

Trinity Parish

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

Concert Series ends with a bang! The Sacred Concerts of Duke Ellington

Trinity's Chancel Choir will join forces with The Capital Area Music Association (CAMA), Guest Conductor Dr. Anthony Leach, vocalists and top Jazz musicians from the region and beyond to present *Selections from the Sacred Concerts of Duke Ellington* on Sunday, May 17 at 4 p.m. Ellington wrote three sacred concerts and this presentation will highlight excerpts from all three sacred concerts including the popular "Come Sunday". Ellington regarded the Sacred concerts to be his most important composition and considered these works to be an opportunity to share his personal philosophy and faith and to state "out loud to all the world what I've been saying to myself for years on my knees." There will be free admission to this final concert of the 2008/2009 season.

Women of Trinity Announcements

Don't Forget! Women of Trinity's May General Meeting and Pot Luck Dinner – May 13

Dinner will be in Fellowship Hall beginning at 4 p.m. The meats and drinks will be provided by the WOT Board. Guest speaker will be Vicar Cheryl A. Korte. We elect officers for next year at this meeting. "Blessing Boxes" are to be returned at the meeting with the proceeds going to support the Allison Hill Fund.

Join the Women of the ELCA to help create listing solutions for poverty and climate change. How? Through the simple act of recycling your old cell phone! If you have one, please bring it with you to the meeting or leave it in the "cell phone box" located in the Collection Closet.

Lastly, we will begin assembling the health kits in May and are in need of donations of dark colored hand towels, metal nail files and combs with wide teeth. If you would like to donate any of these items, please see that they get to either the meeting or in the Collection Closet before the May General Meeting. We will then begin to collect layette items and school kit items from May through August.

Congratulations to Our Graduates!

These Trinity seniors will graduate from area high schools in June:

Andrew S. Bohn, Mechanicsburg Area Senior High School will be attending Shippensburg University majoring in Business with a minor in Computer Science. Andrew is the son of Steve and Barbara Bohn of Mechanicsburg.

Kelly Cuthbert, Camp Hill High School plans to attend West Virginia University and major in Pre-Pharmacy. Kelly is the daughter of Joe and Deb Cuthbert.

Sarah Elizabeth Easton, Camp Hill High School will attend Susquehanna University and major in Business. Sarah is the daughter of the Reverend Nancy and Randolph Easton.

Lee Ann Hoover, Camp Hill High School will attend Drew University. She is the daughter of Kim and Mark Hoover.

Trinity congratulates these college graduates who recently received degrees:

Shannon Laura Jones graduated from the University of Pittsburgh in April 2009 with a Bachelor degree with Honors in English/Writing and a concentration in Poetry and Latin American studies. She has started graduate school at the UP School of Education for a MAT in English/Communications Education program to teach secondary education. She is the daughter of Johan and Michelle Jones of Mechanicsburg.

Darby Masland graduated from the University of Maryland in December 2008 with a Bachelor of Arts in History. She will be attending either UMD or Columbia University in pursuit of a Masters of Education. She is the daughter of John and Beth Masland of Camp Hill.

OUR VISION

"Disciples in the making, making disciples"

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

"Called by the Holy Spirit to be Christ's Disciples, we seek to equip ourselves and others to live like Christ, and to be sent into the world proclaiming and living the Good News as daily witnesses of God's transforming love."

Blood Bank News

Calling all of Trinity's faithful donors, new members, and anyone else who has just been "thinking about it"! Sign up will be held on Sunday, **May 3 and 10**, after all services, in the Gathering Space. Sunday, **May 17, 7:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.** is the date of Trinity's next blood drive. Please report to Room 126. Questions: Call Jeanie Bentzel @ 766-3526.



Stop by the sign up table and see our new "Did You Know" handout. I'll bet most of you know all the answers! The CPBB has existed since 1960 to meet the local area's blood needs through local donors. **Blood that is drawn here**

is used here. Trinity broke their record in 2008, but of course, Jeanie expects an even greater 2009!

Jeanie Bentzel

STAFF NOTES

Putting Prayer on the To-Do List

If I'm looking to fall asleep quickly, I have two options: Read a few pages of an exceedingly dry theological treatise. . . or pray.

