

Trinity Parish

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SWIFT Activities for June

As I wrote this announcement, we haven't yet had the "Biscotti with Pastor Brock," event but I am sure a good time will be had by all!

The next event will be getting together for a Saturday, June 18 morning trip to Oak Grove Farms to "Pick Your Own Strawberries" and see what else they have to offer us for spring vegetables and baked goods. Maybe we can even pick up some shortcake for those fresh-picked strawberries! Be sure to bring along your favorite strawberry recipe to share. I will bring plenty of copies of my Grandma's famous strawberry freezer jam recipe to get you started!

We will meet at the Trinity parking lot at 10 a.m. and carpool out to Oak Grove, or you may meet us there around 10:30, if that is more convenient for you. If it rains, we can get some ready-picked berries from the wonderful selection at the farm.

We won't be having any "scheduled" activity in July, but I look forward to seeing everyone at the Sundays on Sunday all summer long. Great music by FaithX, fellowship, and free food; what more can you ask for! In looking at August, please feel free to contact me, Rachel Wright at 737-2885.



Rachel Wright

Music Department Receives Final Bequest

After years of anticipation, the Arts Committee recently received the final bequest from the estate of the late Connie Henricks. Connie was involved in a fatal car accident in 2000. She was a strong supporter of sacred music both in worship and in concert and had designated that one-tenth of her estate be given to Trinity's music program – to be used at the discretion of the Director of Music Ministries. In consultation with the Arts Committee, the money will be used to replace our current choir robes and carillon. The original bequest from the estate was received several years ago. Those funds were used to buy the pianos in both Fellowship Hall and the Nave, tables, pads and other equipment for the handbells, choral risers for concerts, and other music-related items.

Tim Koch

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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."

Congratulations to Our Graduates!

From High School

Caroline Gale Straub, Camp Hill High School, will be attending college but undecided where. Parents Henry Straub and Danielle Brier of Camp Hill.

Joshua Chamberlin, son of Vicar Bill and April Chamberlin, graduated from Gettysburg Area High School and will be attending Lycoming College.

From College

Matthew Hannigan graduated from Messiah College with a B.A in Studio Art, concentration in design and digital media. Matthew is the son of Ryan and Kim Hannigan of Mechanicsburg and grandson of Yvonne Glass of Mechanicsburg.

Tim Niesen graduated from Drexel School of Medicine and will begin residency in Intervention Radiology at Christiana Care in Delaware. **Daniel Niesen** graduated from Susquehanna University and will begin his PHD in Natural Chemistry at the University of Rhode Island. They are the sons of Linda Niesen of Mechanicsburg.

Adrienne Elizabeth Straub graduated from the University of Pittsburgh with a B.S., major social./psychology, continuing at University of Pittsburgh. She is the daughter of Henry Straub and Danielle Brier of Camp Hill.

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Council Update

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

From the May 2011 meeting:

- ◆ Opened the meeting with devotions and prayer from Dave Miller.
- ◆ Learned about the Crossroads Campaign of the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg from guests Michael Cooper-White and Jean LeGros.
- ◆ Reviewed staff reports from Special Committees and Task Forces, as well as reports from Standing Committees and other Ministries of the ELCA.
- ◆ Authorized Council President to designate individuals to come to an agreement with the Lutheran Camping Corporation regarding providing office space at Trinity for their Capital Campaign staff person for a period of time not to exceed two years.
- ◆ Approved policy pages on Benevolence Funding, ELCA Vocation Loan Fund, ELCA Vocation Support and associated appendices.
- ◆ Authorized the Property Committee to enact proper measures to address safety concerns in our parking lot, not limited to but including possible closure of the Market Street entrance Monday – Saturday and possibly a parking lot and traffic flow study to determine if redesigning the layout is needed.
- ◆ Approved Parish Ministry, Mission and Social Ministry Committees expansion of the holiday "Giving Tree" project with a summer "Christmas in July" collection of gift cards to help the needy.
- ◆ Approved Jennifer Hammaker as chair of the Stewardship Committee.
- ◆ Approved Mike Schwalm as chair of the Publicity and Communication Committee.
- ◆ Approved an internal, low-key capital campaign for the purpose of securing commitments for the renovation to the Fellowship Hall project so that those renovations, as outlined by the Fellowship Hall Renovation Task Force, can move forward.

The next meeting of the Congregation Council will be held Monday, June 13.

