning process to help set our direction into the future. At the recent orientation seminar for council members and committee chairs, the staff and lay leadership of the church spent several hours brainstorming ideas to help us discern God's future plan for Trinity.

Now we are inviting all members of the parish to provide input on the same six broad questions considered at the orientation. Our goal is to gather as much input as possible over the next few months and then refine all the ideas into a plan for our future. Tentatively, a workshop will be held Saturday, May 31, 2008, led by a resource person from the Lower Susquehanna Synod who will help us develop goals and objectives based on the congregation's suggestions. Ultimately, we hope to have a strategic plan ready to discuss next fall and possibly in final form for consideration at the January 2009 annual congregational meeting.

You can give your responses simply by writing them on (**attached-enclosed**) survey form in the space following each question and submitting it to the church office placing it in **box titled "Strategic Planning"**. A box for collecting completed surveys will also be available at the reception desk in the Gathering Space. If you prefer to answer electronically, you will also find this same survey on the Trinity website www.trinitycamphill.org. It is not necessary to include your name but you may certainly do so if you wish.

Parish Ministry

Welcome to Amy Czyzyk who has enthusiastically agreed to volunteer to correspond with our members, and family of members serving in the military. Amy explains she has been a member since birth but moved out of the area after graduating from college. Her parents are Jeff and Bert Weaver. She moved back a year ago and is now a stay at home mom of a five year old and three year old who love to mail pictures they have made to people "so I am sure they would be included in any appropriate correspondence", says Amy.

If you don't know or aren't sure if we have your family member on our list or might not have his/her correct address, please contact Amy at 691-5862. If we do have a name but are not sure if the address is current, we might be calling you.

Donna V. Sprouls

Strategic Planning Brainstorming

1. Think back over our congregation's history. What things have happened that have contributed notably to God's dream for this place?
(Record your thoughts in the space below.)
2. Who are the people within the congregation that we are not presently reaching?
(Record your thoughts in the space below.)
3. Who are the people *outside* the congregation that we are not presently reaching?
(Record your thoughts in the space below.)
4. What are Trinity's strengths?
(Record your thoughts in the space below.)
5. What are Trinity's weaknesses?
(Record your thoughts in the space below.)
6. If God has His way with Trinity over the next five years, what would be different?
(Record your thoughts in the space below.)

Thank you for your participation.

Letters to Trinity

Dear Friend of the Food Pantry,

On behalf of the many individuals and families who benefit from your generous donations, the Ecumenical Food Pantry would like to offer our sincere thanks and appreciation.

As you are well aware, there are many individuals and families in our community who endure many hardships on a day-to-day basis, and hunger is our number one priority here at the Food Pantry. Because of your generosity, you enable us to help sustain God's greatest gift; the gift of life.

Please accept this letter as not only our thanks but also our pledge of continued service in the community. Words mean so little, when someone's generosity means so much.

May God bless you! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Betty J. Sites
*Corresponding Secretary
Messiah Lutheran Church
Ecumenical Food Pantry*

Dear Trinity Family,

There are no adequate words to relay how deeply I am moved by the expressions of love and caring, as I recovered from my recent illness issues. Trinity Lutheran is the God centered Home of wonderful People who carry their faith into so many lives.

Yours in Christ, Our Lord,

Jack Bush

Pastor Hardy and the Trinity Family,

A sincere thank you for the cards, calls, prayers, and flowers, and special thanks to Vicar Mike for his visit in the hospital. My rehab is proceeding well. It is comforting to be a part of such a caring family.

Ted Robertson

Dear Friends of Trinity,

A special thanks to my friends of Trinity, who have graciously visited me, prayed for me, sent cards, and lifted my spirits.

Thanks to Pastor Edmiston for home communions and visits. Thanks to Pastor Hardy for helping me with his wit and sense of humor.

Thanks to Bob and Barbara Park for delivering the WOT cookies and flowers.

In Christian Love,

Dick Shaul

Dear Meal Ministry,

I would like to express my appreciation to all who helped prepare the lovely luncheon that was served after the funeral service of my late husband Robert L. Wolfer.

Your efforts did not go unnoticed, as my guests commented on the delicious variety of cold-cuts, salads, and desserts.

Thank you for a job well done.

Sincerely,

The Wolfer Family
Marge, Kathy, David and Daniel

Dear Trinity Members and Pastors

I want to thank you for the get well wishes, prayers, prayer shawl and altar flowers during Vic's illness. Visits from Pastor Brock and the Vicar were greatly appreciated.

A sincere thanks to Pastor Hardy for attending me and our son, David, the evening of my husband's death.

I am sincerely grateful for your many cards and notes of sympathy.

Your care and concern help to sustain me.

God bless,

Karen Vecolitis



Cheer!

Cheer! It is time again to plan to be a volunteer in the On Eagle's Wings Summer Bible School program in Northern Canada!! You need to have a week available in July, like children, like to sing and do crafts and like adventure! Start exercising, especially walking! Applications are available in the church office. Please call Barbara Kriebel at 697-3928 with your questions and concerns. We would love to have a Trinity team this summer! There is a Summer Bible School Workshop in Lansdale on March 8; Barbara is going and would love to have others join her. **Caring Hearts Encouraging Everyone – Right-Away! CHEER!**



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Good Friday Prayer Vigil

A Good Friday Prayer Vigil will be held in the Chapel, sponsored by Trinity's Lutheran Men in Mission.

Men and women are invited to participate. The vigil will begin at 6:00 a.m. and end at 6 p.m. and be divided into 15 minute segments. A minimum of 48 persons are needed to maintain the vigil. You may sign up for more than one 15 minute increment.

Sign-up sheets will be in the Gathering Space after the 8:15, 10:45, and 11:00 a.m. services on March 2, 9, and 16. A help booklet *God's People in Prayer* may be picked up at the sign-up table.

You may use your own prayers, those provided, and/or scripture lessons appropriate for the worship season. The "chain" remains whole as long as each person stays until the next scheduled person arrives.

Trinity is a congregation with a strong belief in the power of prayer. Let us use the "chain" to pray for all in need locally and throughout the world, our pastors, and our world leaders.

Art for March

The Crosses of Trinity

The Gathering Space art exhibit for the month of March features the Crosses of Trinity - photographs of many of the various crosses, crucifixes and Christus Rexes that are scattered throughout the building. These photographs were taken by various members of the congregation and in many cases the crosses have very special meaning to the photographers. The cross is an important reminder to us of the gift that Christ gave to us by offering his life as the ultimate sacrifice for our salvation. Throughout Trinity there are many reminders of this sacrifice from very plain, wooden crosses to ornate brass crosses, from crucifixes with the suffering Christ to Christus Rexes with the victorious Christ, all captured through the artistic eyes of our photographers. Our photographers even found crosses in window frames, the folds in a table cloth or the tiles in a mural. Can you figure out where each of the crosses is located in the church?