To put a positive spin on the pray-and-fall asleep connection, I could say I feel peaceful having laid my burdens in God's hands, and that peace soothes me to sleep. The truth is a bit less positive. Attempting extended intercessory prayer while tucked cozily under warm covers is simply setting myself up for failure.

It's one thing to have a brief nighttime devotional. It's another to leave till evening the long list of those I wish to pray for, or who have asked me to pray for them.

That means I should consider fitting such prayer into my daily schedule well before bedtime.

But when? In the morning, my brain is in a fog until the coffee kicks in. Then it's making certain the kids get ready for school. And, once the kids are out the door, wouldn't it be better use of my time to work on that sermon? Prepare that Bible lesson? Scrub the tub? Call my mother? Fill the crock pot for my family's supper? Write an overdue letter to a friend? Isn't first tackling those needful things the productive way to go?

Not necessarily. Yes, I might be able to accomplish those things during the day. However, without prayer—this daily conversation with God—as a foundation, perhaps I cannot accomplish those tasks well.

Philip Gulley suggested exactly that in his book *Front Porch Tales*. He was writing about his Grandma, whom he dearly loved and considered the sweetest person who ever lived. But Gulley also recalled how, when he was a child, it annoyed him that his Grandma went into her bedroom to pray twice a day. He wrote, "I resented the notion that talking with God was more important than talking with me."

It was years later when the "Aha!" hit him. At last he understood that the "time she spent in prayer helped her be all the more present for others."

I'd like to know how and when you pray. Do you sit in a favorite chair (Warning: Don't fall asleep!) or do you like to keep moving? What distracts you and makes prayer difficult for you? What items do you use in prayer? I myself find that praying and walking go together well. Sometimes I carry a small notebook with names of those I am lifting up in prayer. Tell me about your prayer life. Let's share the ways in which we pray—or attempt to pray—and we will enrich our own prayer life, while encouraging one another in that spiritual discipline. And we may discover, like Gulley's Grandma, that we can be more present for those around us because we first spent time with God.

The Reverend Nancy R. Easton

Trinity's Blood Drive
Sunday, May 17, 2009
7:45 - 11:00 a.m.
Report to Room 126

Alzheimer's Support Group
will meet Wednesday, May 27, 2009,
from 7-9 p.m. in the library.

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

Trinity Parish Deadline

The deadline for the June 2009 Edition of *Trinity Parish* is **Sunday, May 10, 2009 - no exceptions.** Please forward all articles to the Editor, Donna Sprowls at parish@trinitycamphill.org

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Do you know that the most recent edition of *Trinity Parish* is usually available on Trinity's website www.trinitycamphill.org, in color, at least two weeks prior to your receiving it in the mail.

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:

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

Did you know Boy Scout Troop 51 has been meeting at Trinity for 80 years.

Day Trip to New Windsor, MD

On Wednesday, May 20, we have another opportunity to volunteer at the Lutheran World Relief Warehouse in New Windsor, MD. Blankets, school kits and health kits arrive from all over the United States and are packed for disaster relief.

We will leave Trinity's parking lot at 6:30 a.m. and return about 5:00 p.m. Lunch in the dining room is provided at no cost to all volunteers. If you would like to join us or have any questions, contact Judy Collins (737-9921 x 239). Confirmation deadline is Wednesday, May 13.

Bless our Military

Joyce Grier reports Major Charles S. Armstrong, son of Trinity members Charles and Bernadine Armstrong who is deployed to Iraq recently received package number 1002 as part of Operation Shoebox. Operation Shoebox is a project of the Capital Club, Verizon Telecom Pioneers, a non-profit organization of active and retired telephone employees. Joyce is one of three core committee members.

Operation Shoebox mails packages to our military in Iraq, Afghanistan, Kosovo, Kuwait and Egypt. The count is now up to 1,033 packages sent. "God is great," says Joyce.

