

Trinity Parish

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A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Help Us Celebrate “Christmas in July”

The Giving Tree is returning during July. Trinity’s Parish Ministry, Missions and Social Ministry Committees realize that the many needs of our friends, neighbors and some church members continue throughout the year and may be even more intense during the non-holiday times when donations are at their lowest point. A mid-year contribution can make a big difference to those in need.

We invite concerned members of the congregation to take one or more ornaments from the tree and provide the designated gift(s) for a needy person or family. We are supporting eight benevolence ministries:

- **CACCC** (Churches Affiliated Child Care Centers) – apple, orange or banana ornament to supply cans of fruit for children’s snack time.
- **CROSS** (ministry for young adults with special needs) – cross ornament to purchase an individual gift card or a health care item.
- **PRISON MINISTRY** – angel ornament to contribute a gift card for those released from prison and attempting to re-enter society.
- **GAUDENZIA DELTA COMMUNITY** – house ornament to provide the designated gift card to support single parents who are striving to provide housing/food/clothing for themselves and their children.
- **MISSIONS** – Christmas tree ornament to donate gift cards to purchase basic living items needed by seminarians at Gettysburg Seminary.

- **PARISH MINISTRY** – church ornament to purchase gift cards from various local stores to provide gas, groceries, back-to-school supplies or health care items for members of our own parish in need.
- **NEW HOPE MINISTRIES** (a community agency for at risk or in crisis individuals and families) – bell ornament to purchase gift cards for food.
- **BETHESDA MISSION** (a Christian rescue mission providing shelter for the homeless) – little man or woman figure to purchase gift cards.

Thanks to all who donate so generously to the Giving Tree each December and for your continued support as we celebrate “Christmas in July”!

Farewell Reception



Please join us for a farewell reception honoring Vicar Peter Roy 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 Peter and his family a fond farewell.

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.”

Staff Notes

“The Friends and Family Plan”

The Reverend Nancy R. Easton

“A church gives us rare permission to lean over and say hello to a stranger without any danger of being thought predatory or insane....We are urged to overcome our provincialism and our tendency to be judgmental—and to make a sign of peace to whomever chance has placed on either side of us.” (Alain de Botton, Wall Street Journal, February 18).

I was so intrigued by this quote I just had to share it with you. It expresses the unique community that the Church is, and is called by Christ to be. We are not a bunch of people who simply share similar interests or work in the same career area. We are not a group of folks who were acquaintances to begin with, and decided to spend more time together. Rather, we are a diverse people gathered around the person of Jesus Christ. He is the One who unites us and shapes our behavior together. We understand ourselves to be Jesus’ sisters and brothers. We understand ourselves to be his Body in the world. This is radically different from any other club, association, or institution to which we may belong. As sisters and brothers of our Lord, and as members of Christ’s Body, we are to relate to one another in a fellowship where we are not seen as “predatory or insane,” but as friends and family.

This doesn’t mean living in community is easy. Quite the contrary. We have to be very **intentional** about nurturing this community because it is so difficult to live lovingly in fellowship. But scripture guides us well, and in particular, St. Paul has wise words about the Christian life. I’ve been drawn to a specific portion from his Letter to the Romans (Romans 12:9-18) and have found myself sharing this passage at weddings, funerals, and other events where I have recently spoken. Consider just one verse from Paul’s words: “Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep” (Romans 9:15). Doesn’t that exhortation alone make clear how to build and nurture fellowship? When we gather together and have empathy for one another

in joys and sorrows, we form ties that bind us. We might experience something **like** this in a social club or a business association—if we’re lucky—but those types of organizations aren’t created or intended to provide the sort of fellowship Jesus was creating and intending through the Church.

You and I as sisters and brothers are to stand by each other in good times and bad. And not just stand by, but enter **into** each other’s joy and sorrow—just as God entered into our human world by sending His Son. This can be done in simple ways: Your “oohing” and “ahhing” as you gaze at photos of grandkids passed to you from a proud grandparent in your pew. Your handshake and pat on the back as you congratulate a new high school graduate at Garden of Eatin’. Your hushed conversation with a fellow parishioner—“Did you hear John’s in the hospital? I’m thinking of visiting him tomorrow; why don’t you come with me?” Your understanding smile as you help a harried young mother handle a fussy child during worship. Your friendly introduction as you welcome a visitor and ask where they’re from. Your promise to pray for someone who is dealing with a crisis—and your following through on that promise. Your note or phone call to someone you haven’t seen in worship lately, letting them know they are missed.