Staff Notes
“Unintended Lessons”
The Reverend Glenn E. Ludwig

Have you noticed? Pastor Easton and I do something of the same thing each month in this column that we share – we model “reflections on life,” if you will. We take an incident or example from something we’ve read or something from our own lives and reflect on it for the sake of sharing and learning.

So, title this one “Unintended Lessons,” for this story comes out of a fiasco during the Sr. Pastor’s Conference Stella and I recently attended. It’s rather humorous now, but there are lessons to be shared nonetheless.

It was supposed to be a harbor cruise with dinner. Both actually happened, but getting there became the adventure. The whole thing started with the buses contracted and paid for who were supposed to take us to the waterfront to get on the boat. All 115 of us. The two buses never showed up.

So, unintended **lesson #1: It’s always good to have a “Plan B.”** Plan B turned out to be a brisk walk from our hotel to the waterfront for many of us. Some rode in two vans, but the majority of us hoofed it. We were told it was only a ½ mile walk. That would have normally taken me eight minutes. Twenty-five minutes later, we arrived, sweating, on the boat. In actual distance it was over 1 ½ miles.

So, unintended **lesson # 2: Trust of leadership is earned.** The person who told us it was a mere ½ mile was also the person who told us the restaurant the first evening was two blocks from the hotel (actually was eight blocks), and that the carriage ride planned was only five minutes from where we were staying (actually 20 minutes). Guess who I learned not to trust with either time or distance after that?

Unintended **lesson #3 (on the heels of my last paragraph): As a leader, know what you are talking about or #2 is nullified.** Give too much bad advice, or act like you know what you are talking about without actually knowing what you are talking about will lead to loss of confidence in any-one’s leadership. I simply stopped paying attention to the directions and advice of the person mentioned. And just for the record, I didn’t get lost!!!

So, now we are finally on board. The food, by the way, had been in warming trays this whole time and we are an hour late boarding and leaving. The only thing that tasted like it was supposed to taste was the water, and that was bottled. Disappointing to say the least.

Well, during dinner, one of the members of our group got his fingers smashed in a steel door of the ship. He immediately passed out and hit his head. (This is not the funny part of the story, by the way. We are all concerned for him.) When he came to, he went into shock. Luckily, we had nurses and paramedics on board with us and they took over. 911 was called and we headed for shore, which ended up being a good thing since not only was the food not edible, no one should have been trying to eat and keep food down in the harbor seas we were experiencing. Half the group was now sea-sick, and heading to shore was a true blessing.

Hence, unintended **lesson #4: Crisis can happen in unlikely places and can lead to unexpected blessings.** Well, we get back to the waterfront, are met by EMT and medical personnel from the local hospital, and we disembark. Oops! No buses again. Another ½ mile walk in the waterfront area (dark). Well, make that 1 ½ mile walk which leads to –

Lesson #5: it’s always good to be surrounded by folks when in a spot of trouble. I felt much better trekking back to the hotel in dark streets with a gaggle of people than if I was by myself. We were support, protection, and laughter on the way back as we reflected on what we learned from this experience. (This is where my idea for this article was born.)

But there is one thing I failed to mention. After the accident on the ship, the Presiding Bishop of the ELCA, who always attends this conference with his wife, led us in prayer for the care and support of our downed comrade. It was a poignant moment for all of us. Which leads me to **lesson #6: Prayer is always appropriate.** Can I get an “Amen?”

By the way, the fellow pastor who smashed his hand and banged his head was checked out at the hospital and released that night. He addressed all of us the next morning at our session and was grateful for all the prayers, support and care he received.

Sounds like the church being the church to me.

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

Sunday, June 26
Sunday, July 24
Sunday, August 28

Concerts 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
outdoors on church grounds



*Concert held indoors in the event
of inclement weather.*

**Stop at the Umbrella Table in the
Gathering Space in June to
sponsor sundaes or volunteer to
help with this fun project!**

**FREE
ICE CREAM
SUNDAES!!**



Baccalaureate Service

A Baccalaureate Service celebrating the 2011 graduating class of Camp Hill High School will be held at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, June 3 in our nave. This service, sponsored by the churches of Camp Hill, is a well-loved tradition. Students and their families, teachers and administrators will gather for lessons. Hymns, sermon, and prayers as the graduates embark on new adventures post-high school. You are cordially invited to attend this worship service.

Did You Know?