Following are excerpts from a letter Joyce recently received from an Army Col. serving in Iraq. Names have been omitted at the request of the members wishing to remain anonymous. *"Dear Joyce – Thanks so much for the fabulous box of goodies which arrived at my "alternate location" a few days ago. (I travel between two different bases in Baghdad, so my mail doesn't always catch up with me right away.) The chocolate, especially, was very timely, as in a month or so it will be too hot to survive the trip.... Your support and that of other friends at Trinity means the world to those of us who are fortunate to be able to help the people and government of Iraq at a critical time in their difficult history. We are doing our best to make all Americans proud of our efforts!"*

If you have a family member, friend (or know a Trinity member) to receive a package, contact Joyce. If interested in donating items, contact Joyce for a list of needs. Consider a contribution to cover mailings or writing a note to include in a box would also be appreciated. All boxes contain a message. Joyce may be reached at 566-2294 or auntie-joyceg@yahoo.com

Pray for our men and women who have served and are currently serving our country and pray for those who have given the ultimate sacrifice for freedom.

Donna V. Sprowls

Looking ahead to the Trinity Concert Series 2009/2010!

Sun., Sept. 20, 2009	4 p.m.	Festival of Keyboards – four pianos, eight hands!
Fri., Oct. 16, 2009	7 p.m.	Olivier Latry, organist - Notre Dame Cathedral, Paris
Sun., Nov. 8, 2009	4 p.m.	The J. Stewart Hardy Tribute Concert - celebrating his 22 years of service to Trinity.
Sun., Dec. 13, 2009	4 p.m.	Christmas at Trinity - our yearly Christmas extravaganza with choirs and orchestra.
Sun., Dec. 20, 2009	4 p.m.	Christmas at Trinity - a yearly tradition, "A Candlelight Christmas" with the Susquehanna Chorale.
Sun., Feb. 28, 2010	4 p.m.	Candlelight Choral Vespers - Chancel Choir and Orchestra presenting "Requiem" by John Rutter.
Sat., Mar. 21, 2010	7 p.m.	The Capital Church Choir Festival - choirs from area churches; K. Lee Scott, composer and conductor.
Sun., Apr. 25, 2010	7 p.m.	Expressions of Faith - with Trinity's contemporary worship band, FaithX.
Sun., May 2, 2010	4 p.m.	The Messiah College President's Concert

LAST CALL

Remember to sign up for our spring camping outing.
May 29-31
Contact Judy or Joe Hunter,
737-9933.

Small Group Leaders

Trinity SCS teachers, anyone who has considered teaching and small group leaders: explore the Lower Susquehanna Synod Resource Center on Tuesday, May 12 at 1:30 p.m. or Wednesday, May 13 at 7:00 p.m. This informal hour with the director will provide an opportunity to examine the materials and aids available to you throughout the year. Contact Judy Collins for more information at 737-9921 x 239.

YG News

Greetings to all in the name of the Lord. The YG (youth group) is going strong in 2009. We are now in the middle of the busiest part of our 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 March.

The month of March is always our busiest. This year was no exception. We started off the month with a YG Nite on the 8th. The topic of the NITE was BUILD UP YG and it focused on building our unity as youth group. It showed how we need to trust others as well as trust God. Around 50 YG and advisors came out for the NITE. This YG NITE was a powerful one from start to finish and a lot was learned by all. Throughout the NITE the YG were involved in small group challenges and team building activities, and they all passed with flying colors. It was the best YG NITE of the season! The following Saturday was the ANNUAL YG PANCAKE BREAKFAST and it was one of the best ones in recent memory. We were able to raise \$700.00 plus some matching funds from Thrivent to go toward the ELCA NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING this summer in New Orleans. Around 20 YG and about nine advisors came out for the morning. We heard so many positive comments from people about the breakfast. And I found out that a lot of people like burnt pancakes (go figure), because we received numerous requests for them. The morning was a good one and the whole breakfast was a success. On the 22nd was another YG NITE. The topic of the NITE was REAL WORLD and it focused in on teaching the YG to look at the world through a "Christian lens", always aware of how popular culture is trying to mold them: TV, movies, ads, etc. This was another powerful YG NITE. Around 50 YG and advisors came out for the NITE. The discussions at this YG NITE in large and small groups were awesome! Faith, fun and fellowship were surely had by all. We closed down the month with a SR. HIGH OVER-NITE at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Carlisle with my brother's senior high youth group. Around 30 YG and advisors gathered from both groups for this night of total fun and fellowship. We played games, ate pizza, and enjoyed conversation. The overnite was so much fun. It was a blast from start to finish and a good time was had by all. And there you have it, the month of March and it was surely a busy one – wait until you see April. With that said, I must get back to work.

