

Trinity Parish

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church · Camp Hill, Pennsylvania · April 2010 Edition
A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Community Health Fair
Saturday, April 17, 2010
9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Live Better

What are you doing to live a healthier and younger life? Would you like to speak with healthcare experts to get facts and advice to improve the physical and spiritual health of yourself and your family? Are you looking for ways to fend off the gremlins of aging or are you looking for information about how diseases start and affect your body?

Trinity will host a Community Health Fair for all ages on Saturday, April 17, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. In addition to health screenings at low cost, the program will also include information booths, seminars and workshops, as well as programs and activities for children. Healthy snacks will be available for purchase.

Community Health Fair participants will be offered exercise tips and nutritional guidelines, simple lifestyle changes, news on various conditions and diseases and information on making informed healthcare decisions. Children's programs and activities will include *Veggie Tales* and *David and Goliath* stories with guided discussion, healthy habit lessons on hand washing and teeth brushing, fire and personal safety as well as information on bullying.

Read the weekly Trinity Today for Health Fair Nuggets on specific presentation topics and look for a comprehensive schedule of events posted in the church. See you at the fair on April 17.

Live Well



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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!



Trinity blood donors are truly amazing! As of the end of February 2010, we are credited with 48 units of blood. That puts us well on the way to our goal of 175 for the upcoming year. Jeanie is pushing for 200!

Your next opportunity to donate at Trinity is Saturday, April 17 at the "Community Health Fair 2010." The blood mobile will be here from 9:00 - 12:00 a.m. Since this is eleven weeks from the January drive, we moved the May drive to June 27 to accommodate people who may want to donate all three times!

We have several new handouts: "Excuses," and "Common Questions and Concerns about Blood Donations." There will also be an updated handout of locations where you can donate blood, including places and times. Those who regularly donated at Seidle Memorial Hospital will find new times and places listed.

To become one of Trinity's "Fantastic Blood Donors" you have to: weigh 110 lbs; be in reasonably good health the day of the donation, and; be at least 17 years old (16 year olds must have a signed permission from their parents each time.) If you still have questions before Saturday, April 17, call Jeanie Bentzel, 766-3526. Check the Central Pennsylvania Blood Bank on the Internet - it has the latest up-to-date blood donor information!

Jeanie Bentzel

Alzheimer's Support Group

The Alzheimer's Support Group will meet Wednesday, April 28, from 7-9 p.m. in the Library. For more information, contact Donna Sprowls at 766-8075 or sprowlsd@aol.com.

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Good News!

Trinity's Summer Camp Scholarship Increases to a Hundred Dollars

Trinity is now able to offer a hundred-dollar scholarship for anyone registering for summer camp at Kirchenwald or Nawakwa.

Those already registered for camp who used the fifty-dollar scholarship will receive a fifty-dollar refund from the camping office.

Registration books are in the tract rack or on the reception desk in the Gathering Space.

Questions? Contact Christopher Couch, Director of Learning Ministries, At the church office, 737-8635.

"The Lutheran" Adult Forum Sunday, April 25, 2010

Please join us at 9:30 a.m. in Room 237 for a discussion on "Haiti: The Response to Disaster" from pages 20-26 of the March 2010 issue of *The Lutheran* magazine. Haiti is becoming the world's latest humanitarian crisis and it's right in our nation's backyard. The poorest nation in the Western Hemisphere, Haiti has suffered for generations from political and economic instability. Along with other nongovernmental agencies, Lutherans have worked for decades to help stabilize Haiti. The earthquake has focused the world's attention on Haiti... **Do we have the chance to do it right at last?** If you do not have access to the articles, please contact class coordinators Craig Staller or Doug Bonsall (921-1957) for a paper copy.

Please note the room change for this month. The forum is moving for April to allow for a short Power-Point presentation by Linda Byers from St. John (Barner's) Lutheran Church of Liverpool. Former Trinity associate pastor Peter Kuebler is serving as long-term interim in this small rural parish well known for its outreach work in Haiti.

Trinity Parish Deadline

The deadline for the May 2010 edition of *Trinity Parish* is Saturday, April 10, 2010 – no exceptions. If articles are e-mailed, please send to the Editor, Donna Sprowls at parish@trinitycamphill.org. Articles may also be dropped off in the *Trinity Parish* box in the church office.

STAFF NOTES

It's Beginning to Look A Lot Like Christmas...

You're probably wondering about the title of my article. Don't worry—there's no need to search through this newsletter to see if we accidentally slipped you the December issue. And don't suppose, just because I'm writing these words in early March while snow remains on the ground, that I am confused about day and season. No—I write this for our April *Trinity Parish*, and I know you're reading it sometime just prior to or following Good Friday.

