

Trinity Parish

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church · Camp Hill, Pennsylvania · March 2009 Edition
A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Three Learning Opportunities in March

Presenter: *Dr. William Stotler*

Place: *The Library* Time: *9:30 a.m.*

Dr. Stotler will lead three educational opportunities for congregation members beginning on **Sunday, March 1**: The first session will focus on Martin Luther's question: *"Am I the only man in a thousand years to be right?"*

March 8: A timely question for us is: *What is man?* What is the difference between the Jewish concept of man and modern man's views? We'll explore this question by examining the events associated with Lazarus' death and resurrection in John's Gospel. Please note that in John's Gospel there is no triumphal entry into Jerusalem. The decision to put Jesus of Nazareth to death occurs in January 30 C.E.

March 15: Jerusalem is the sacred city for three world religions: Judaism, Christianity and Islam. A forty-five minute sound-slide presentation on *"The Via Dolorosa: A Specious Tradition"* will be shown. Bill will use slides to help participants orient themselves to the city of Jerusalem. Then, we'll take a hike on the path Jesus took to his arrest, trials, scourging crucifixion and

The Crosses of Trinity

The Gathering Space art exhibit for the month of April features a return of the Crosses of Trinity - photographs of many of the various crosses, crucifixes and Christus Rexes that are scattered throughout the building. In addition to the photographs from last year, this year's exhibit includes new photographs not part of last year's exhibit. 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?

MUSIC FESTIVAL WITH COMPOSER MICHAEL BURKHARDT

Sunday, March 22, 2009 * 4:00 p.m.
Trinity Lutheran Church

On Sunday afternoon, March 22, at 4:00 p.m., a Music Festival under the direction of internationally-known composer and conductor Michael Burkhardt, will take place here at Trinity featuring a 125-voice choir of adults, youth and children. The event is co-sponsored by our church and the Harrisburg Chapter of the American Guild of Organists (AGO). The Festival, entitled "O Day Full of Grace," will also include a brass ensemble led by Dr. William Stowman of Messiah College, handbells, timpani and percussion. Trinity's choirs, in addition to singers from various area churches, will constitute the Festival Choir.



The public is cordially invited to attend and participate in the hymn festival, with a reception following. Admission is free.

Dr. Burkhardt is in frequent demand for his creative work with children's choirs, as a choral clinician, organ recitalist and hymn festival leader. For the past six years, Burkhardt has served on the faculty of Carthage College in Wisconsin, as director of choral activities, college organist, and artist-in-residence. Prior to his appointment at Carthage, he was a faculty associate in organ at Arizona State University. In addition, he has served Christ College, Irvine, CA, as college organist and head of studies in church music and music education, as well as Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN, and Trinity Seminary, Columbus, OH, as guest lecturer in their Master of Sacred Music programs.

"... From the outset it was clear that this would be a highlight of the convention... Burkhardt's performance was exceptional, always creative, and highlighted well the hymn texts. His introductions were inspiring and invited the people to sing... This was a service of incredible beauty and power and of glorious artistry."

The Continuo of Mississippi

China Service Ventures

China Service Ventures (CSV) is committed to fostering mutually enriching relationships between Christian commu-



nities in North America and communities in China, mainly in the Henan province. For all Trinity has contributed to them, CSV presented the Chinese scroll titled *The Fruits of the Spirit* to Trinity through the Missions Committee. The verse which is hand painted on the scroll in Chinese characters is Galatians 5:22-23: *But the fruit of the spirit is love,*

joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

If you have not already seen the scroll hanging in the Gathering Space, the Arts Committee invites you to do so.

Mary E. Haar
Arts Committee Chair

Trinity Parish Deadline

The deadline for the April 2009 Edition of *Trinity Parish* is Tuesday, March 10, 2009. Please forward all articles to the Editor, Donna Sprowls at parish@trinitycamphill.org

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STAFF NOTES

Mission Impossible

Dorothy Day was a devout Roman Catholic and radical social reformer who worked tirelessly with the poor in our nation during the twentieth century. She is said to have been asked how in the world she could keep doing work that never seemed to bring results—that the problems of hunger, addiction and the working poor only appeared to get worse, in spite of her efforts and the efforts of others. Day answered with utmost conviction: “The thing you don’t understand is that just because something is impossible doesn’t mean you shouldn’t do it!”

