

Trinity Parish

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



Trinity's Art Collection Grows!

Ronald and Gladys Laubenstein have generously donated two statues they purchased at the Vatican. The first statue is a depiction of Michelangelo's Last Supper. The second statue is a depiction of Michelangelo's Pietà (pictured above). The Missions Committee has donated a case, by the receptionist's desk in the Gathering Space, to the Arts Committee for the statues to be displayed. Please take time to stop and enjoy the newest additions to our art collection.

Mary E. Haar
Chair of Arts

You're invited to Trinity's **FREE** Summer Sundae Concerts

4th Sundays - June, July, August:
Sunday, June 28
Sunday, July 26
Sunday, August 23
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
outdoors on church grounds



Contemporary
Christian
Music
performed by
FaithX

**Bring your friends and lawn chairs and
join us for a relaxing summer evening!**

Concert held indoors in the event of inclement weather.

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OUR VISION

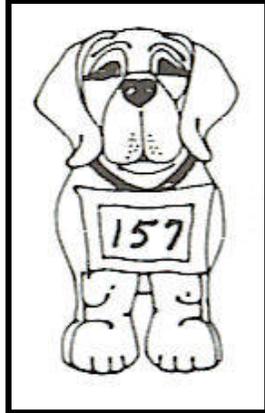
"Disciples in the making, making disciples"

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

Here I go again, writing an article for the June Trinity Parish, before the Blood Bank was held on May 17! The first sign-up Sunday, May 3 was terrific, so I feel confident enough to give Trinity members the benefit of the doubt! I will predict that we had a great turnout on May 17, and even Jeanie was satisfied with the number accepted! I will be sure to let you know if you let me down!



Did you know that the rarest blood type is the type that is not available when you need it? Only makes sense, doesn't it? According to the Central PA Blood Bank the rarest type is AB RH Negative; however, only one person in 167, or .6%, has this blood type! Donate on a regular basis and keep the supply full!

Jeanie Bentzel

Alzheimer's Support Group
will meet Wednesday, June 24, 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 July 2009 Edition of *Trinity Parish* is **Wednesday, June 10, 2009 - no exceptions.** Please forward all articles to the Editor, Donna Sprowls at parish@trinitycamphill.org

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STAFF NOTES

Worship 101

Unless you were too busy consuming chocolate eggs in the middle of worship on Easter Sunday here at Trinity, you might have noticed additional verbiage in our bulletins. Okay, so you **were** busy unwrapping the colorful foil and consuming those chocolate eggs and you **didn't** notice that our bulletins offered explanation for why we do the crazy thing we do called "worship."

You may remember that about a year ago, we produced a worship bulletin for our services that weekend that was considered "instructional" in nature. Our former vicar, seminarian Mike Louia, helped write brief explanations of the various points of a Lutheran worship service, and we printed them in the bulletin at each of those points. As plans for worship on this most recent Easter Sunday were being made, we decided to incorporate those explanations right into the bulletins as a teaching tool for the many parishioners and visitors who would worship with us that day.

An example of this instructive material? The apostolic greeting hails from Paul's final words in his Second Letter to the Corinthians: *The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.* We explained that standing for the Gospel reading shows respect for Jesus Christ who is revealed in the words we read. We reminded worshipers that the Passing of the Peace reflects our Lord's first words to his disciples after his resurrection, which was *Peace be with you.*

But besides offering instruction about the various small pieces of a worship service, this instructional bulletin offers us the bigger picture of worship as well.

First, there is a purposeful flow to what we do together. It's not just doing what we "feel like doing" in a particular worship, but we do **these specific things:** We gather. We confess with honesty our failings and ask forgiveness. We offer adoration. We listen as God speaks to us in scripture and sermon. Then we respond to that word with praise and a statement of our faith, with prayer and the sharing of our abundance. We eat the visible word of God in a simple meal, and finally we are sent out to share what we have learned and experienced with others that they, too, would know God's love. (Now, our various worship services here at Trinity may incorporate these acts in different ways, but **all** our worship services hold fast to these things.)

Second, our worship life together binds us to the Christians of centuries past—those who in fact witnessed the Risen Christ with their own eyes, and declared it to others, who then proceeded to declare it to the next generation. We follow in the footsteps of the first congregations who gathered together to sing and praise, listen to scripture, pray, and break bread. We learn how to be the Church, as those first congregations did, through our commitment to regular worship.