REMINDER TO ALL: 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 THIS SUMMER IN NEW ORLEANS.

Yours in Christ,

Peter A. Fox
Youth Ministry Director

THE YG FUNDRAISER CALENDAR

- **YG FIESTA NITE** on Sunday May 31 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- **YG CAR WASH @ Killians'** on Saturday, May 2 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- **YG CAR WASH @ Killians'** on Saturday, June 6 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Join a Choir and Sing!

1. **The Family Choir** will be singing on Sunday, May 17. This choir is made up of parents and youth (fifth grade and older). One rehearsal will be held at 10 a.m. on May 17, one hour before the service.
2. **The Summer Chancel Choir** sings weekly during the summer. There is only one rehearsal – Thursday, June 4 at 7:30 p.m. – then sing on whatever Sundays you are available.

"The Lutheran" Adult Forum - Please join us on Sunday, May 31 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 232-234 for our next discussion on **"Prayer – It Doesn't Have to be so Difficult."** You'll find several articles and a study guide on pages 18-24 of the April 2009 issue of *The Lutheran* magazine. Among the topics we'll discuss will be: examining our attitudes toward prayer, developing a better personal prayer life, exploring ancient prayer practices and praying with children. If you do not have access to the articles, please contact class coordinators Craig Staller or Doug Bonsall (921-1957) for a paper copy.

Letters to Trinity

Trinity:

There are no adequate words to express the love, caring and support shared by our Trinity family as we mourned the death of our beloved Terry. Our comfort comes from the assurance that he is now in the Kingdom of our Lord and God.

The Bush Family

Dear Trinity:

I wish to thank the Women of Trinity and the prayer shawl group for their prayers and gorgeous prayer shawl. It's really so wonderful to have such a caring, loving family in God. I feel truly blessed ... And what would our family of God be without our wonderful pastors, Education Director, vicar and staff?

Thank you dear brothers and sisters for spreading God's love and Great News!

Love in Christ,

Mary Kay Fager

To the members and staff at Trinity Lutheran:

I am writing this note to thank you and show my appreciation for all the cards, prayers, visits and flowers you have given me.

The visits by Vicar Cheryl and Pastor Hardy were very encouraging.

I was pleasantly surprised by Pastor Hardy on Christmas day. It was very thoughtful of him.

I still have a ways to go but improving each day.

Thanks again to the Trinity family.

Ron Quigley

22nd Annual Convention of the Lower Susquehanna Syndical Women's Organization

This year's convention will be hosted right here at Trinity Lutheran Church- Camp Hill. The theme is "Let God's Living Water Flow", taken from John 7:37 ...Jesus stood up and proclaimed, "If anyone thirst, let him come to me and drink. He who believes in me, as the scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'"

- When:** June 26 and 27, 2009
Where: Trinity Lutheran Church - 2000 Chestnut Street, Camp Hill
Who: Any woman, man or youth that would like to enrich their faith, grow in their understanding of the Women of the ELCA and enjoy fellowship.
What: Workshops held Friday and Saturday featuring—
Rev. Nancy Easton, Judy Collins, Bishop Penrose Hoover, and Sydney Brinkman, Church wide Representative.

Registration Fee for One Day Attendance
 \$25 Postmarked by June 1, 2009
 \$35 Postmarked June 2 – 13, 2009

Registration Fee for Two Day Attendance
 \$35 Postmarked by June 1, 2009
 \$45 Postmarked June 2 -13, 2009

Friday Evening Banquet (*Served at Church*) \$10
 Saturday Breakfast (*Served at Church*) \$4
 Saturday Lunch (*Served at Church*) \$6

All meals will be served by the Men of Trinity.

Registration information can be found at the Receptionist Desk in the Gathering Space and any other questions may be directed to Elizabeth Winters 697-3673 and Pat Eby 761-1338. You may also check out the Lower Susquehanna Syndical Newsletter featuring this Convention at: http://www.lss-elca.org/Links/WELCA/2009_Con_Nwsltr.pdf.

We are also looking for housing for registrants of this convention to help alleviate costs. Anyone willing to house guests for this weekend please contact Bert Weaver 697-3259.