Even so, that Christmas carol pops into my head: "It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas..." Or if it doesn't look like Christmas, at least I now understand the event of Good Friday is the very bookend for Christmas. Not that we would necessarily connect these two events: The incarnation of our Lord, born in Bethlehem. The crucifixion of our Lord, dying in Jerusalem. The days are hardly celebrated in the same way. One day we sing for joy and light candles to cast out all darkness. The other day our voices are nearly muted with sorrow, candles are extinguished, and it is dark. Very dark.

Perhaps that explains why some folks are content to stick with Christmas alone—that feel-good, highly-secularized holiday. Jesus' birth is simply much more marketable and palatable than Jesus' death.

But these words penned by theologian Douglas John Hall haunt me with their truth: "The Christmas story is beautiful because it affirms and celebrates the great good and eternal worth of all creation...But if the Christian narrative were to end with Christmas it would not yet reach us in the reality of our being. The divine love that is ready to suffer birth in human form must follow through, if it is really love for creatures, for *us*. It must suffer life, not only birth; it must suffer death, too." (*The Cross in our Context: Jesus and the Suffering World*, p. 38)

Good Friday is the bookend for Christmas. God's story of loving and saving us does not reach fulfillment at the manger. That's only part of the story. Just as you and I were born, and will all eventually die, our "God-with-us" (Emmanuel) can only really be "God-with-us" when he knows all about us and experiences all our humanness from our earthly beginning to our earthly end. Then God and his love are, at last, as close to us as they can possibly be.

Good Friday takes Christmas—the incarnation of Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh—to its logical extension in God's plan of salvation. Yes, Christmas is a time for rejoicing, but I say TGIF! Thank God it's Friday! Thanks be to God for Friday, and his ultimate gift of love.

The Reverend Nancy R. Easton

Holy Week at Trinity

Trinity's Way of the Cross

Available in Fellowship Hall during Holy Week

This 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. With the exception of Tuesday evening (6:00-9:30 p.m.), *The Way of the Cross* is available anytime the church building is open from 6:00 p.m. on the Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday, March 28, until after the Tenebrae Service on Good Friday evening, April 2.

Passion/Palm Sunday

Saturday (March 27), 5:30 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

Sunday (March 28), 8:15 and 11:00 a.m.

Traditional Worship - Nave

8:30 and 10:45 a.m.

Contemporary Worship - Fellowship Hall

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday (March 29, 30, 31)

7:30 p.m. Holy Communion - Chapel

The Triduum

On Maundy Thursday we begin the *Triduum*, which means "*The Three Days*." The Triduum includes Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Eve. The three liturgies on these days are considered to be one service of worship. No benediction separates our worship on these days. We leave the worship room in silence from each liturgy for just a while in order to return and continue participating in the great mystery and miracle of our redemption.

Maundy Thursday (April 1)

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

Good Friday (April 2)

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

The Seven Last Words of Christ

7:30 p.m. - Nave -

Tenebrae and Adoration of the Crucified

Easter Vigil (April 3)

7:30 p.m. - Nave

Services of Light, Readings, Affirmation of Baptism,

Holy Communion

Easter Sunday (April 4)

8:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Traditional Worship - Nave

8:30 and 10:45 a.m.

Contemporary Worship - Fellowship Hall

Breakfast and Brainstorming

The Educational Ministry Committee needs your help—your advice, your input, your needs, and your requests of the Learning Ministry program at Trinity.

A one-hour brainstorming session will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, May 2, in Room 126, on the first floor of the education wing.

A full breakfast will be provided with serving beginning at 9:15 to enable us to start our program on time.

The sole purpose of this breakfast meeting is to gather information to enable the Educational Ministry Committee to provide the best program possible.

There is no cost. Registration is not required, though always helpful. So there are sign-up pages for the breakfast on the reception desk in the Gathering Space. Even if you don't sign up, please come anyway. All Trinity members and guests are invited.

Any questions may go to Jack Bush, Chairperson of the Educational Committee (763-0494), or Christopher Couch, Director of Learning Ministries (737-8635). Hope to see you May 2, 9:30 a.m., Room 126, for breakfast and brainstorming!

