

Trinity Parish

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church · Camp Hill, Pennsylvania · August 2011 Edition
A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

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

Sunday, August 28

Concert 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!!**



Here's One of 292 Ways We Blessed the Lord!

"I say the Lord's Prayer," a priceless "Leaf of Faith" message written by one of the children in our congregation and tied onto our blooming trees in May. This was one of 292 leaves added to the bare branches in the gathering space by our members.

The "Trinity Branches Out in Service" project created a beautiful visual demonstration of Christ at work in our midst. As members of our congregation participated by writing their church activities on paper leaves, or as we called it, their "leaf of faith," our branches began to bloom. (Visit our webpage to see photos! <http://www.trinitycamphill.org/Stewardship>.) This was a wonderful example of how each of us engages at Trinity, in our own individual way. Yet, at the same time, by giving of ourselves, our time and our possessions, we are part of a much bigger picture. We hope this activity helped plant the seed to get you thinking about the many blessings in your life and how your generosity is part of Trinity's growing spiritual network. The gifts you have been blessed with make a big difference in this church, in our local community and around the world.

In the fall we will ask you to prayerfully consider the impact of Trinity's spiritual network in a theme entitled: *Our 3G Network: God. Gifts. Gratitude. What is God calling you to do?*

Jennifer Hammaker, Stewardship Chair

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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

According to the Central PA Blood Bank, as of the end of May 2011, Trinity has contributed 109 units of blood thus far this year. That is more than half of our goal; however, please keep donating! Our final blood drive for 2011 will be on September 25, 7:45 – 11:00 a.m.

The Annual Blood Bank Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, which I always try to attend since mine is free, and there are always inspiring speakers, was held on May 24 this year. I always feel so very proud of Trinity's Blood Bank, and do more than my share of bragging! I am quite appreciative of every one of our donors. Why not become a donor; or if you have the time, and really want to make a difference, try donating platelets? I suggest you talk to Trinity member Craig Erdman, 652-9558, who will be able to give you lots of information, or you could contact the Central PA Blood Bank at 566-6161.

The number of American lives saved each year by blood transfusions is 45 million! The Central PA Blood Bank needs YOU!

Alzheimer's Support Group

The Alzheimer's Support Group will meet Wednesday, August 24, 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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August Birthdays

Our Homebound

August 4 **Carol Keese**
1901 North Fifth Street
Room 3 M 1
Harrisburg, PA 17102

August 13 **Jacob Fischer**
3604 Franklin Avenue
Mechanicsburg, PA 17050

August 17 **Ralph Kennedy**
26 Fieldcrest Drive
Mechanicsburg, PA 17050

Our Staff

August 6 **Paul Hensel**

August 19 **Pastor Ludwig**



Prayer Concerns



Let us pray for:

- ◆ Peace and prosperity of our community. *Also seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, Because if it prospers you too will prosper.”* (Jeremiah 29:7)
- ◆ *The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance but the Lord looks at the heart ..* (1 Samuel 16:7)
- ◆ Pray for the spirit of repentance worldwide.
- ◆ *O my people Listen! For I am your God Listen! What I want from you is your true Thanks; I want your promises fulfilled. I want you to trust in me in your times of trouble. So I can rescue you and you can give me glory.* (Psalm 50 7,14,15)
- ◆ *But whatever is good and perfect comes to us from God The Creator of all light and He Shines forever without change or shadow.* (James 17,18)

Staff Notes

“Frustration, Observation, Prayers”

The Reverend Glenn E. Ludwig

It was one of those mornings. You know what I mean – I was running late, because my sermon preparation early that morning had hit a major snag and I was facing one of those “writer’s blocks” pastors and others who are charged with sculpting words into meaningful phrases and sentences sometimes encounter. So, late leaving home = late arriving at the church office, and we had a staff meeting fast approaching.

And wouldn’t you know it – I seemed to hit every red light from Mechanicsburg to 2000 Chestnut Street, Camp Hill! It was while I was parked, fuming, at the third such light, that I began to look around. I first noticed that it was a beautiful, low-humidity day, with clear skies, bright sun and a few puffy clouds in the sky. It was a day to help forget the wet spring, the blanket humidity of the week before, and the anguish of being late.

I probably wouldn’t have noticed – and here is the point in case you are having a slow morning – if I hadn’t been forced to stop. My mounting frustration became observation and it was a moment of grace. God gave me this day, this beautiful day, to enjoy, to remind us of the wonder of this universe, to use in service to the giver of all life. I could have missed it all in my rushing to attack my agenda for the day.

So, I made a decision right then and there – if I was stopped at any other red light on the way into church that morning, I would look around to see what else is happening that may have a grace-moment attached to it.