FaithX, our contemporary worship service band plays music selected from recordings by popular Christian music artists, contemporary Christian songbooks, and from Lutheran music resources. They also write original music. The band members do all the song arrangements. **FaithX** has supported other area churches, playing for services and concerts. They have also played for community events such as Mt. Gretna's Bible Festival, the Lutheran Synod Assembly at Gettysburg, and the Governor's Prayer Breakfast. Band members include Devin Ackerman, Kevin Brady, Marianne Brock, Pam Easley, Dan Henderson, Shannon Jones, Randy Ober, Tom Reddinger, Michael Schwalm, Paul Walker, Debra Wilson and Rick Wilson.

Kitchen Etiquette

Trinity is blessed with a very well equipped kitchen that is used by many church and community groups to carry out their work. The Property Committee has appointed Doug Bonsall to manage the kitchen so it remains a well-organized facility for everyone's use and convenience. We continue to ask that all users of the kitchen clean up after their event and leave the area in better shape than they may have found it. One of the ways planned to help everyone facilitate the return of equipment, dishes, and utensils to proper storage locations is the addition of labels to drawers and cupboards over the summer. We also request that all persons bringing food to the kitchen in their personal casseroles, trays or containers, please make sure all parts of the dish (es) are identified with your name and are picked up promptly after each event. Unclaimed and unmarked containers will be given to Goodwill Industries on a regular basis to prevent an unsightly collection of items filling the kitchen's counters. Thank you for your cooperation.

Farewell Reception

Please join us for a farewell reception honoring Vicar Bill Chamberlin on Sunday, July 17 with a reception in Fellowship Hall. The reception will begin after the conclusion of both late services. Please come to the reception and join us in wishing Vicar Bill and his family a fond farewell.



**Farewell
Vicar Chamberlin!**

Enclosed in this edition of **Trinity Parish** is an envelope to receive a monetary gift which we will present to Vicar Chamberlin at the reception.

Every Member Prayer List

JUNE 5-11: Randy, Amanda, Chase, and Reece Rohrer; Cherie Rohrer; Kathy Rodgers; Donna Rock; Dawn Rock, and Joshua and Finn Schmidhuber; Ted and Mel Robertson; Matt and Sarah Robertson; Dale, Megan, Sydney and Thomas Robertson. **JUNE 12-18:** Shelly Roberts; Linda Roberts; James and Allie Roberts; Donna Roberts; Janice and Jeremy Robb; Marina Ritter; James and Brenda Ritter; Helga Rist. **JUNE 19-25:** Loreleigh Rine; Wanda Riley; Karen Ridge; Mary Rider; Richard, Bonnie, Jason, Alysse, and Tyler Richardson; David Richard; Danielle Richard; Tim, Kelly, Olivia, and Sophie Rice. **JUNE 26-JULY 2:** Harold Rhoades; Edward, Sara, and Thomas Reynolds; Nancy Restagno; William and Lillian Ressler; Stephen, Wendy, John, and Ian Resig, and Ryan Stroup; Kelly and Tory Reppert, and Brianna Hannaway; Emily Renne; Kathryn and Maxwell Reisinger.

Prayer Concerns

Please pray:

- *The Lord is just in all his ways and kind in all his doings. He is close to all who call upon him sincerely. He fulfills the desires of all those who trust him; He hears their cries for help and saves them.*

Psalm 145:17-20

- We pray for the wisdom, and understanding, to be worthy to call upon the Lord.
- We pray for all the world to find the meaning of life, and love their neighbors as God intended.
- Pray for the homeless, lonely, and sick, may they find the peace, and joy, that only God can give.
- Pray and thank the Lord for so many who work, and dedicate their time and talents to the church and community.
- "Peace begins with a smile" Mother Theresa

Book Discussion Group

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

The book for June 2011 is:

June 19: *The Help* by Karen Stockett

Letter to Trinity

Trinity Friends:

My thanks to Trinity friends for your prayers, cards and phone calls while I have been recovering at home from knee replacement surgery. It is gratifying to know that so many wishes and prayers for healing have been offered on my behalf. Hope to see you at Trinity soon.

Connie Dollase

Social Ministry Corner

St. Barnabas Center Serves Inner City Youth

St. Barnabas Center for Ministry is an eighteen-year joint mission of the Lower Susquehanna Synod of the ELCA and the Episcopal Diocese of Central PA to provide after school and summer programming for inner city youth. It is located on Seneca Street in uptown Harrisburg in the former St. Matthew Lutheran Church, now the worship site of St. Paul Episcopal Church. St. Barnabas was one of the groups benefitting from the Highmark 5K "Walk for a Healthy Community" beginning on City Island in May 2010. The Social Ministry Committee provided \$500 designated for the St. Barnabas Center to sponsor Judy Collins, who walked alongside former LSS Bishop Guy Edmiston and current Bishop Penrose Hoover.