Birthdays

Homebound Members

- May 2 **Ann Sponaugle**
 20 N. 12th St., Apt. 227, Lemoyne, PA 17043
- May 13 **Sally Dewalt**
 801 N. Hanover St., Room 100, Carlisle, PA 17013
- May 23 **Alan Hull**
 423 Appletree Road, Camp Hill, PA 17011
- May 26 **Dorothy Miller**
 6 Creekside Lane, Camp Hill, PA 17011
- May 27 **Natalie Froehlich**
 210 Big Spring Road, Newville, PA 17241

Council Update – The April meeting of Trinity's Congregation Council was held one week later than usual to avoid Easter Monday. Therefore, highlights of that meeting were not ready when this issue went to press and will appear in the next *Trinity Parish*.

Trinity Prayer Concerns

Heavenly Father,

We are humbled, O God, by your Love and Grace for us, and we are sustained and fed by the power of your Holy Spirit. May our prayerful hearts be known to you, O Lord, and may our ministries reflect Thy Will for this church; we ask that you might grant unto us all the spiritual gifts of love, wisdom, patience, kindness, discipleship, and righteousness.

Bless all those who are in positions of leadership and authority, bless all those who travel to far off places in Thy Name, bless all those who protect us and our way of life, bless all those who find themselves in need of your care....restore them to wholeness, according to Thy Will, and bless all those who have yet to experience freedom in their lives!

May is Social Ministry Recognition Month here at Trinity, Holy Father; and so we lift up to You all those who go beyond our walls to serve as volunteers....We ask that You might bestow special blessings on the following ministries: Bethesda Mission and Trinity House, the Ecumenical Food Pantry, Trinity's Prison Ministry, the Zion Winter Homeless Shelter, the Harrisburg Inner-City Tutoring Program, and New Hope Ministries.

Lord, we pray that our seniors will experience real growth and joy at their Annual Senior Retreat at Camp Hebron. Our congregation is so blessed to have so many elders who voluntarily give of their time, knowledge and experiences for the benefit of us all!

As we approach Memorial Day, let us give thanks for this great nation; let us take pause to remember, in prayer, all those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms...God bless them and their families!

In Jesus' Name we pray, Amen.

Women of Trinity Circle Meetings

Circle Name	Date	Circle Leaders	Circle Time & Place
Esther	Monday, May 4	Joan Gamber & Jean Zimmerman	7:00 PM Library
Ruth	Tuesday, May 5	Ruth Bertovich & Ruth Dietz	9:30 AM Rm. 237
Deborah	Tuesday, May 5	Peggy Bishop, Anne Fry & Betty Wade	9:30 PM Library
Elizabeth	Tuesday, May 5	Elizabeth Winters	1:30 PM Library

What do Northfield Minnesota, Spencer Iowa and Boiling Springs Pennsylvania all have in common? There are regular users of the **Daily Lectionary** page of Trinity's website www.trinitycamp-hill.org from each of those towns. Trinity's website provides a wide variety of resources and aids for your daily devotions. **Check it out!**

Why? What is it about Trinity?

The Evangelism Team was curious: What brought people to Trinity – and what kept them coming back? So we asked those attending our Winter “Affirmation of Faith” class. May each of you be blessed and encouraged by what you read.

Question #1:

“What first brought you to Trinity?”

- * Friends attended here and invited us.
- * We were looking for a church “home”.
- * A family member joined Trinity, and then encouraged us to come.
- * Our teen got involved in Youth Group...
- * The ELCA website led us to Trinity; it seemed to be just what we were looking for.
- * We first came to the Summer Sundae Concerts.
- * I came to “support group” meetings.
- * I’d hear the choir rehearsing when I’d bring my son to scout meetings...the beautiful music drew me in...

Question #2:

“What is it about Trinity that keeps you coming back?”

- * The choices of services.
- * The various worship times available.
- * The pastors are down-to-earth, easy to understand, and make us feel welcome.
- * A large Youth Group.
- * My kids love the Sunday School.
- * I enjoy the band – FaithX.
- * I love listening to organ music.
- * People at Trinity seem to really have a “focus” on sharing their faith.
- * I appreciate the richness of the programs offered at Trinity.
- * I enjoy singing in the choir.
- * I enjoy singing along with the band.
- * Many in the church are actively involved in living-out their Christian faith.
- * I want a more personal relationship with Christ, and I believe I can find it here with the people of Trinity.
- * All the opportunities for fellowship (listed in the yellow insert – *Trinity Today*).
- * The friendly, relaxed atmosphere.
- * I’m impressed that Trinity opens its facilities to so many community groups.
- * I feel welcome.
- * The service is comfortable and meaningful...it really ‘connects’.
- * I feel good after the service and I’m glad I came!