Indeed, the next light was red – a pattern I was beginning to recognize, but now, fully armed with insight and new-sight, I looked around. In the car beside me was a woman driver (this isn’t leading to any “woman-driver-jokes,” by the way). She was crying. I tried not to stare at her, but I could see the tears, the effort she was making to try to keep herself together, and the emotional pain all over her face. I didn’t know who she was. I didn’t know what she was dealing with, only that it was causing her pain and a world of hurt.

What to do? Getting out of my car at the red light seemed like a really bad idea – I could picture the headline in the newspaper: “Bald Pastor in Car Jacking Incident!” But I still felt like I should do something.

And I did – I smiled, as she looked up. She must have been embarrassed, for she looked away quickly. At that moment, the light changed, and she charged off with her tears, pain and wounded self. The moment of grace from a light before had become a moment of reflection on all the hidden pains and troubles people face as they try to manage their lives from here to there. So, I did the only thing I could do – I moved on to the next light, but with a prayer for my nameless friend, asking God to please surround her with loving arms and strong support. Whatever was wrenching her heart would need both of those.

Now I’m up to the last intersection on Rt. 15 before Market Street, Camp Hill and I look over and see a young man texting while driving. I wanted to whack him upside the head for that dangerous and all-too-frequent activity. As we approached the next light, it, of course, changed from yellow to red, and my young friend blew through the red light texting away. My anger at his unsafe driving practice became concern for his and other’s well-being.

What to do? I couldn’t very well chase him down and ream him out – which was the first fantasy image I had. But I could pray – for his safety, for the safety of those who could be affected by his non-observance while driving, for some common sense to invade his mind. And then I got to thinking – maybe I was the only one who saw him doing that dangerous act, and maybe I was the only one who prayed for him that day. Even if I wasn’t, it wouldn’t have happened if I hadn’t gotten out of my own frustration-funk and looked around at what was around me.

Let me make one more observation, by means of a theological question: Did God cause me to be late so that the three observations and consequent prayers could happen? I don’t think so. I am reluctant to give God both the blame and the credit for everything that happens in my life and in life in general. Otherwise, what do we do with free will?

But here is the more relevant question: Can God use that lateness of mine to serve others?

What do you think?

Learning Ministry Book Fair

The Learning Ministry Committee will sponsor a Book Fair on Saturday, August 20 and 27 and Sunday, August 21 and 28, before and after worship. New and gently used books of various subjects will be available in the Gathering Space. Please bring cash or your checkbook and make a generous contribution to LWR-Disaster Relief.

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 books for August through December 2011 are:

AUGUST 21: *The Hunger Games*, by Suzanne Collins

SEPTEMBER 18: *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*, by Rebecca Skloot

OCTOBER 16: *Cutting for Stone*, by Abraham Verghese

NOVEMBER 20: *Moby Dick: The true story of 28,800 bath toys lost at sea, and of the beachcombers, oceanographers, environmentalists, and fools, including the author, who went in search of them* by Donovan Hohn

DECEMBER 11: *Things Fall Apart*, by Chinua Achebe

Congratulations Graduate!

Congratulations to Taylor Louise Palmer a graduate of Camp Hill High School. She will attend Millersville University this fall. Taylor is the daughter of Connie and Brian Palmer of Camp Hill.

“The Lutheran” Adult Forum Sunday, August 28, 2011

Please join us at 9:30 a.m. in Room 232-234 for a discussion on “Great Expectations: What are Pastors, Churches Looking for?” from pages 20-26 of the July 2011 issue of *The Lutheran* magazine. Nothing fills a “vacant” congregation and a pastoral candidate with such hope and longing as a potential match. A congregation has needs it wants to fill and a candidate has gifts he/she wishes to share. The Spirit is the matchmaker, along with the Synod and the local church Call Committee. Everyone is hoping for a match made in heaven but the call process is not speed dating. 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).

Save the Dates

Maine Mission Trip 2012

Sunday, September 11, 9:30 a.m.

Fraud Alert & Identity Theft

Wednesday, September 21, 7 p.m.

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Trinity Parish Deadline

The deadline for the September 2011 edition of *Trinity Parish* is **Wednesday, August 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.

Letters to Trinity

Dear Trinity,

Thank you to everyone at Trinity for your prayers, words of comfort, and support during the hospitalization and death of my father, Sterling Staller. Your remembering us and our family are blessings in our lives, especially at this time of loss. Thank you so very much!

Craig Staller & Douglas Bonsall

Dear Trinity,

Thank you for the beautiful flowers, gift cards and congratulatory cards in recognition of my 10 years as the Sunday Receptionist. They were greatly appreciated. I have met many wonderful, kind and thoughtful people here at Trinity. I hope I will be able to enjoy many more years as your receptionist.