Book Discussion Group

The Book Discussion Group invites you to the third Sunday of every month in Room 232-234 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Here is the list of books for April through June 2010:

April 19: **Peace Like a River** by Leif Enger

May 17: **The Woman Behind the New Deal: The Life of Frances Perkins, FDR's Secretary of Labor and His Moral Conscience** by Kirstin Downey

June 21: **War Trash: A Novel** by Ha Jin

Trinity Business Directory Update

Kellie Argot (ksadesignes@comcast.net) updates our Trinity Business Directory as needed. Several businesses have requested a "description of services" line to be added to their listing. If you have additions or corrections to be made, please contact Kellie. You will find the directory at www.trinitycamphill.org under news and events or quick links. If you do not have access to a computer, a copy of the directory may be obtained in the church office.

What is Trinity's Ongoing Leading the Way to New Ministries Capital Campaign?

During 2000, Trinity undertook a \$3,810,000 project consisting of the construction of Fellowship Hall and the Gathering Space, construction of the classrooms located above Fellowship Hall, renovation of the kitchen, partial renovation of the nave and chancel, and repair/reconstruction of the chancel organ, as well as other related repairs and improvements. The initial plan of finance for the project included undertaking the first phase of a capital campaign, entitled *Leading the Way to New Ministries*, and obtaining a \$3 million construction loan. This was followed by the second phase of the capital campaign, which ran from 2005 through May of 2008, the maturity date of the construction loan.

During 2008, Trinity undertook the third phase of the capital campaign and obtained a \$1,500,000 loan, the proceeds of which were applied toward the refinancing of the outstanding balance of the construction loan referred to above and the funding of \$300,000 of other previously incurred capital expenditures related to Trinity's facilities (including the purchase of 1915 Market Street). All capital campaign receipts have been and will continue to be applied toward reduction of the loan principal; interest on the loan has been and will continue to be paid from Trinity's operating budget. The 2008 loan will mature in May of 2015. At February 28, 2010, the outstanding loan balance was \$1,036,496.50.

The current Capital Campaign Committee consists of Frank Leber (chair), Robert Frymoyer, Louis Grammes, Barbara Kriebel and Shaun Eisenhauer.

Frank J. Leber

Spiritual Formation

Rejoice in what you have, what you will have, and in what others have. Spiritual formation is not a program, but a way of life that takes practice. This nine week "practice" beginning Tuesday evenings after Easter will involve the six dimensions of Christian discipleship. If you have wondered how it is that small groups become and stay healthy, then come. If you have wanted to lead a small group that reflects discipleship and renewal, then come. This course will be facilitated by Vicar Tom and begins on April 13 at 6:30 p.m. There will be limited registration.

Expressions of Faith

Join FaithX and Trinity's children's choirs as they present Expressions of Faith on Sunday, April 25 at 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. The concert is part of Trinity's 2009-2010 concert series. The concert features the Cherub and Junior Choirs and includes a delicious dessert buffet.

This annual contemporary Christian music event will incorporate familiar songs like "Today", and "My One Desire" as well as new music. Pastor Easton will provide a perspective on the music and its meaning for today's Christians.

Whether you have attended Trinity's contemporary worship services or you like an occasional upbeat song, there's something for everyone in the program and you may find yourself singing along! Bring your friends and enjoy a memorable evening!

A Note of Thanks to Trinity from the Ecumenical Food Pantry:

On behalf of the many individuals and families who benefit from your generous donations, the Ecumenical Food Pantry would like to offer our sincere thanks and appreciation. As you are well aware, there are many individuals and families in our community who endure many hardships on a day to day basis and hunger is our number one priority here at the Food Pantry. Because of your generosity, you enable us to help sustain God's greatest gift, the gift of life. Please accept this letter as not only our thanks but also our pledge of continued service in the community. Words mean so little, when someone's generosity means so much. May God Bless you! Thank you.

Betty J. Sites
Corresponding Secretary

(In 2009, Trinity provided many boxes of donated food items and gave \$5,701 to feed the hungry of the greater Harrisburg area through the Ecumenical Food Pantry - \$2,000 from the operating budget and an additional \$3,701 in designated contributions. Food contributions are accepted continuously throughout the year and may be placed in the collection containers found in the Gathering Space. Designated financial contributions should be made payable to Trinity with "Ecumenical Food Pantry" noted.)

Prison Action Committee
of
Christian Churches United



Invites You to Attend
Community Connections Breakfasts
Clients of Work Release, Transitional and
Pre-Release Programs of Dauphin County

May 15 at Trinity Lutheran Church
9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Join us for breakfast, a program of
song, prayers and a testimonial by a client
who now has a job and a place to live.
Not all yet have a job or a place to live.

Trinity will provide the breakfast.

There is no cost!
Everyone is welcome!