I’m intrigued by Day’s statement. It stands contrary to the way we do most things in life, either as individuals or groups, secular or sacred. We usually begin with the premise that, if something seems impossible, we ought not waste our energy and resources on it. It’s not good use of our time and talents. Instead, the decision to do something is based entirely on whether it can be done. To admit from the outset that the result, though possible in theory, is impossible to replicate in actuality means we would never try. Any would-be contributors to the task would melt away.

Where do you and I insist on the impossibility of something, so that we never try? It’s especially a problem as we serve Jesus Christ in this world of ours. From the chorus of naysayers vocalizing “Our small offering won’t offset the suffering due to malaria in Africa” or “How in the world can we gather enough volunteers to help with that project?” to the litany of self-conscious parishioners who declare “I can’t read the lessons in front of an entire congregation” or “No one would be interested in the story of my faith journey—it’s not very exciting” to the shrill stubbornness of “There is simply no way I can ever forgive him for what he has done!” or “In this economic climate, the last thing we can do is pledge a set amount of money each week to Trinity”—we are a people rife with excuses **not** to do something because we are so certain of the impossibility of the goal.

I’m all for pragmatism and planning, for making realistic decisions regarding budgets and goals and outcomes, be it in my home or at church. At the same time, Dorothy Day, in her commitment and discipleship, suggests that whether the goal is possible or not isn’t the important thing. To her, the important thing is the moving toward that goal.

As you and I grow in our commitment to Christ, as we seek ways to be His Body in the world, we would do well to remember Day’s words. When we are apt to dismiss an idea solely on the merits of its potential outcome, we may be neglecting the merits of the labor itself. *Just because something is impossible doesn’t mean you shouldn’t do it!*

The Reverend Nancy R. Easton

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. You will be able to take the journey anytime that the building is open from 6:00 p.m. on the Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday (April 5) through the evening of Good Friday (April 10). 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. The fourteen stations that you will visit in your journey through Trinity's Way of the Cross are:

1. Jesus in the Garden – a work in oil by Jane Eichenberger
2. The arrest of Jesus – a work in wood by Roger Smith
3. The trial of Jesus before the priests and teachers of the law – a work in fabric by Cathy Nye
4. Condemnation from the High Priest Caiaphas – a work in photography by Bill Bishop
5. Pilate with Jesus – a work in watercolor by Craig Staller
6. The guards beat Jesus – a work in music by Debbie Wilson
7. Jesus taken to Golgotha – a work in stained glass by Carolyn Jones
8. Jesus speaks on the way to the cross – a painting by Mary Kay Fager
9. Jesus is crucified – a work in clay by Patti Marshall
10. It is dark – a work in photography by Paul Gnazzo
11. Jesus speaks on the cross – a work in found art by Christopher Couch
12. Jesus dies – a painting by Barbara Catlin
13. Jesus is entombed – a quilt by Becky Enney
14. The body in the tomb – a work by Devin Ackerman

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

Trinity Prayer Concerns

Heavenly Father,

We rejoice wholeheartedly in Your Love and grace! With joyful hearts, we sing praises to our Father in Heaven; may they be pleasing in Thy Sight, and may we find comfort in knowing that our prayerful hearts are known and blessed by You, O God!

During this season of Lent, let us turn our daily thoughts and prayers to our Savior Jesus Christ, His boundless love for us, and for His sacrifice on the cross! Let our banner read: "Lord, in my hand no price I bring; simply to the cross I cling!"

We thank you for the gift of Your Holy Spirit, O God! Lead us onto the righteous path; let our actions give testimony and witness to Your goodness, love, and perfection! Help us to sow good seeds, and to bear good fruit...now and forever!

Father, we give thanks for our members who pray for others; we give thanks for our members who volunteer at area food pantries; we give thanks for our members who visit the sick, the at-home members, and our prisons; and we give thanks for those who administer Holy Communion to our homebound.

We pray for our church, our pastors, our families, our homes, our communities, and our nation. We pray for all those who are in need of Your healing powers, O God, and ask that they might be restored to wholeness, according to Thy Will.

I will praise the Lord, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me. I have set the Lord ALWAYS before me. Because He is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. Psalm 16:7-8.

In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

The Book Discussion Group Invites You!