***New Members will be received into our
“Trinity family” on May 31.***

Trinity’s Participation with Prison Ministry at Dauphin County Prison

For several years a pastor and several members have taken worship to the jail. We bring communion elements and sing hymns as part of the worship. The men worship one Sunday and the women’s group the next.

There isn’t much time to talk, but many say “thanks” for coming. The schedule includes worship every other month or six times a year.

In order to get clearance to go with the group into the prison you need to fill out an application and send it to the prison. There are just a few security rules for visiting. We might be called upon to volunteer to read the scripture when a volunteer is requested.

Another part of Prison Ministry, in the early stage of participation by Trinity, is the monthly re-entry breakfast. It is held on a Saturday morning at 9 to 10:30 a.m. at a different church each month. The breakfast is free, and is attended by people in re-entry as well as people like us who want to be-friend those in re-entry. Part of the morning’s program is a story told by someone who was incarcerated, and has been able to reform and start life again. It encourages those who need to pursue beneficial activities and work that is positive and renewing for their life. Others who attend are the cooks for the breakfast. It’s an inspiring event.

The Social Ministry Committee is planning to hold a re-entry breakfast in May of 2010, on the third Saturday at Trinity. Everyone is welcome to attend, and to befriend and encourage the folks in re-entry.

I attend the breakfast each month, and encourage anyone who would like to attend to come with me. We can carpool to the church if you would like. We usually meet at Trinity’s parking lot. The next breakfast in May will be at Harrisburg Brethren in Christ, 2217 Derry St.

Call me at 761-0519, or e mail at rosethorn3737@comcast.net if you want to attend or just talk about this ministry.

In Jesus name,

Roberta Smith

Weekly Prayer List

April 26-May 2: Timothy, Rochelle, Hannah, and Madeline Harbick; Roy, Kathy, and Emma Hanson; John, Sharon, and Deborah Hanson; Ryan, Kim, Jesse, Matthew, and Sarah Hannigan; Marty and Rachel Hammond; Matthew Hammaker; Kevin, Jennifer, and Megan Hammaker; Kathy, Mark, and Robert Hamilton. **May 3-9:** Robie Hall; Maxwell and Alicia Hahn; Beth Hahn; Allen Haas; Robert and Lynn Haar; Mary Haar; Jason, Anne and Luke Gutshall; Corrie Gustafson. **May 10-16:** Anne Gurka; Dick Gulden; Audrey Guistwhite; Thomas Guise; Isabelle Guise; Greta Guilday; Dan, Pam, Michael, Cory, Kasey, and Marc Grundon. **May 17-23:** Royce and Mark Groff; Phil and Meg Groff; Laird and Bailey Groff; Robert Grim; Stacey, Kato, Kaleb, and Kasey Griffiths; Joyce Grier; Joseph Gribb. **May 24-30:** Carol Greenlund; Arnie and Anne Greenlund; Walter and Marilyn Greene; Helen Greene; Kristen and Peter Green; Adam and Rachell Green; Patricia Graybill and Maya Yashinsky; Lorraine Graybill. **May 31-June 6:** Stephanie Granoff; Diane Granoff; Lou and Sue Grammes; Jon Grammes; Christine Grabau; Norma Gotwalt; John Gottshall; Jason Gottshall

From Your Director of Learning Ministries

Sup and Study, which ended on April 1 (no fooling), was a wonderfully meaningful event. We had an especially high number of registrants that held throughout the program. (So, try as we might, we didn't scare anyone off.) All the teachers of the classes—Pastor Brock, Spiritual Gifts Coordinator Judy Collins, and Vicar Cheri—intensely prepared their lessons, creating strong courses that were keenly appreciated by the students. Joe Hunter coordinated a fine staff of many cooks who provided Lenten suppers that were both simpler, for the season, and tasty. We'll just have to accept the fact that simpler meals in Lent may still be delicious!