If you were consuming chocolate eggs on Easter morn, and missed reading that instructional bulletin in worship—never fear! We intend to print those simple but helpful explanations about worship four times a year. On June 7, when our young folks affirm their Baptism at confirmation, our bulletins for all our weekend worship services will contain the instructional portions again. It makes for good reading and good learning. It also makes for good, good worship.

The Reverend Nancy R. Easton

Congratulations Graduate

Ilsa K Snyder, Harrisburg Academy will be attending Penn State's Schreyer Honors College majoring in International Relations. She is the daughter of Joseph and Inez Snyder of Mechanicsburg.

An Invitation to Open our Library

Come One; Come All!
Towering or small!
Oldster or young,
Outspoken or tied-tongue!
Our library awaits:
Come through the gates!
(Well, the doors.)*
By Trinity's Library Staff

Did you know?

- Our church library is open every day of the week
- You can borrow books by signing and dating the card in the back of the book, then place the card in the metal file box on the desk (that's it!)
- You should renew the book every month you use it (keeping it as long as you need)
- If you need help in the library, a volunteer is there every Wednesday morning
- There are historical novels, nonfiction, reference books and all types of Bibles, children's books and audio-video DVDs available
- There is no personal library card – or cost – required

Right now, we'd recommend works such as Beverly Lewis's trilogy of novels set in the Amish country of Pennsylvania, a biography by David McCullough entitled *Truman*; or anything from our collection of writings by C. S. Lewis, such as *The Chronicles of Narnia* for children and *Christianity* for adults.

Summer is a popular time for reading. Our library has classic works, new works and newer works coming in all the time. Typically, the library is open when the church is open. Stop by to find what's in the library for you!

*fractured verse by C. L Couch

Artist of the Month

The artist for the month of June is Trinity member Barbara Catlin. Barbara has been studying with Jean Moyer of Moyer's Gallery in Camp Hill for 37 years.

Barbara's medium of choice is acrylic and favorite subjects are everything outdoors – landscapes, with their peaks and valleys (often-times Swiss), and Amish farmland and covered bridges. She paints strictly from photos she has taken, with one exception being her contribution to Trinity Church's 'Way of the Cross' portrayal during Holy Week. Her copy source for this was computer imagery.

"The Way of the Cross effort was vastly different from all else in its depth of feeling and emotion in depicting the moment Christ died on the Cross", said Barbara, and she was honored to have been asked to contribute.

Boundaries Unlimited Group

Tuesday morning; June 9, 2009
9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church
2000 Chestnut Street
Camp Hill, PA 17011
Room 237

The Grace That Keeps This World

Big News

Author Tom Bailey will be at the meeting to discuss his book and answer questions.

Bailey's visit is part of the Boundary class series, but this is an open gathering and all are invited. *The Grace That Keeps This World* is a novel about contemporary living in the wild, isolated parts of New York's Adirondacks. It is a story whose themes are family, loss, brokenness and tries we make at reconciliation. Bailey himself teaches creative writing at Susquehanna University in Selinsgrove.

Any questions about the meeting, offered at no cost, call Judy Trissler (795-5919) or Christopher Couch (737- 8635).

Mark Your Calendar

Women's Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Jennifer Rothschild Bible Study

Fingerprints of God: Recognizing God's Touch on Your Life

Wednesdays at 9:30-11:30 a.m.
8 Sessions lasting from
September 9 to October 28, 2009

The series will be held at
Trinity Lutheran Church
2000 Chestnut St., Camp Hill

Babysitting will be available

For questions or registration
Call Judy Trissler at 774-6036 or Bert Weaver at 697-3259

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. On June 21 we will be discussing *The Shack* by William P. Young

YG News

Greetings to all in the name of the Lord. The YG (youth group) is winding down for 2009. The SUMMER YG CALENDAR is now out and dates are being set for the fall. Wow, this YG season went really fast! First and foremost, the YG have a mission statement. A little history lesson is needed first to explain the statement. Actually the YG mission statement was developed over two years ago on our PRAYER retreat. It's kind of funny that the church's mission statement sounds strikingly similar to what the YG developed two years ago. I guess we were on the right track then without even knowing it. Anyway, we choose to use the mission statement that the kids developed then, because it still easily holds true with what we are about today. Our mission statement reads "With unity in Christ we will serve as disciples, proudly walking and sharing our faith, as one body throughout the world, then, now and forever." This mission statement has been readily available outside the YG room for two years. All YG actually know it by heart since we say it after prayer time at every YG NITE. So there you have it, I think that it's great (especially since the kids totally created it from start to finish :) Just so you are in the know, here is an overview of what we did in the month of April.