Contact Roberta Smith at 761-0519 or
e-mail at rosethorn3737@comcast.net

The breakfasts are held monthly at a different church.
The April gathering will be held April 24 at
Paxton United Methodist Church,
3550 N. Progress Ave., Harrisburg, PA.

Feet

How beautiful the feet of sparrows
clustered on the power lines
clutching boldly their security
How beautiful the feet of newborns
tender-tissue, unshod innocence
crumpled rosebuds beautiful in hope
How beautiful the feet of old ones
knotty-wrinkled twisted toes
bone-sore with a million miles of life
How beautiful the feet of faith
dusty-stained with earth's pollutions
washed and knelt to by the Lord of Life
running swift to do his bidding
How beautiful the feet of Christ
that shared our grief and glory
nail-pierced soles that bore
the weight of our humanity
How beautiful the feet of joy
dancing down the mountain
with tidings of glad things

Virginia Hine Ely

**Vicar Holdcraft to speak at
WOT May General Meeting**

The Woman of Trinity General Meeting is Wednesday, May 12 at 6 p.m. Everyone is invited to the covered dish dinner and should bring a dish to share.

The speaker is Vicar Tom Holdcraft, a student at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg (LTSG) who has been assigned to Trinity for the 2009-2010 year. Vicar Tom will share his faith journey in a presentation titled, "Running on Empty." He will talk about the events that lead him to become a pastor.

Blessing boxes will be collected. The proceeds of the 2009-2010 collection will be donated to the J. Stewart Hardy Scholarship Fund at LTSG in honor of Pastor Hardy, who retired earlier this year.

**Check out the Labyrinth
on the Web**

Click on the **Devotional Aids** button on the left side of any web page, then scroll down toward the bottom of the Devotional Aids page until you get to a link to the **Labyrinth Page** (right above the link to the **Way to the Cross Page**), and you're there. The brochure associated with the labyrinth is also there for downloading and printing for those that might want to carry that with them on a visit to the labyrinth.

**Neighborhood Center Gets New Van
Thanks to Campbell Soup Labels**

The Neighborhood Center of Harrisburg has acquired its new seven-passenger van from the Campbell Company after collecting the needed 1.6 million labels from all those dedicated label savers throughout the community. The center has been submitting the labels since 2001 in order to reach this goal for the purchase of its new van. Our Trinity members are in part responsible for this wonderful effort by donating their labels through the years. We thank everyone who shared in this worthwhile effort.

Women of Trinity Board voted to designate future labels to our Trinity Preschool Playgroup. The labels will now be used for the Campbell Education Program in the purchase of the following items: a cassette recorder, a digital camera (to document daily and special activities) and five scooters with handles for their indoor playground.

Thanks to everyone for their interest in this activity and for their donations of labels in the past and for the future.

WOT Special Concerns Committee

*WOT is collecting health kits
through the end of April.*

*Thousands of kits have been sent to
Haiti and more supplies are needed.*

WOT Circle Study for April

The Women of Trinity will continue the Circle Bible Studies in April. The groups will study Chapter 6 of I Peter 1:22-2:10 of the book *Stand Strong*. All women are invited to join a Circle Group that meets their schedules.

| <u>Circle</u> | <u>Meets</u> | <u>Place</u> |
|---------------|-------------------------------|--------------|
| Esther | Monday, April 5 at 7:00 p.m. | Library |
| Deborah | Tuesday, April 6 at 9:30 a.m. | Library |
| Ruth | Tuesday, April 6 at 9:30 a.m. | Room 237 |
| Elizabeth | Tuesday, April 6 at 1:30 p.m. | Library |
| Sarah | Sunday, March 11 at 9:30 a.m. | Room 239 |

Thank You from Women of Trinity

Women of Trinity thank all those who submitted recipes for the Tastes of Trinity cookbook. The proceeds from the cookbook will be given to the ELCA's World Hunger program and the Ecumenical Food Pantry at Messiah Lutheran in Harrisburg. Preorders will continue to be taken as long as the orders do not exceed the number of cookbooks currently being printed. We expect the books to arrive at Trinity in May. Checks accompanying preorders should be written for \$15 and to Women of Trinity with "Cookbook" on the memo line.

New Members Received

The Winter *Affirmation of Faith* Class of 2010 was recently received into membership. Please welcome: Mark and Karen Emig, daughter Riley and son Tyler, Steve Kauffman, Carol MacConnell, "Jim" McGovern, Jan Michele Miller, Luke and Kelly Pensinger and daughter Ella, "Bill" Reed and Glenn and Vickie Yeager.