Join us the third Sunday of every month in Room 232-234 from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
Books chosen through June 2009 are:

March 15: **"Misquoting Jesus: The Story Behind Who Changed the Bible and Why"**, by Bart D. Ehrman

April 19: **"Pope Joan"**, by Donna Cross

May 17: **"The Worst Hard Time: The Untold Story of Those Who Survived the Great American Dust Bowl"**, by Timothy Egan

June 21: **"The Shack"**, by William P. Young

YG News

Greetings to all in the name of the Lord. The YG (youth group) is going strong in 2009. We are now getting to the busiest part of the YG season. The YG calendar is the most jam-packed that it has ever been. New YG Nites, new retreats, new events, and new friendships all await our YG participants in 2009. A lot of hard work has gone into this year to make it a success. There is truly something on almost every weekend. It will be all good! Just so you are in the know, here is what we did in the month of January.

January was a fitting way to begin a new year and we wasted no time in getting started. The very first weekend in January was WINTERFEST. This is a synod wide Sr. High event held every year in early January. We took 11 Sr. High and four advisors to the event this time around. We joined around 800 other youth, advisors and pastors for the weekend. The theme of the event this year was UNREAL LOVE, and it talked about how awesome our love with God can be. There was good music, powerful large groups, deep small group discussions, and so much more. This event keeps getting better and better every year and this year was no exception. It was a great weekend and fabulous way to start the year off. The very next Sunday night was our first YG NITE for 2009. I figured that a great way to start off the YG year would be to piggyback on the Winterfest theme. So the topic for the night was JESUS. Two years ago our overall study theme for the year was Jesus. For this YG NITE we concentrated our discussion around discovering who Jesus is, and why we should put Him first and try to emulate Him in all that we do. Around 50 YG and advisors came out for the YG NITE. The discussions were powerful, large and small groups were good, all and all it was a great YG NITE. We closed down the month with another YG NITE the very next Sunday. The topic this time around was FAMILY TIES. At this YG NITE we talked about the importance of family in our lives. We talked about the many different families that we all have in our lives, at home, in YG, with friends. Faith, fun and fellowship abounded at this NITE. And there you have it, the month of January. With that said I need to get back to the busyness that lies ahead of me on the YG Calendar. RE-MINDER: ALSO, PLEASE COME ON OUT AND SUPPORT OUR YG FUNDRAISERS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. WE NEED TO RAISE A LOT OF MONEY FOR THE ELCA NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING NEXT SUMMER IN NEW ORLEANS.

Yours in Christ,

Peter A. Fox
Youth Ministry Director

THE YG FUNDRAISER CALENDAR

- YG PANCAKE BREAKFAST on Saturday, March 14 from 7:30 – 10:30 a.m.
- YG FIESTA NITE on Sunday May 31 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- YG CAR WASH @ Killians' on Saturday, June 6 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Landscape Needs

It's not too early to begin thinking of flowers and summer lawn care. The landscaping around Trinity does not get done without the work of many faithful volunteers. These dedicated folk do not have a green thumb or an inside track regarding blooms and weeds. What they do possess is a desire to make Trinity's property look good to all who pass by.

A partial list of needs includes:

- *initial spring cleanup of winter leaves and branches*
- *apply mulch where needed*
- *replace shrubs on Market Street*
- *volunteers to plant and maintain shrubs and flowers throughout the spring and summer*
- *trim hedges and large shrubbery*
- *maintain weekly lawn mowing and sidewalk edging*

Without volunteers, this becomes an additional expense for Trinity's budget. Peter Pennington is preparing a schedule of work dates. If you are able to give of your time, please contact Peter Pennington (737-3166) or Judy Collins (737-9921 x239).

Weekly Prayer List

March 1-7: Peggy Hoffmeister; Ned, Ellen, Peter, and Samuel Hoffmeister; Warren and Cheryl Hoffman; Sandra Hoffman; Karen Hoffman; Chet Hoffman; Thomas and Linda Hoffert; Howard Hursh; Helen Hursh. **March 8-14:** Karen Hockley; Dale, Carol Jeffrey, and Susan Hochmiller; Vicki Hoak-Dutlinger; Ron Hivner; Matthew Hivner; Linda Hivner; Karen and Chelsie Hivner; Philip and Jean Hotesman. **March 15-21:** Charles and Elizabeth Hinkle; Jeffrey Higgins; Cayla and Liam Hicks; Mary Ellen, Jessica, Rachel, and Olivia Hettinger; Emerson Hettinga; Donald and Susan Hetrick; Jane Hess; Richard and Darlene Hess; Gloria Hertz. **March 22-28:** Chuck, Martha, and Paul Herold; Creston Herold; Dottie Herold; Jim and Lillie Herbst; William and Barbara Herb; Gregory Herb; Dirk, Mitchell, Jacob, and Luke Henry; George Henriksen; William and Kitty Henne; Charline Henne. **March 29-April 4:** Jeanne Henderson; Daniel, Barb, Amanda, Emily, and Quinn Henderson; David, Luann, Glenn, Nichole, and Floyd Hendershot; Max, Amy, Ellen, and George Hempt; Marty Hempt; Jean Hempt; Gerald, Lyn, and Gregory Hempt; George and Judith Hempt.