The month of April is always one of the busiest. We started off the month with EASTER EGG COLORING followed by a YG NITE on the 5th. Over 50 YG and advisors came out for the Nite of faith, fun and fellowship. The theme for the evening was SELF IMAGE and the Nite focused in on getting kids to see that its o-k to live the way God sees them rather than the way that they are judged by those around them. It was a powerful Nite full of great discussion and activity in large and small groups. On the 11th we had our ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT for the little kids. Around 15 youth and advisors helped out with the fun event. The Easter bunny was in attendance as well. Around 30 little kids and their parents came out for the hunt. They hunted for candy and eggs and received prizes. A good time was had by all. We had another YG NITE on the 19th. Since this was the second to last YG NITE, it is a tradition to go outside. Since 1999 we've gone outside for our last two YG NITES of the year. We did our announcements, ate our dinner and prepared to go outside. We made it to the portico and then the rain came. BLAH! So we played games and enjoyed fellowship back inside with one another. We closed down the Nite with candle prayer. We wrapped up the month on the weekend of the 24th with our YG SPRING RETREAT at Camp Nawakwa. Around 40 YG and advisors were there for the weekend. The theme was GROOM YOURSELF and it focused in on teaching the YG that we are all in need of constant renewal to be 'in the world, but not of it.' It is a daily challenge not to give into temptation. "Grooming" ourselves in God's loving presence can help us handle the daily challenges that we face. This retreat was awesome from start to finish. The weather was fabulous! Small groups were amazing. Large group discussions were incredible. All in all, it was definitely one of the best YG retreats to date. And there you have it, the month of April. With that said, I must get back to work; a lot of planning still needs to be done.

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

New Mission Project: Coupons for Overseas Military Families

Each week, many of us clip coupons from the newspaper, but don't know what to do with the coupons that aren't clipped. Trinity is kicking off a new mission project: collect unused and recently expired coupons that will be mailed to an overseas U.S. military base through the Overseas Coupon Program (OCP). The families stationed at this base will then choose the coupons they want, save valuable dollars and stretch their budgets by using them at bases' Commissary and BX/PX.

All Trinity members can help. Simply cut all the coupons from the weekly coupon booklets, save the ones that you will use, and sort the rest into food and non-food categories. You can also include recently expired coupons (up to one month) with the other coupons. If you would like, you can also sort each category by monetary value (i.e. all \$1 coupons together). Then bring the coupons to church and deposit them in the box located near the Gathering Space front door.

To help with sorting, here is a breakdown of the two categories:

Food includes: cereals, pasta, baby food, baby products (especially diapers and wipes), frozen foods, produce, meats, dairy, etc. Anything that humans consume and have nutritional value.

Non-food category includes: medicines, vitamins, pet food, toiletries, paper products, and cleaners, anything that is not for human nutrition/consumption.

Buy one-get-one free and similar type coupons should be included. **Please note:** The following should **NOT** be included with the coupon collection: store coupons, restaurant coupons, or a mail-in coupon (such as for a rebate). Also, **coupons should not be more than one month expired** since it will take a little time to forward the coupons to the base, and for the families to sort through the coupons.

We also need volunteers to help sort the coupons by monetary value and count each pile. This number is needed since OCP asks that every group sending coupons complete a report with the shipment totals. Trinity members will see the results of their work after each shipment. Each mailing will be posted in the *Trinity Parish*, with the year-to-date totals included after the first shipment. Last year, coupons with a value of more than \$10 million were mailed to bases overseas. Let's see how much Trinity can collect!

For more information, contact, Kellie Argot through the church office or check out ocpnet.org online.

Trinity Prayer Concerns

My soul finds rest in God alone; my salvation comes from Him. He alone is my rock and my salvation; He is my fortress, I WILL NEVER BE SHAKEN. Psalm 62:1-2.

Father God, we love you and love to sing praises to Thy Holy Name. Hear our prayers of thankfulness and bless us with the presence of your Holy Spirit. Grant unto us forgiving hearts and lead us into righteousness and discipleship. Reveal to us Thy Good and Perfect Will.