Letters to Trinity

Dear Fellow Member of Trinity,

Greetings in the name of the Lord. As I reported last month, this July, the Sr. High YG (Youth Group) is going on a servant trip to Lake Station, Indiana. Eleven senior high youth and three advisors are going on this trip sponsored by LutheranHANDS. We will be helping to tear down, clean out, and paint homes that are still recovering from the last year's flooding.

The estimated cost is \$400 for each youth to attend. We plan on raising these funds through many means, including YG fundraisers and donations. Here's how you can help us: We're asking for donations towards this trip. Checks can be made out to "Trinity Lutheran Church" with "Sr. High Service Trip" in the memo line. You can place it in the regular offering, or mail it "Attention: Peter Fox" on the envelope.

It comes down to this – these youth need *your* support to make this trip happen. I would like to personally thank you for your continued support of our youth group. We could not do anything that we do without your caring support as a congregation.

Yours in Christ,

Peter A. Fox
Youth Ministry Director

Dear Trinity Family,

We are so blessed with the response from our sisters and brothers of Trinity, which includes our pastors and support staff, as we released our precious daughter to our Lord's care.

Your love, your caring, your support once again reminds us how blessed we are to be related to each of you in Christ, our Lord.

With much love,

Shirley and Jack Bush

Dear Trinity,

We wish to express our sincere thanks and deep gratitude for the many thoughts, prayers, cards and acts of kindness expressed by Trinity members during my recent surgery and hospitalization. The pastoral visits and prayers were especially appreciated. All the caring and support extended to our family means so much.

In Christ's love,

Will Harmon and Family

Dear Trinity members and friends,

I wish to thank you for your prayers, cards and kind words during my surgery and hospital stay. What joy it is to have a circle of such strong faith to guide you.

Thank you all,

Joan A. Kichman

Dear congregation,

Thank you very much for all of your thoughts and prayers for both my daughter and myself during our stay at the hospital, and when we came home. It was very thoughtful of you and the power of prayer is great!

God Bless,

Rachell and Rebecca Green

To My Trinity Family,

Thank you for all the prayers, cards, phone calls and visits I received while I was in the hospital. Thanks also to the Pastoral staff for their visits. How lucky I am to be surrounded by such loving and caring people. Trinity Lutheran Church is truly a special place.

Judy Messinger

To the Congregation,

Thank you so much for all of your prayers, cards, and expressions of sympathy and support during this difficult time. They are truly appreciated.

Grace Wallet

Additional Palm Sunday and Easter Services at 8:30 a.m.

In the recent past we have offered an additional contemporary service on Easter. This year we will offer additional services on both Easter (April 4) and Palm Sunday (March 28) to accommodate the higher attendance those days. These additional services will begin at 8:30 a.m. This time slot was chosen because 8:30 a.m. is the start time for the new Contemporary Worship Service coming in September. You know, in some communities in Africa they simply open the windows and doors and seat the worshippers outside when all the pews inside are filled, but that seems impractical here in central PA!

The Worship Task force is developing a unique and shorter format for the 8:30 a.m. service which will be different from our present 10:45 a.m. service. However, because of the nature of both Palm Sunday and Easter, and because we have not yet completed our process of developing the new service format, these first two 8:30 a.m. services will not be exactly like the new service nor will they be exactly like the present 10:45 a.m. service.

Watch for dates in June, July and August when we will do a few "trial runs" at 8:30 a.m. for the new service.

Your suggestions and comments are most welcome. Please feel free to talk with any of the members of the Worship Task Force: Becky Enney, chair, John Artevich, Christopher Couch, George Enney, Robin Fero, Kim Hannigan, Paul Walker and Jeff Weaver. Both Pastor Nancy Easton and Debbie Wilson serve as consultants.

Second Saturday

Trinity members have found opportunities to help those in need. Barb Musselman and a team of volunteers have helped the Harrisburg Chapter of Habitat for Humanity and Christ Lutheran Church of Alison Hill. Whether they drywall, paint or build shelving, this group of persons is excited about their future work projects. Contact has been made to assist with work needed at New Hope Ministries in Mechanicsburg, and Redeemer Lutheran Church, Harrisburg, which is the office of Christian Churches United.

If you are interested in more information regarding the Second Saturday work projects, contact Barb at bdmusselman@verizon.net.

Attention Seniors and Friends

The annual spring retreat at Camp Hebron is scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday, May 4 and 5, 2010. Pastor John Brock will lead us in the topic "What do you believe?", an in depth look at our creeds, how we got them, why we use them, and what they really say. The cost is \$82.00 per person for double occupancy. There is a \$25.00 surcharge for persons requiring a single room. The \$82.00 covers one night's lodging, one breakfast, two lunches, one snack and two dinners. Feel free to invite your friends. Registration forms (yellow) will be at the receptionist desk in the Gathering Space soon. Please come to enjoy two days in the beauty of spring at Camp Hebron. Questions should be directed to Judy Messinger at 766-3692.