Alzheimer's Support Group
will meet March 25 2009,
from 7-9 p.m. in the library.

For more information, contact Donna Spowls at
766-8075 or SPROWLSD@aol.com

"The Lutheran" Adult Forum - Please join us on Sunday March 29 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 232-234 for our next discussion on **"They Come in All Sizes - Upside, Downside of Church Size"**. You'll find several articles and a study guide on pages 18-24 of the February 2009 issue of *The Lutheran* magazine on this thought-provoking subject. We'll talk about the advantages and disadvantages of small, midsize, large and mega congregations. If you do not have access to the articles, please contact class coordinators Craig Staller or Doug Bonsall (921-1957) for a paper copy or a downloaded version. (Only magazine subscribers can download the complete text from the web.)



Thanks for the memories.....of Mardi Gras 2009. Were you one of the more than 200 persons who "partied the night away" at Trinity's Mardi Gras celebration in February? Mardi Gras, made famous in the Cajun culture of New Orleans, is a traditional party time prior to the start of the solemn season of Lent. Trinity's event featured many different New Orleans-style foods plus lively entertainment that included the crowning of Mardi Gras King Kevin Brady and Queen Joan Conrad. Thanks to all participants and volunteers that made this benefit such a huge success. Final accounting is still being done, but the proceeds of Mardi Gras will likely result in a gift of \$5,000+ to help the needy through Christian Churches United.

Council Update – Each month this column will highlight actions and significant items of interest from the most recent meeting of Trinity's Congregation Council. From the February 9 meeting:

- Received written reports from program staff and standing committees (distributed for the first time electronically prior to the meeting)
- Heard a detailed report from Frank Leber, Chair of the Transition Team, on the process and time line regarding Pastor Hardy's retirement, the appointment of an interim Senior Pastor, the selection of a Call Committee and the employment of a new Senior Pastor
- Adopted the *Vision, Mission and Guiding Principles* document as presented by the Strategic Planning Team
- Took action to call a special congregational meeting on Sunday, March 1, 2009, to present the *Vision, Mission and Guiding Principles* document for adoption and to report on the transition process
- Approved a list of individuals currently participating in the winter *Affirmation of Faith* class for reception into the membership of Trinity Church
- Appointed a special committee to study the large number of financial and in-kind appeals made to the congregation and recommend appropriate ways of handling them

Doug Bonsall

Senior Retreat

Mark your calendar for May 4 and 5 (Monday and Tuesday) for the Spring Senior Retreat at Camp Hebron. Details regarding cost and program will follow shortly. Camp Hebron needs an approximate number of persons attending so that rooms can be reserved. If you plan to attend please let Judy Messinger know, 766-3692. Registration forms will be available as soon as the details are finalized.

Vicar Cheri's Project

Hi,

I'm well on my way to digging into my internship project. Some time ago, God planted in my heart the desire to create a prayer labyrinth in an outdoor garden setting. A prayer labyrinth is intended to be a spiritual tool for one's faith journey. The circuitous path guides one toward the center slowly while giving the opportunity to shed life's burdens and enable a clear and open



mind. In prayer one approaches God speaking, singing, or simply listening. Once in the center of the labyrinth reflection, celebration, and even tears can

allow cleansing of the soul. While walking back out of the circle and into the world one is renewed and re-energized.

We have a site, estimate of costs and materials, with more cultivating to be done. I hope to begin early spring and complete the project by June. As an introduction, there will be an indoor labyrinth in our Fellowship Hall, Sunday afternoon, April 26 to allow hands (or feet) on experience.

This will be followed by three Special Topic Sundays in May to edify and raise enthusiasm led by Maggie Ackerman and me.