Sincerely,

Criss Floray

Dear Trinity,

I wish to thank Pastors Brock, Ludwig, and Easton for their phone calls of support, their private and corporate prayers, and their words of encouragement during my on-going health problems. I am very grateful to the Men of Trinity, the prayer groups and the loving and kind members who raised many prayers, sent me cards, and called to wish me well. Their support has been a source of strength to Josephine and me during this time of uncertainty.

I am pleased to report that my eyesight has returned to normal and my stamina is improving, but testing is still on-going. Johns Hopkins has enrolled my head in a cranial study, confirming what many of you already knew; there is something different going on in there!

May our Lord continue to guide, support, and bless us all

In His care always,

Roland Freund

To Trinity,

My family and I would like to thank Reverend Ludwig and Easton for their support and calls during my surgery and recovery. We would also like to thank Vicar Chamberlin for his hospital visit and Trinity members for their prayers and cards.

Richard Lamarca and Family

Dear Trinity Members,

I want to thank everyone for their prayers and get well cards during and following my knee surgery. I really appreciate them. Thank you especially to Vicar Bill and Bishop Edmiston for their visits and prayers. Thank you to all of those who sent me birthday cards, too. All the cards helped to make my birthday and recovery wonderful. I'm so grateful to be a part of the Trinity family.

Lori Anne McBride

Dear Trinity Friends,

Mac wishes to thank our Trinity friends for the prayer shawl, altar flowers, cards, pastoral visits and prayers that have been so beneficial to his recovery. He is improving daily with the loving care of everyone at Messiah Village and attends Sunday chapel regularly.

Barbara McCulloh

Every Member Prayer List

JULY 31-AUGUST 6: Jennifer and Katie Pritsch; John Pringle; George and Janet Preble; Kathy Powers; Joanne Powers; Brandon Powers; Miriam Powell; John and Teresa Powell. **AUGUST 7-13:** Tonja and Grace Potter; Matthew and Jillian Porter; Ashley Porter; Walter and Doris Pond; Michael, Addy, Avery, and Margaret Pion; Jim and Susan Pinti; William, Karen, Ryan, and Kaelee Pines; William Pines. **AUGUST 14-20:** Bonnie Phillips; Rose Mary Phelleps; Ralph Phelleps; Jeff, Tammy, Carey, and Jamey Pfaff; Pete and Gretchen Petri; Marla Sechrist-Peters; Eric Peters; Eric and Marla Peters; Donna Peters. **AUGUST 21-27:** Rick, Jill, Cole, and Grant Perlick; Dylan Perkins; Fay Pepperman; Luke, Kelly, and Ella Pensinger; Jim, Linda, Jim, and Tim Penny; Eleanor Pennisi; Stephanie Pennington; Peter and Susan Pennington. **AUGUST 28-SEPTEMBER 3:** Karen Peiffer; Craig Peiffer; Carole Peiffer; Rebecca, Alexander, and Sierra Pautz; Judi Patton; Tim Patterson; Eric, Aimee, Gabrielle, Evan, and Ethan Patterson; Linda Patterson and Ashley Machado.

Social Ministry Corner

Ecumenical Food Pantry Continues Feeding the Hungry

In a typical month last year (2010), the Ecumenical Food Pantry housed in Messiah Lutheran Church on Forster Street in Harrisburg filled 662 requests from households for food assistance, providing food for 2,237 individuals. In order to receive food, a voucher must be obtained from a case manager, minister, etc. documenting the need. Occasionally a public school refers a family who is in need. A three day supply of food according to family size can be received once a month.

The Ecumenical Food Pantry evolved as a result of Agnes, the flood of 1972, when Messiah Church gave food to those in the neighborhood who were affected by the flood. Over the years many other area churches joined Messiah in helping to feed the hungry through what has become the Ecumenical Food Pantry. It is run exclusively by volunteers and funded by state grants and voluntary gifts of both food and money.

Volunteers from Trinity Lutheran Church take a turn staffing the pantry on the first Friday of each month. Linda Milano and Nancy Bachman serve as receptionists to greet visitors on the first floor of the building and maintain appropriate records. The food is stored, bagged and distributed in the basement where Bob Zimmerman, Peter Pennington and Bruce Bigelow work. Loma Slike and Ruth Bertovich are receptionists at another time of the month. Tom Hoffert substitutes whenever an additional volunteer is needed.