The Church’s worship itself has ways to “rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.” Sharing the sign of Christ’s peace before Holy Communion is served. Welcoming the newly baptized into our midst. Praying for a couple whose union has just been blessed. Commending the deceased to God’s everlasting care. Our liturgical rites give us opportunity to enter into their joys and sorrows more fully.

As we live in this manner that Paul suggests, we begin to **look** like the unique fellowship Jesus Christ intends us to be. And when we look like this unique fellowship, people around us who hunger for ties that bind, who yearn for a community where mutual love and empathy are the *modus operandi*, will be drawn to the life our Lord offers them and begin to ask us what this “church” thing is all about. Then we can tell them all about our great “friends and family plan” and how God’s calling them to be part of it.

Trinity Congratulates College Graduate Amanda Smith

Amanda Smith graduated from The Pennsylvania State University, College of Communications with a degree in Broadcast Journalism. She has started her career with Fox 43 in York as an assignment desk editor. Amanda is the daughter of Scott and Karen Smith of Mechanicsburg.

eGiving made eZ

What is it and how does it work? Many people have found that setting up a one-time or recurring automatic contribution to Trinity from a bank account or charged to a credit card is convenient. As an added benefit, eGiving provides much-needed cash flow consistency for our congregation's annual budget. Visit the stewardship table in the Gathering Space on Sunday, July 29, and learn how you can begin eGiving. Stewardship Committee members will be available to assist you with the process.

Letters to Trinity

Dear Trinity Members,

My special thanks to Pastor Brock for giving me communion and prayers during my stay in the hospital. Also, visits by friends and gifts of flowers, cards and particularly the beautiful Prayer Shawl.

There is no end to the heartfelt warmth of the congregation and I sincerely appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Elaine Murray

Dear Trinity,

A special "Thanks" to the pastors, Intercessory Prayer Group, and members of Trinity for your prayers for the success of my surgery and recovery.

Strength and hope results from these prayers and they were much appreciated.

In HIS love,

Eric L. Peters

Council Update

From the June 2012 meeting:

- Opened the meeting with devotions by Craig Erdman.
- Michael Youse, Executive Director, Lutheran Camping Corporation made a presentation to council regarding "Seeding the Future" a fundraising campaign for Camp Nawaka. Council referred matter to Finance Committee.
- Completed Council Goal Development for 2012-2013.
- Approved fees for weddings and funerals.
- Approved policy pages 1.20.40 Job Description: Director of Youth Ministries, 1.20.50 Job Description: Music Ministries, 1.20.52 Job Description: Director of Music for Contemporary Worship, 1.20.54 Job Description: Director of Children's Choirs, and 1.20.00 Program Staff Chart.

The next meeting of the Congregation Council will be held on Monday, September 10, 2012.

Prayer Concerns

- ◇ Lord, help us to be unafraid when you bring changes into our lives. May we face them with grace and faith, knowing You are with us each step of the way.
- ◇ Lord, we pray for You to grant us a genuine concern for His glory, which will affect all our thinking and all our praying.
- ◇ We pray for the Holy Spirit to be part of our everyday work.
- ◇ Give us the courage to make the sacrifices that are needed to follow you faithfully.
- ◇ Give us eyes to see all the ways you touch our lives.

Book Discussion Group

The Book Discussion Group invites you the third Sunday of every month in Room 126 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. The books for July and August 2012 are:

- July 15: *The Faith Club: A Muslim, a Christian, and a Jew – Three Women Search for Understanding* by Ranya Idliby, Suzanne Oliver and Pricilla Warner
- August 19: *Nineteen Minutes* by Jodi Picoult

“The Lutheran” Adult Forum Sunday, July 22, 2012

Please join us at 9:30 a.m. in Room 124-126 for a discussion on “Mission Trips: Build an Experience” from pages 20-26 of the June 2011 issue of *The Lutheran* magazine. Mission trips offer great opportunities for Christians to expand their worldview, experience different cultures and learn how other people live. But it takes planning, thought and prayer to turn a mere trip into a transformational experience.....for participants and those being served. We are very fortunate that this forum topic comes just after Trinity members will have completed their second mission trip to coastal Maine and participants will be joining in the discussion. 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)

Welcome, Vicar Ursala Schreffler!