Father, we pray that our congregation will be blessed with an abundance of disciples; and that others may come to see You through our love, our ministries, and our good deeds.... Help us to share with those less fortunate, all of the wonderful gifts and blessings that You have showered upon us!

As our children enter into the summer recess season, and as our families prepare to travel to fun-filled vacation spots; we ask that You would watch over them and bless them with safe travel, and fill their hearts with treasured memories!

Father's Day is a time to honor the men in our lives! It is also a good time for every man to come before Thy Throne seeking the wisdom and skills necessary to live Christ-like lives! Help us, O God, to be a source of good moral character; help us to be men of integrity and leadership; and challenge us to become a Band of Brothers in Christ!

In every prayer, let us take pause to lift up all those around us who are in need of Thy tender mercies---the sick, the homeless, the depressed, the lonely, the war weary, and the spiritually lost. If it be Thy Will, Gracious Father, restore unto them wholeness, joy, and Grace!

We pray these things in the name of Your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Monthly Re-entry Breakfast Dauphin County Prison Ministry

Saturday, June 20
At Harrisburg Brethren in Christ Church
2217 Derry Street, Harrisburg
9 to 10:30 a.m.

Breakfast is free and inspiring testimonies are given that tell of the power of God to change lives. Everyone can benefit by hearing these first-hand stories. Roberta Smith attends the breakfast each month and invites anyone who would like to attend to come with her. Contact Roberta at 761-0519 or e-mail at: rosethorn3737@comcast.net

**Congratulations to Judy Collins
2009 Woman of the Year Award
from Elizabethtown Business
and Professional Women's Club**

June Birthdays

Homebound Members

- June 12 **Virginia Baum**
222 Messiah Circle, Room70-D
Mechanicsburg, PA 17050
- June 24 **Mary Kohler**
4095 East Trindle Road
Building 4, Room 225
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

Staff

- June 2 **Russell Brown**
- June 3 **Nancy Martin**
- June 4 **Lori McBride**

New to Trinity's website – www.trinitycamphill.org – MP3 audio files of the contemporary worship service, sermon, scripture readings, and children's messages are now available for download each week. Visit the Sermons page and then click on either the 2009 Children's Stories link or one of the two 2009 Sermon links and then click on the MP3 link for the desired file.

*The light of God surrounds us.
The love of God enfolds us.
The power of God protects us.
The presence of God watches over us.
Wherever we are God is and all is well.*

Kathryn Lambert Wolf

Inviting Our Neighbors!

Let's go outside for fresh air and exercise, Saturday, June 20, from 9:30 to Noon! The Evangelism Committee is looking for volunteers to go door-to-door in Trinity's neighborhood, inviting our neighbors to come, enjoy our Summer Sundae Concert series. Volunteers will not be knocking on doors, nor talking to people directly - they'll just place invitations at each home, then move on to the next house. The more volunteers we have, the easier the task will be! Please consider joining us as we hope to place doorknob bags at 500 homes on the 20th. To join this evangelistic outreach, contact Betsy Knarr (BetsyKnarr@aol.com) or call 730-6244. Thank you!

...Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here I am. Send Me!"

Isaiah 6:8

Letters to Trinity

To The Staff and Members of Trinity

To say "thank you" seems so inadequate; at this time to let you know how much your love and concern for Bill and our family during his recent hospitalization and untimely death.

A special appreciation to Pastor Hardy, Pastor Brock and Vicar Cheri for their many visits to his bedside while he was a patient. The many cards, flowers and phone calls encouraged him as well.

The wonderful support from all the many members during this difficult time meant a great deal to us all.

It is wonderful to be a member of such a warm caring congregation.

In Christian Love,

Fay Pepperman and Family

Many thanks to the loving and caring people at Trinity during my recent hospitalization. A very special thank you for the flowers, lovely prayer shawl, visits from Pastor Brock and Vicar Cheri and all the cards, phone calls and prayers. Doris and I are so grateful to be part of such a loving church family.