The Ecumenical Food Pantry is supported by Trinity's Social Ministry operating budget, through special designated contributions and by the many boxes of food contributed each month by members and friends of the congregation. Non-perishable food items may be brought to the church at any time and placed in one of the food baskets in the Gathering Space. Jim Fox delivers these food contributions from the church regularly to the pantry and Jayne Coover routinely picks up perishable items from local markets for the Pantry. Recently Trinity has been able to provide a large number of cases of laundry detergent received from Kathryn's Kloset to the Food Pantry. Volunteers have found this added household staple to be very popular and much needed by those coming in for food.

Mark Your Calendar

Women's Wednesday Morning Bible Study

"Anointed, Transformed, Redeemed: A Study of David"

A Bible Study led by Pricilla Shirer,
Beth Moore & Kay Arthur

Wednesdays at 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.
7 Sessions lasting from
September 21 to November 2, 2011

Babysitting will be available.

For questions or registration
call Judy Trissler at 795-5919
or Bert Weaver at 697-3259

Meet Scott Campbell August Artist of the Month

Scott Campbell's devotion to light, and the dramatic contrasts that it creates, was engendered with his introduction as a child to the paintings of Edward Hopper. Since that time, his work has reflected the consistent interest in brightly lit and deeply shadowed images, generally landscapes of Pennsylvania. For years an acrylic painter, the Hampden Township resident changed gears in the last decade, dabbling in transparent watercolor before discovering oil pastel a medium more suited to his purposes. Campbell finds that working on Black Mi-Teintes paper facilitates the contrasts that he so much favors in his finished images. The manner in which he applies the medium produces a roiling, visual motion throughout the paintings, even in static objects like structures, that gives his work an unexpected and subtle energy. An alumnus of Kutztown State College, Campbell taught secondary art in three Pennsylvania school districts for 32 years before retiring in 2004. In addition to producing his own art, he is the "Gallery Space" columnist and a contributing writer for *Harrisburg Magazine*.

YG News

Greetings to all in the name of the Lord. The 2011 YG season has finally drawn to a close. This was definitely one of the best YG seasons to date! Tons of hard work went into this season to make it such a success. All and all, it was awesome from start to finish. Now I am looking forward to enjoying the YG summer. Plans have already started to take shape for the next YG season and there are a lot of good things in the works! But, before we get ahead of ourselves, let's take a look back at what we did this past month.



June provided a much needed break from the business of the YG season. There was only one event of note in the month, but boy was it a good one. The event was HARRISBURG AREA CONFIRMATION CAMP 2011 at Camp Nawakwa. This is my 23rd year straight taking part in this Confirmation Camp. Nineteen YG and two YG advisors attended camp this year. Moreover, two of those YG were brand new to the Confirmation Camp experience. Hands down, this was one of the best Confirmation Camps yet! We had large group workshop, camp fires, small groups, meals together, pool time, recreation time, and even a kickball tournament. Through small and large groups the kids all learn so much about their baptism. A lot of them learn more in this week than they do in a whole year (especially about their baptisms and what they mean). It's awesome to witness! This year, we even had a special treat at camp. A youth in our midst actually got baptized in the Nawakwa pool. We had poolside church service which was amazing. This was an awesome and powerful experience for the whole camp to take part in. And there you have it, what a month June was. With that said, I must go to start preparing for all of the great YG SUMMER events that await. They will rock, I can't wait!!!

Yours In Christ,

Peter A. Fox
Youth Ministry Director

Women of Trinity News

Collecting School Kit Supplies

The Women of Trinity are again collecting school kit supplies for Lutheran World Relief. The following items are needed for each school kit and should be new and in good condition:

- ⇒ Padded or spiral notebooks of ruled paper approximately 8 1/2" x 11" totaling 150 to 200 sheets (do not include loose leaf paper)
- ⇒ One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- ⇒ One pencil sharpener
- ⇒ One 30-centimeter ruler or ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- ⇒ 12 pages of construction paper
- ⇒ One eraser, approximately 2 1/2" long
- ⇒ One box of 16 or 24 crayons
- ⇒ Five pencils

These items may be brought to the Gathering Space collection closet and placed in the box marked "SCHOOL KITS" no later than August 28, 2011. Cash donations will also be accepted and will be used to cover the shipping and handling costs to forward these kits overseas. Please make checks payable to "Trinity Lutheran Church" and put "School Kits" on the memo line.

Thank you again for your continued support.



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Thank you for supporting our Giving Tree celebration of "Christmas in July."

God wants our hearts. Our gifts; tithing, giving of our time and talents to others acknowledge we belong to God. By doing this we are saying "Thanks be to God" who has shown us mercy. To all who took one ornament from our giving tree, it is because of you we say thank you on behalf of six benevolence ministries whose needs are on-going, not just at Christmas holiday time.

*Beloved, you do faithfully whatever you do
for the brethren and for strangers.*

(3 John)

*Social and Parish Ministry
and Missions Committees*