The walk prompted Trinity to re-establish its former relationship with St. Barnabas and Judy Collins volunteered to serve as our local coordinator. Trinity church volunteers cooperated with Tree of Life Lutheran Church to serve lunch and snacks to 50 children for two days at the center's Summer Day Camp in July 2010. This year Trinity will be preparing and serving lunch for four days, July 5-6-7-8; Tree of Life will provide breakfast on each of these same days. If you would like to help with the summer camp lunch program, July 5 through 8, please volunteer by calling Doug Bonsall (921-1957).

St. Barnabas Center also has an after school program during the school year where tutors are always needed and very much welcomed. In light of added duties for Judy Collins' staff position at Trinity, the Social Ministry Committee is currently seeking someone to serve as a contact person for the St. Barnabas ministry.

Parish Ministry Corner

Trinity CD Ministry

Did you know that CD recordings are available of our Sunday Services and Thursday Bible Study?

With the addition of our new digital recorders the CD Ministry upgraded its technology from cassette tape to CD's.

- ⇒ Did you miss a service due to vacation or sickness? Now you can listen to it at home.
- ⇒ Do you know of someone who is sick or unable to get to a service? Now you can provide them with a CD of the weekly service. If delivery is not convenient, contact Donna Sprowls

Copies of the Sunday service and Thursday Bible study are now available on CD.

The CD's are located on top of the Index file on the right as you enter the Library.

If you would like a copy of a service just stop by and take whatever CD you would like. There is no need to return the copy, as the CD's are NOT reusable. If the service you are looking for is not available, just fill out the request for cd of service form and we will notify you when the copy is available.

Due to the limitation of record time available on the CD (generally 70 minutes) parts of the service may be edited out of the copies. Also, some music is also removed for which the church does not have a license to record. All CD's will include the liturgy and sermons.

A limited number of CD players are available for loan to those at-home folks who don't have any CD equipment.

If you would like to assist this ministry by duplicating service copies contact Donna Sprowls at 649-7919 or George Wirt at 432-1141.

Alzheimer's Support Group

The Alzheimer's Support Group will meet Wednesday, June 27, from 7-9 p.m. in the Library. For more information, contact Donna Sprowls at 766-8075 or sprowlsd@aol.com.

Blood Pressure Screening

High blood pressure raises the risk of stroke, kidney failure, heart disease and heart attack. High blood pressure does not have any symptoms. This is why it is so important to have your blood pressure checked regularly.

Treatment begins with changes in lifestyle to help lower the pressure and reduce the risk of heart disease. Stop by the first Sunday of every month outside the chapel and get yours checked.

Weekly Altar Flower Delivery

Flowers from the altar are delivered weekly to hospitalized members.

Additional volunteers are needed to assist with this ministry and help with blood pressure screenings by those who are certified. Contact Judy Collins if you are available to help several times throughout the year with flower delivery or Yvonne Glass at 766-6725 (or Donna Sprowls) if you would be able to help with blood pressure screenings.

June Birthdays

Our Homebound

June 18 **Peggy Hoffmeister**
335 Wesley Drive - Apt. 119
Mechancisburg, PA 17055

Our Staff

June 2 **Russell Brown**
June 3 **Nancy Martin**
June 4 **Lori Anne McBride**
June 19 **Reynold Eiche**

Trinity Parish Deadline

The deadline for the July 2011 edition of **Trinity Parish** is **Friday, June 10, 2011 – no exceptions**. If articles are e-mailed, please send to the Editor, Donna Sprowls at **parish@trinity-camphill.org**. Please keep all articles to 300 words or less. Articles may also be dropped off in the **Trinity Parish** box in the church office.

YG News

Greetings to all in the name of the Lord. The 2011 YG season is drawing to a close. This year's YG calendar was the most jam-packed it has ever been, with events on nearly every weekend; new YG Nites, new retreats, new events and new friendships that awaited our YG participants. Definitely a lot of hard work went into this season to make it a success. All and all, it was an awesome YG season with a few more events left to go to close down the year properly. But, before we get ahead of ourselves, let's take a look back at what we did this past month.