Parish Ministry—CD Ministry

CDs recordings of Sunday morning nave worship are now available to all members of the congregation on a loan basis.

The CDs are located at the Information Desk in the Gathering Space. Simply fill in the sign out-in sheet with the CDs. Mark the date of the service you are borrowing, the date you take the CD and when you return it, please record that date also.

If you would like a CD of a 10:45 a.m. service, please contact Donna Sprowls at 649-7919 or sprowlsd@aol.com.

Trinity Gradates

If you have a son or daughter graduating from high school or college this year, please contact the **Trinity Parish Editor** at parish@trinitycamphill.org.

Your written submission should include: name of recipient, address, parents' names, college or high school, future plans if known and a contact phone number or e-mail address. For college graduates, also include degree and major. These students will be recognized in the next issue of **Trinity Parish**. Information may also be placed in the *Trinity Parish* box in the church office.

DEADLINE is April 10 for submission.

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

From the March 2010 meeting:

- Opened the meeting with a devotional study of stewardship.
- Revisited the February decisions approving the scope of services for Trinity's Facility and Property Master Planning initiative. The initiative will be held pending further review, scope modification, clarification and discussion by council.
- Received a summary report concerning the Community Health Fair 2010 to be sponsored by and held at Trinity on April 17, 2010.
- Discussed and encouraged the participation of council members in the Make it Simple congregation lay leadership training sponsored by the Lower Susquehanna Stewardship Committee on April 10, 2010 at Trindle Springs Lutheran Church.
- Approved an increase in hours and responsibilities for Director of Music for Contemporary Worship, effective July 1, 2010. Mrs. Wilson's weekly hours will increase from 25 to 35.
- Approved modifications to the policy page job descriptions for Assistant Pastor and director of Music for Contemporary Worship.
- Approved a resolution updating the authorized signers for the congregation's bank accounts.

The next meeting of the Congregation Council will be held on Monday, April 12, 2010.

Prayer Concerns

Hallelujah! Christ has risen!

Lord,

We thank you that Christ was sacrificed for our sins. We thank you that Christ was raised from the dead. Christ conquered death – Hallelujah! We thank you not only for Christ’s triumphant victory over death but also for spring. Spring is a time of renewal – the birds return from the migration south, flowers spring forth in joyous colors and aromas, baby animals poke their heads from burrows and nests. Thank you for the gift of renewal.

We ask that you be with grieving families who have lost loved ones. May these families feel your arms around them. May these families be reminded that your shoulders are big enough for them to cry upon.

We ask that you be with the sick and hurting. We especially ask that you be with the many people in Haiti, Chile, and Turkey as they recover from devastating earthquakes. Please be with the rescue workers, medical personnel, and government leaders as they take on the task of finding the lost, healing the injured, and rebuild from the rubble. May these people know that you will not abandon them.

We ask all things in Jesus’ name, Amen.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Spring 2010 New Disciples’ Class
Meet in the Library*

SUNDAYS - 9:15 a.m.

April 11, 18, 25 and May 2, 9, 16

RECEPTION OF NEW DISCIPLES

Saturday, May 22 and Sunday, May 23

**For more information,
please contact: Judy Collins**
Spiritual Gifts Coordinator
737-9921 x 239
judy.collins@trinitycamphill.org

Thank You!

The Property Committee would like to commend Paul Hensel, Property Administrator, and the sextons for a job well done with the snow removal in February. We extend a very heartfelt thank you for all their hard work in keeping the grounds clear and safe.

The Property Committee

Happy Birthday!

Homebound

- April 1 **Helen Ey**
44 Creek Bank Drive, Room 154
Mechanicsburg, PA 17050

- April 4 **Gloria Shuman**
3824 Trindle Road
Camp Hill, PA 17011

- April 8 **Kathryn Wolf**
124 North 31st Street
Camp Hill, PA 17011

- April 19 **Maxine Hommel**
1819 Letchworth Drive
Camp Hill, PA 17011

- Sylvia Kutchman**
1716 Lincoln Drive
Camp Hill, PA 17011

- April 23 **Isabelle Guise**
100 Freemason Drive, Apt. 3508
Elizabethtown, PA 17022