Ron Savage

Weekly Prayer List

May 31-June 6: Stephanie Granoff; Diane Granoff; Lou and Sue Grammes; Jon Grammes; Christine Grabau; Norma Gottwalt; John Gottshall; Jason Gottshall. **June 7-13:** Kathy Gottlieb, Sarah and Victoria West; Timothy, Lori, Emilie, Steven, and Julia Goss; Linda, Brad, and Stacey Gorter; Ann, Jennifer, and Jeffrey Gormley; Laura and Sandra Gorecki, and Jared Worley; Alison, Ellie, and Ian Goodwin; Gary Goodling; Patricia Goldhart. **June 14-20:** Paul, Lucy, Lucy, and Lauren Gnazzo; James, Julie, and James Glucksman, and Christa, Joel, and Mark Williams; Jill Glinick; Yvonne Glass; Lana Glaser; John and Jessie Gilson; Mary Lou Gilbert; Carole Giesler. **June 21-27:** Anna Gessner; Inga and Kenny Georges; Hubert and Jana Georges; Julie, Cole, and Hailey George; Brent, Kelly, Hannah, and Caroline George; Joseph and Pia Gensbigler; Brad, Katie, AJ, Sophia, and Isabella Genevro; Kevin Geist. **June 28-July 4:** George and Christine Geisler; Lisa, Jacob, Lyndsay, and Jaxon Geisel; Dennis and Julie Geib; June Geedey; Bradley, Pamela, and Katelynn Gebhart; Frances Gault; Edwin and Marlene Gates; Terry and Virginia Gardner; Michael, Jenny, and Kalina Gardner.

Council Update – Each month this column highlights actions and significant items of interest from the most recent meeting(s) of Trinity's Congregation Council.

From the April 20 meeting:

- Studied "Faith During Economic Strife" from the March 2009 issue of *The Lutheran* magazine during opening devotions.
- Adopted a plan for Trinity, Camp Hill, to provide pastoral services to the congregation of Trinity, South Harrisburg, beginning May 16, 2009.
- Approved Vicar Cheri Korte's intern project to build a labyrinth with the agreement of and on the property of Mount Calvary Episcopal Church, Camp Hill and to solicit voluntary donations at Trinity to help cover the cost.
- Granted permission to the Frederickson Library to use Trinity's Fellowship Hall as a rain venue for their outdoor concert on July 24, 2009.
- Learned that demolition of the house at 1915 Market Street has been approved by Camp Hill Borough Council and authorized Pastor Hardy to coordinate with the Camp Hill Police and Fire Departments use of this structure for training purpose prior to demolition.

From the May 11 meeting:

- Studied "Prayer – It Doesn't Have to be so Difficult" from the April 2009 issue of *The Lutheran* magazine during opening devotions.
- Accepted the invitation of Roland & Josephine Freund to host a picnic at their home on Monday, August 10 for Council members and their families.
- Authorized the expenditure of up to \$65,000 in painting and wood repair for the exterior of the church and the building located at 1959 Market Street.
- Approved updated policy pages from the Publicity & Communications Committee and a new document entitled "Guidelines for the Donation of Art and Objects of Value".
- Directed the Strategic Planning Committee to proceed with investigating alternative options of space to accommodate our expanding worship and ministry needs.

The next meeting of the Congregation Council will be held on Monday, June 8, 2009, at 7 p.m.

Doug Bonsall
President

Discipleship Opportunities are ongoing at Trinity. To keep you informed of specific areas of service an insert has been added to *Trinity Today*. Please complete the form and place it in the offering plate as a sign of your commitment of time and talent.

Chaplain Hardy!

Pastor Stewart Hardy recently became the Chaplain of the Camp Hill Fire Department. Stew has had experience as a chaplain in both a psychiatric unit and hospice care and as an AIDS counselor. He is looking forward to more involvement serving the community through the fire company following his retirement from Trinity at the end of 2009.



What do Sydney Australia, Tucson, Arizona and Coudersport, Pennsylvania all have in common? There are regular visitors to the **Sermons** pages of Trinity's website (www.trinitycamphill.org) each week from these cities. **Do you know** that nearly all of the sermons since 2004 are available on the website to be read or printed? **Do you know** that MP3 audio podcasts of recent contemporary worship service sermons are available for download? **Check it out!**

Farewell Reception

Please join us for a farewell reception for Vicar Cheri Korte on Sunday, July 12 following the 11:00 a.m. service. Enclosed in this edition of *Trinity Parish* is an envelope to receive a monetary gift which we will present to Vicar Korte at the reception.



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Looking ahead to the Trinity Concert Series 2009-2010!

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