We welcome suggestions, creative ideas, and helping hands. I have cast the seed and if you water and nurture my vision God will make it grow. Please consider sharing your gifts and talents toward this mission – I invite you to stop in, call, or email me at cheryl.korte@trinitycamphill.org.

Blessings,

Vicar Cheri

Good Friday Prayer Vigil

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

Men and women are invited to participate in this ministry. The April 10 vigil will begin at 6:00 a.m. and end at 6:00 p.m. It will be divided into 48 segments, consisting of 15 minutes each and you may sign up for multiple segments.

Sign-up sheets will be in the Gathering Space beginning on Sunday, March 15, and remain there until Sunday, April 5. A Help Booklet entitled "God's People in Prayer" may be picked up at the sign-up table/easel.

You may use your own prayers, those provided, and/or scripture verses appropriate for the worship season. The "chain" remains whole as long as each person stays until relieved by the next prayer volunteer!

Trinity is a congregation with a strong belief in the power of prayer! Let us use our "chain" to pray for our Savior Jesus Christ, for His Church worldwide, for our global families, for all those in need everywhere, for our pastors, for our elected leaders, and for divine guidance from God, Our Father!

In Christ,

Tom Hoffert

Missions Committee

We Are Going North, Again!

It is time to make plans to teach Summer Bible School in the North West Territories of Canada. Suzanne Miller and Barbara Kriebel are going again. It would be exciting to have more volunteers join us!

The Missions Committee has designated *On Eagle's Wings* as the recipient for their portion of the Lenten Self-Denial Boxes. This is so appreciated; the cost of fuel in the Far North remains very high due to the cost of transporting it to the villages. One of the episodes of "Ice Road Truckers" as seen on the History Channel followed a truck filled with fuel on the Ice Roads to Deline. The scene of the truck coming into town showed the Catholic Church (shaped like a teepee with a red roof.) I have taught at that church for three summers. Now, *On Eagle's Wings* has a good dilemma! More villages are asking us to come and we have the volunteers to teach, BUT the huge cost of flying so many volunteers from Yellowknife, NWT, to villages further north is greater than the gifts we receive.

Many are aware of the Summer Bible School programs. The Mission Statement of OEW states it is an ecumenical Christian Ministry that proclaims Jesus Christ and serves the church and individuals in remote and isolated areas of northern Canada. So few pastors and priests remain in the north that the need is very great, and OEW is often asked to come. We have one full-time pastor and we need to hire another as quickly as the budget allows.

Our church is extremely important to the mission of OEW. All of the US mailings, i.e. newsletters (5000), Advent Reflections (50,000), and other materials are folded, stuffed, addressed, sealed and mailed by volunteers of our congregation. These mailings are how all requests for donations are made. As a member of the US Board of OEW, I thank everyone in our congregation for their continued support. Your copy of Soaring (our newsletter) is available in our track racks.

Barbara Kriebel

Women of Trinity Circle Meetings

Circle Name	Date	Circle Leaders	Circle Time & Place
Esther	Monday, March 2	Joan Gamber & Jean Zimmerman	7:00 PM Library
Ruth	Tuesday, March 3	Ruth Bertovich & Ruth Dietz	9:30 AM Rm. 237
Deborah	Tuesday, March 3	Peggy Bishop, Anne Fry & Betty Wade	9:30 PM Library
Elizabeth	Tuesday, March 3	Elizabeth Winters	1:30 PM Library

New Council President and a Move to Discipleship

Doug Bonsall, our new President of Congregation Council hopes to “get a spark started that will ignite into brightly burning fire for Trinity.”

Doug talked about the Strategic Planning Team, which as co-chair has been a very consuming activity for him and will continue as a major focus during his presidency. “We started with a small committee doing a lot of reading studies by different churches and books on organization and church development to come to agreement on a vision and mission to take to the congregation for the opportunity for more involvement by the congregation and to define our future as we look to calling a new pastor.” With the next step implementation and the vision. “Disciples in the Making, Making Disciples” Doug says “all of us, individually and collectively need to feed the fire with the fuel of faith that comes to us as a gift from the Holy Spirit as we seek to become true disciples ourselves and lead others to become the same. As the book *Power Surge* reminds us, the Church must get outside its comfort zone and move from a ‘membership’ model to a ‘discipleship’ model to regain its relevance in today’s society.”