- April 25 **Bob Middleton**
824 Lisburn Road, Apt. 226
Camp Hill, PA 17011

Weekly Prayer List

March 28-April 3: Helen Boyd; Ed and Romaine Boyanowski; Lew and Marsha Bowman; L. Kinch Bowman; James, Vicki, Daniel, and Eleanor Bowman; Bryan Bowman; Anne Bowman; Alan Bowman. **April 4-10:** Hazel Bowers; Dane and Marg Bowerman; Tara Bossert; Doris Bossert; Mark, Diane, and Erika Borger; Dorothy Bordlemay; and Christopher and Tyler Knupp; Jeffrey and Sharon Boose; Eric and Kathleen Booher; Doug Bonsall and Craig Staller. **April 11-17:** Richard and Kay Bonnevillie; Tim Bollinger; Katie Bollinger; Julie Bollinger and Dylan Candioto; Dorine Bollinger; Steven, Barbara, Andrew, and Katelyn Bohn; Ruth Ann Bohls; Fred Bohls. **April 18-24:** Christiane Bohley and Julia Mott; Brian, Steph, and Kyla Blazer; Eleanor Black; Patricia Bixler; Clayton Bixler; Ken Bistline. **April 25-May 1:** Les and Peggy Bishop; Jeff Bishop; H. L. Bishop; Bill, Liam, and Alexander Bishop; Jeanette Bish; Britanni McGovern and Jaela Billow.

Reaching Out in Service to Local Community

Our committee mission statement says it all – “...called to equip disciples at Trinity to minister to the needy within Central Pennsylvania”. This doesn’t mean that only members of Trinity’s Social Ministry Committee reach out in ministering to the needy. We view our role as providing and facilitating opportunities for all of Trinity’s disciples to find at least one (and hopefully more than one) area of service that fits individual interests, time and abilities.

We had an excellent brainstorming session about ways to expand and focus our church social ministry efforts in February with more than 20 persons participating. Some highlights include:

- Reviewed the various ministries part of Trinity’s Social Ministry program, and re-affirmed the importance of linking volunteer opportunities in each ministry with volunteers from our congregation
- Identified some ministries (e.g. Bethesda Mission, Christ Lutheran Church Medical Ministry) that do not currently have a Trinity liaison and/or limited Trinity volunteer involvement and determined to seek persons to fill these roles
- Received an enthusiastic report on the growth of New Hope Ministries and the new West Shore headquarters
- Learned that Trinity will host the May 15th “Community Connections” breakfast for prison release inmates from the Dauphin County Prison
- Endorsed enthusiastically the monthly Second Saturday service teams that are coordinated by Barbara Musselman to give hands-on assistance to various local projects
- Designated that the one-half Social Ministry share of the annual Lenten Self-Denial box offerings will be used to support new and existing service ministries beyond available funding in the church’s operating budget

This month we are highlighting the work of Delta Housing. Read “Social Ministry Corner” for more information about what Delta does and how Trinity is involved. The Social Ministry bulletin board in the first floor hallway just outside the library will feature visual evidence of this partnership.

Doug Bonsall
Social Ministry Chair

From the Missions Committee: Haiti Earthquake Recovery Efforts

The following is an excerpt from a February 10 email from David and Mary Kuck, missionaries Trinity supports in Jamaica:

“We have all been following the news from Haiti with deep concern. Although Jamaica is prone to earthquakes along the same fault system, we only felt a small aftershock here.”

Pastor Livenson Lauvanus, who serves the emerging Lutheran Church in Haiti, wrote that the Episcopal cathedral where he was ordained and the guest house where we visitors stayed are both destroyed. Pastor Livenson had traveled to Florida the day before the earthquake to visit supporting Lutheran churches. He was able to return to Haiti [in early February and lives] on the grounds of the Lutheran World Federation office in Port-au-Prince.

He writes: “I talked to a woman in Carrefour [the epicenter of the quake] who has lost everything. She told me how grateful she is that she is still alive. She said she exists, but is not living because she was deprived of all that could help her to live. I asked her why, and she said to me: ‘To see what took me a lifetime to build all taken away from me in a matter of seconds--it’s an unbearable nightmare that I have to live with my entire life.’ She looked straight in my eyes and said: ‘Son, this is not something that is easy for you and a lot of others to digest or comprehend.’”

The ELCA is actively involved in relief and rebuilding efforts, including help for the Lutheran churches. We hope that church and government efforts will not only be generous but also wise and just, so that out of the rubble the foundation can be laid for a new vision and reality of positive development in Haiti.

Please continue to remember Pastor Lauvanus and his work, David and Mary Kuck, the Lutheran Church in Haiti, and all recovery efforts there in your prayers.