The month of April continued all of the YG busyness with a YG event on every weekend. We started off with our YG SPRING RETREAT in Grove Lodge at Camp Nawakwa. Twenty-one YG and nine advisors went on this weekend retreat of faith, fun and fellowship. The theme for the weekend was FAITH JOURNEYS. It focused in on getting the kids to think about their past, present and future faith journey they are taking with the Lord. In short, the weekend was awesome! It was one of the most powerful and meaningful YG retreats ever! The kids as well as the advisors learned so much about their faith lives. There are not enough words to express how impactful this weekend was so I won't try.

On the 17th we had a YG NITE. Fifty YG and advisors came out for the nite. As has been our tradition in the past, we took the YG outside to play games and enjoy fellowship with one another. We played "the best game ever" of U.S.U.C.C. This stands for "uncontrolled soccer under crazy conditions." The game is a mix between soccer and handball with some additional craziness. After getting thoroughly exhausted playing U.S.U.C.C. we came back inside to close down the nite with a longer candle prayer. This prayer was especially powerful because it was one of the last ones for the YG season, so I really wanted to give the kids a little more time to share in prayer with one another. We closed down the month on the 22nd with our annual YG EASTER EGG HUNT with the little kids. Thirteen YG and a handful of advisors came out for this morning of pure fun.

This year we did an event with some help from the Lutheran Men in Mission who provided snacks and free pictures with our Easter Bunny. Even though the weather was terrible and we were forced to hold the event inside our attendance was one of the best ever. Thirty-four little kids and their parents came out for the hunt. Everyone had a great time and we received more compliments than ever before. This made everyone feel good! With the success of this year's event we will be looking to hook up with LMM next year as well. In short, April was an awesome month and May promises much of the same.

Yours In Christ,

Peter A. Fox,
Youth Ministry Director

Guess Who's Coming To Dinner? You are! How about a backyard BBQ?

The Trinity Fellowship Committee is forming small groups of families, couples and singles who wish to gather for dinner and conversation to get to know one another. Ideally, the families, couples, and singles in a group of seven or eight individuals do not know each other, or at least not very well. The logistics are simple, each supper club consisting of approximately eight people meet at the convenience of the group members, rotating host/houses once a month, for the months of July, August and September. The host prepares the main dish; the others bring the appetizers, side dishes or dessert.

Sign up during the month of June. The forms will be available in the bulletin and also in the Gathering Space **with a drop-off box** at the reception desk. All participants will receive the names and contact information for members of their group by the end of June. Beginning in July, the group begins to meet for dinner and continues through September.

Small group ministries foster the growth of disciples by connecting participants to one another and strengthens relationships. Do you enjoy cooking; sharing meals with others; and/or trying new dishes? If you answered yes to any of these questions, sign up for the Supper Club and try something new to get to know your faith community!

Any questions please contact Pam Easley at 766-9165 or thomasmech@aol.com.



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"The Lutheran" Adult Forum Sunday, June 26, 2011

Please join us at 9:30 a.m. in Room 232-234 for a discussion on **"Pastoral Calls... A Work in Progress"** from pages 20-26 of the May 2011 issue of *The Lutheran* magazine. The prospects for new pastors are different from the way they were just a few years ago as our denomination continues to change. Some of Trinity's former vicars have experienced the differing opportunities for those graduating from seminary. Trinity is in the midst of its own call process for a new Senior Pastor, a process that continues to provide challenge for those tasked with this important decision. Jeff Weaver, Call Committee Chair, will review the progress on the committee's search for a suitable candidate to lead Trinity into the future. If you do not have access to the articles, paper copies will be available about two weeks in advance of the session and may be picked up at the reception desk in the Gathering Space. If you have any questions, please contact class coordinators Craig Staller or Doug Bonsall (921-1957).

Blood Bank News

Trinity's donors are the **greatest!** Trinity had 18 donors at the April 10 Blood Drive and our year-to-date contribution, as of April 30, is 96. Jeanie's goal for 2011 is 215 units of blood, so we are well on our way. No blood drive is scheduled until September 25, however, that does not mean you should take a vacation from donating—especially since April's drive was smaller than usual! In fact, **"Save a Life Before You Go! Donate Blood!"**

To donate, visit any of the local hospitals, donor centers, or Community Blood Drives that you may see advertised—Trinity's # is 157. Contact the Central PA Blood Bank at 566-6161 or www.cpbb.org, for addresses and information about places, times and eligibility.

Thanks again, for making my job as coordinator both easier and more successful!

Jeanie Bentzel

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