Doug was born and raised on a farm in rural Perry County. He is not a life long Lutheran, but a fourth generation Presbyterian on both sides of his family. Music has been a big part of his life from an early age. He began as a church organist when the little country church in which he was born and raised, at age 12, needed a musician due to the illness of the then organist. After playing there for about 16 years, he continued playing in various other churches; St. Paul Lutheran in Newport and the Shared Ministry in Harrisburg, before retiring from this work in 1999. He joined Messiah Lutheran in Harrisburg in early 2000 where partner Craig Staller was a member, finally becoming a Lutheran, and served as Christian Education Chairman and Council Vice President

Over the years Doug has served as President of the Shared Ministry and many committees at other churches where he was a member. Through the Shared Ministry he was introduced to tutoring on Alison Hill. Doug remarked, “This was a real learning experience coming from a very rural upbringing.”

Retired after working for the state for 35 years, Doug explained, “I now have time to devote to God’s work.” For him, the “church” means being very involved in its ministry. “I was raised that you have a primary responsibility to the church.” Here at Trinity Doug has served on the Christian Education, Social Ministry and Fellowship Committees. The Fellowship Committee is what led him into the kitchen work. For many this is how we really got to know him. When we think of some of the best meals we have here at Trinity we think of Doug. His love of food and cooking started at home as a child with his paternal grandmother and a life-long in-

volvement with the Grange. He learned at his grandmother’s side to create wonderful recipes and witnessed her commitment of giving to the church by preparing food and planning fund raisers. Beyond being involved with food service for charitable fund raising causes at the Grange, Doug learned a great deal about leadership with volunteers after serving 40 years in various offices at the local, county, state and national levels of the Grange.

Doug sees council as only an enabler for each of us to live out our own spiritual gifts and ministry. “I want to try to get ideas from those who are successful in their ministry,” he said. “I will do my very best to encourage team work with committees and leaders of the congregation to be involved in what is being done.”

I was impressed with Doug’s deep concern, that as council president, he feels it is important to connect with the various committees (ministries), to understand what is working and what is not. “I will personally continue to be involved in as many ministries as possible and hope this will set a positive example. I believe the best way to do this is by hands on ministry,” he said. As part of the hands on, Doug has recently been working with Lutheran World Relief, tutoring the kids on Alison Hill and the ministry with Frank’s Place. “This is real hands on and it helps you feel you are part of lighting a fire.”

We closed our discussion with Doug asking that the congregation keep the council, committees and staff in their prayers, seek in their own lives their spiritual gifts and utilize them through Trinity and out into the world. “Council are your called by God servants and we want to work with you to help you, the congregation, discover ways to live out your faith.”

Donna V. Sprouls

FAIR IS FAIR Every Sunday (and during many other church events during the week) we enjoy coffee, probably without thinking very much about from where it comes or how it gets paid. Trinity is proud to inform you that we now serve FAIR TRADE coffee as a show of our concern for economic justice and in support of a resolution of our own Lower Susquehanna Synod. FAIR TRADE means that the third world farmers who grow the coffee beans that will eventually flavor our beverage will be paid a fair and livable wage for their labors. The cost to Trinity for FAIR TRADE coffee is more than other coffee but a cost that is justified so that some of the most vulnerable in our world society are not unfairly exploited. The Fellowship Team believes this matter of Christian conscience is one that our members will want to voluntarily support with their contribution as they enjoy a cup of coffee at the church. Please consider contributing a modest donation each time you get a cup of coffee, knowing that you are both supporting FAIR TRADE and helping meet coffee costs to the church in a tight budget year. You’ll find a donation container on the coffee station in the Gathering Space. Thank you.



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Birthdays

Homebound

- March 2 **Wallace Smith** - 5225 Wilson Lane, Assisted Living 215, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055
- March 9 **Bob Landis** - 360 North 28th Street, Camp Hill, PA 17011
- Milly Stotler** - 140 Robin Lane, Unit Q 7, Hummelstown, PA 17036
- March 12 **Luke Gutshall** - 510 Washington Terrace, Lemoyne, PA 17043
- March 14 **Janet D'Agostino** - 3510 Walnut Street, Apt. 3, Camp Hill, PA 17011
- 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** - 502 Penn Ayr Road, Camp Hill, PA 17011
- March 12 **Bishop Edmiston** - 15 Sunfire Avenue, Camp Hill, PA 17011