Craig Staller
Missions Committee Chair

PS: You can also support Lutheran World Federation recovery efforts with a donation of any amount. Please write *Haiti recovery efforts* in the memo line of your check or on the envelope containing the donation and place it in the church offering.

YG News

Greetings to all in the name of the Lord. We are now in our 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. It will all be awesome! First, let's take a look back at what we did this past month.

We started February off with SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY on the 7th. All YG was involved in raising money and collecting food this year. With the congregation's help we were able to raise over \$900 and collect over 250 food items to donate to "THE BRIDGE" food pantry in New Cumberland. They thanked us very much and let us know that we were one of the only donors during this hard winter season. They always need help, so it was good to lend them a hand.

YG NITE on Sunday, the 14th, was smaller because of poor weather. We changed the NITE around and decided to have a fun-laid-back nite of faith, fun and fellowship. We played games, ate pizza, and had a longer candle prayer time.

The next weekend (February 19th and 20th) was the JR. HIGH SLEEPOVER. Around 20 Jr. High and a handful of advisors came out for the nite of total fun and fellowship. We played games, ate pizza, watched a movie, played soccer and just had an "all around" blast from start to finish!

The last weekend was another YG NITE. Around 50 YG and advisors came out for the theme of TEEN PRESSURES. This YG NITE focused on all the pressures youth face in their lives: peer pressure; family pressure; school pressure, etc. Not only did we discuss the causes of these various pressures, but we observed all of the ways to combat them, and reaffirmed to the YG that their YG family and the Lord were always present with them to help through these "hard times". Once again, the nite evoked some of the best large and small group discussions so far this season! The YG learned so much and shared so much, it was amazing.

There you have it. I am truly looking forward to the rest of the year, I can't wait!

REMINDER: ALSO, PLEASE COME ON OUT AND SUPPORT OUR YG FRUNDRAISERS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. WE NEED TO RAISE A LOT OF MONEY FOR OUR SR. HIGHS ERVICE TRIP THIS COMING SUMMER See Letter to Members of Trinity on Page 7.

Yours in Christ,

Peter A. Fox
Youth Ministry Director



Social Ministry Corner DELTA Community

Last year, DELTA Community celebrated their 20th anniversary of providing services of transitional housing and self sufficiency training for homeless single mothers and fathers and their children in the Greater Harrisburg Area. The DELTA program is growing through their new affiliation with the Gaudenzia Foundation and offers volunteers an opportunity to share with others in need.

As in prior years, through the Social Ministry Committee's Giving Tree project last year, 25 generous Trinity friends donated gift cards to help extend the Christmas season for DELTA FAMILIES. We received many thank you notes telling how those small gifts made a big difference to the parents and children. Recipients reminded us that these gifts were a reminder that a caring faith community is near and supports them in their struggles.

Trinity volunteers will have another opportunity to participate in this important Social Ministry activity by supporting DELTA'S Family Night Out program on Monday, April 12 and again Monday, September 13. Volunteers wishing to share genuine hospitality are needed to help prepare and transport food to a church in Harrisburg, serve dinner and provide child care during their educational program. Providing just one evening meal can be the first step in moving families from survival to personal change.

Families in our community grow stronger with support, fellowship and prayer of Trinity members. If you would like to participate in either DELTA Night Out program this year, please contact Lorraine Graybill at 763-4183.

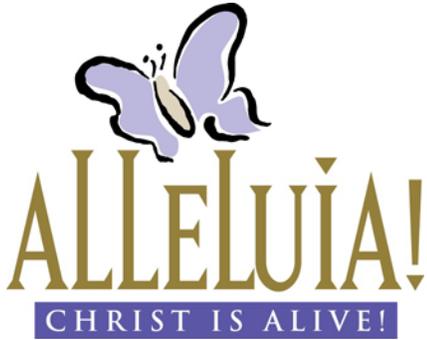


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*The Wellness Voice
invites any driver over 55
to attend a Classroom Refresher Course*

Sign up for an AARP Safe Driving Class to be held at Trinity on Monday, May 17 and Monday, May 24, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This 8 hour (two 4 hour sessions) course is for any driver age 55 and older. There is no test. Pennsylvania requires your auto insurance company to give you a discount of 5% for three years if you hold a clean driving record. Register early to reserve your seat.

The cost is \$14 (\$12 for AARP members with membership #). Make your check payable to AARP and mail the following information to: Owen Moore, 411 N. 4th St., Lemoyne, PA 17043-1608

Name _____ Telephone Number _____

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