My thanks to the teachers, cooks and servers. And to Chelsea Brunie, Amanda Henderson, Emily Henderson, and Karen Peiffer, all of whom took care of the children at Sup and Study while their parents were in classes. And I thank Kathy Powers; she served as registrar for the series; and it's comforting for me to know that that process is handled carefully and graciously.

Our confirmands will confirm their baptismal vows on Sunday, June 7, at either the 10:45 or 11 o'clock service. By 10:15, the confirmands should be on the front steps of the church, leading up to the Narthex, for class photo-taking. (These photos will later be available for download.)

On the evening of June 4—the Wednesday just before confirmation—there will be a *special dinner* held for the confirmands, their parents, the mentors, the pastors and vicars, and Congregational Council members. There is no RSVP for the confirmands for this dinner invitation; attendance is expected. It will be a good dinner, though, followed by a necessary rehearsal conducted by the pastors for the confirmands about what to do on Sunday.

Sunday June 14 is the last day for the regular church school year for our Sunday classes for children and youth. All of our adult Sunday Church School classes continue through the summer plus we have Vacation Church School for the church and community. There will be Special Topics Classes over the summer as well. A new brochure will be distributed in June describing Trinity's learning ministry for this summer.

I am right now wrapping up *the summer schedule of learning ministry opportunities* at Trinity. If there is a class or topic you would like to see pursued or promoted at Trinity over the summer—or at any time—please contact me.

Speaking of the summer, Trinity continues to provide, through the learning ministry program, *scholarships for campers* going to Kirchenwald or Nawakwa. The amount is fifty dollars. Families applying for camp need simply note the scholarship on the form.

I will have completed my fifth year of service at Trinity this summer. I have enjoyed learning the stories of so many from the congregation and parish and look forward to that process continuing.

Thank you for all you are and all you do,

Christopher

Missions Committee

Trinity's Missions in Tanzania

The Konde Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania, Africa, is supported by members of Trinity through the benevolence fund of the Missions Committee.

The first contact between the Lower Susquehanna Synod (LSS) and the Konde Diocese took place in 1990 when their respective bishops, including our Bishop Guy Edmiston, attended a Lutheran World Federation meeting in Brazil. Out of that meeting grew the desire to be companions in Christ. Since then, members of the synod have traveled to Tanzania and members of the diocese have come to central Pennsylvania many, many times in mutual support.

Proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ and spreading the good news through word and deed is the central mission of the church. The Konde Diocese has more than 89,000 members; 90 pastors and 58 congregations. Funds from Trinity and other LSS congregations provide sponsorship for leaders of the diocese to attend Pennsylvania universities (Millersville, York College, Gettysburg Seminary, etc.) and Lutheran church camps to study to be teachers, pastors and other leaders in the church. Our contributions support evangelism and supplement the salaries of pastors and other church workers in Tanzania.

Through the benevolence of LSS and companion congregations, two sea containers of worship materials, computers, medical supplies and school supplies – weighing almost 18 tons, as well as two “virtual” containers worth \$10,000 have been sent to the Konde Diocese. At the Itete Hospital and Mother/Child Clinic outside Tukuyu, the money helps purchase medicine and provides scholarships for persons studying to be medical personnel.

In Tanzania (as in many places around the world), students must pay to attend high school and they typically live at school. It costs about \$500 per year to educate a student at the diocese's Manow Lutheran Secondary School – twice the average salary. Contributions from congregations like Trinity provide student scholarships and support the infrastructure of Manow. Many persons from the synod have visited; volunteering as teachers and tutors for school personnel and students.

Trinity's companion congregation is Kambasegela Congregation in Tukuyu, Tanzania, which is also the headquarters for the Konde Diocese. As partners with the diocese, we participate in each other's life and mission through communication, learning and prayer. The relationship is mutual; we both give and receive as brothers and sisters in Christ.

Patricia Graybill

Do you know that since January 1, 2009, Trinity's website (www.trinitycamphill.org) has been visited over 6,500 times by people from 59 countries from every continent (except Antarctica), including all 50 states of the United States? As this newsletter was going to print Norway and Czech Republic were added. Oddly enough, the person from the Czech Republic was looking for the “Lutheran Church in Camphill”. Over 370 different pages were viewed a total of over 32,000 times. **Check it out!**



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Vicar Cheri Korte

* "What is a Labyrinth?" by Christopher Couch

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