We welcome Vicar Ursala Schreffler who begins her ministry with us on Monday, July 18. Vicar Ursala is a member of St. Paul’s Lutheran in Dillsburg. Her biography will appear in our August issue of *Trinity Parish*. Please take a moment to greet and welcome Vicar Ursala to Trinity!

Every Member Prayer List

July 1-7: Lee Jiuffre; Genie Jefferies; Alicia, Taylor, and Alexis James; Richard and Fran Jacobs; Christopher, Stephanie, Emma, and Matthew Jacobs; Judy Jackson; Erin Jack. **July 8-14:** Katie Irwin; Frank Irwin; Emily Inners; Charles and Joan Inners; Janet Imrisek; Heidi Imrisek; Robert and Jean Hyssong; Rhonda Hylton. **July 15-21:** Matthew Hutson; Louise Husted; Howard Hursh; Helen Hursh; Keith and Virginia Huntzinger; Bruce and Evelyn Huntzinger; Michael Hunter; Joe and Judy Hunter. **July 22-28:** Lauren and Jacob Hunt; Lee, Patty, and Bobby Hummel; Christine Hummel; Alverta Hubbard; Betsy Huang; Lois and Kara Hoy; Andrew Howe; Melvin Hostetter. **July 29-August 4:** Frank, Sheri, and Monica Horner; Robynn, Courtney, and Michael Hope; Kim, Lee Ann, and Grant Hoover; Doris Hookway; Gib, Ginny, and Mike Honeysett; Chris Honeysett; Maxine Hommel; Allen and Kathy Holmes, and Zach and Rachael Barnes.

July Birthdays

Our Homebound

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| July 3 | Genie Jefferies
57 Oak Avenue
Camp Hill, PA 17011 |
| July 20 | Adele Weltmer
4000 Linglestown Road - Room 102-B
Harrisburg, PA 17112 |
| July 28 | Lillie Herbst
2808 Fairview Road
Camp Hill, PA 17011 |

Our Staff

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| July 15 | Tim Koch |
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Summer Sundaes Concerts

Sunday, July 22
Sunday, August 26

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

Free Ice Cream Sundaes!!!

Thank You for 90 Years of Ministry!



Dear Friends,

At the June 10 reception honoring us for our years of ministry, you graced us with your warmth, humor, and loving signs of affection. We thank you for your generous gifts, and the fellowship and food that nourished us to the core. Our time together in Fellowship Hall was a profound reminder of the joy we experience daily as your pastors. We feel distinctly privileged to be serving as shepherds of this congregation, and ask for your continued prayers as we go about our pastoral tasks.

In deep gratitude for your kindness and our mutual ministry,

Guy Edmiston, Nancy Easton, and John Brock

YG News

Greetings to all in the name of the Lord. The YG campaign has officially ended for the season. It was a great year and we did so much. We are truly blessed to have such a great YG group and such qualified advisors to lead the way. All and all, it was definitely awesome, and certainly one of the best seasons to date.

We kicked off the month of May with our last YG NITE for the season. Around 50 YG and advisors were in attendance. On this night, as is the YG tradition, we went outside for a night of total faith, fun and fellowship. After dinner we played a massive game of U.S.U.C.C. (uncontrolled soccer under crazy conditions – it’s a YG thing) at Fiala Field. We came inside for a meaningful candle prayer to close the evening and the YG year.

Our last event was May 20 for our annual YG FIESTA NITE & TALENT SHOW. Over 40 YG and advisors came out to make it happen. A Talent Show and a great Mexican all-you-can eat meal featured many of the YG youth sharing their talents and gifts. Church members, parents, family and friends gathered for this incredible night of fun and fellowship. We were able to raise over \$800 to go toward our Sr. High attending the 2012 ELCA NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING in New Orleans this summer.

YG SUMMER is here and I am looking forward to camp, pool parties and the gathering. P.S.: THANKS GO TO THE CONGREGATION FOR COMING OUT AND SUPPORTING THE YG FUNDRAISERS THIS SEASON! WE COULD NOT DO IT WITHOUIUT YOU!

Yours In Christ,

Peter A. Fox
Youth Ministry Director

Vacation Bible School Needs YOU!

Our VBS theme this year is **Sky!** VBS runs from July 23-27, 9 a.m. – noon. Children are placed in small groups called “crews.” Each crew has a Crew Leader. A few crews travel together from station to station for games, music, snack, and movies. Volun-



unteers are anyone who loves working with children and has finished fifth grade through adults, and do not need to be church members. We are still in need of Elementary and Preschool Crew Leaders, Elementary and Pre-

school Station Leaders, and Elementary and Preschool Station Assistants. Fill out a volunteer form on the big blue bulletin board in the Gathering Space. Free nursery service is available for volunteers with children under age three.

Register your children for VBS by filling out a form on the big blue bulletin board in the Gathering Space. Our Elementary Program is for children going into K-5th grades in the fall. Our Preschool Program is for children who will be 3 by July 23 through those going into Kindergarten in the fall. (Parents of Kindergartners may choose which program best suits them.) A registration fee of \$10 will be collected the first day of VBS. Questions to Amy Koch at 761-5902 or: AmyLKoch@verizon.net.

Women of Trinity News and Events

Prayer Ministries

Women of Trinity Prayer Coordinators are seeking women and men interested in serving the needs of the **24-Hour Prayer Team** (for a critical illness or crisis situation requested by individual or family member) and the **Intercessory Prayer** (anyone who requests prayer for themselves or for others.)

A **24-Hour Prayer** request may be made by contacting a pastor or the church office. You may also contact Virginia Ely, 732-3949, or Jean Zimmerman, 763-9396. Volunteers agree to pray in 15 minutes intervals throughout the day and/or night. In addition, a new group of volunteers called **Immediate Needs** is starting. These volunteers are willing to pray as soon as a call is received.

Intercessory Prayer request forms and drop-box are located in the Narthex and at the Gathering Space reception desk. Contact coordinator is Sally Smither, 691-1158. This confidential prayer group meets the first Thursday of each month and will pray daily for the period of one month unless notified of an extension. If you are not already serving and would like to be included as a prayer volunteer, contact Virginia, Jean or Sally.

Social Ministry Corner

St. Barnabas Center for Ministry

St. Barnabas Center for Ministry is a joint mission of the Lower Susquehanna Synod of the ELCA and the Episcopal Diocese of Central PA and one of the ministries supported by Trinity volunteers and Social Ministry funds. Founding Bishops The Rev. Guy Edmiston (Lutheran) and Bishop Charles McNutt (Episcopal), both now retired, developed this cooperative uptown Harrisburg outreach program twenty years ago in St. Paul Episcopal Church, at 248 Seneca Street. Trinity's Social Ministry Committee has actively supported St. Barnabas programs for the past three years. St. Barnabas has an after-school program during the school year and a summer day camp, both of which provide activities for neighborhood children. Trinity provides several after school volunteer tutors as well as a week of lunches for the summer day camp. This year nutritional meals will be prepared in Trinity's kitchen July 9-13 and transported to the St. Barnabas Center each day. If you are interested in volunteering with this ministry, contact Trinity's coordinator Judy Collins.

Books, Books, and More Books Shared with Students

When the call was put out for gently used children's books this spring, the 30 or so Trinity disciples who tutor each week at two Harrisburg elementary schools were cautiously hopeful the appeal would yield about 500 books. That would mean first graders at Downey School and second graders at the Foose School could each receive two books to continue their reading during summer vacation.

Response was phenomenal — nearly 1,500 have been received! Approximately 1,150 were found to be suitable for the age group of the tutoring classes and the balance were contributed to local libraries.

End of the year parties were sponsored by Trinity's Social Ministry Committee and to say the children were enthusiastic is an understatement. It was almost like Christmas morning as each student looked wide eyed at the great array of books from which they could select several to be their very own. Ice cream and pretzels added to the festive mood of the parties as students and tutors eagerly began reading the books selected by each child.

Many thanks to the members and friends of Trinity who were so caring and generous to give so many books that will help city children continue their learning.

Trinity Receives "Partner Award" from CCU

Trinity Lutheran Church was one of five recipients of "Partner Awards," and the only church so honored, at the annual meeting of Christian Churches United (CCU) in May. The awards were given in recognition of particularly outstanding service to that agency during 2011-12. The written award information about Trinity read: **"While all of our member churches are our partners, Trinity Lutheran has stepped up and out this year to do even more! Financially they support the ministries, but they have also done much painting and fixing and cleaning! They also provided wonderful support and food preparation for our Hunger Banquet."** When CCU vice president Rev. Monica Dawkins-Smith spoke about the Hunger Banquet (which was designed to raise awareness about disparity in the distribution of food supplies), she said the Trinity servers played their roles perfectly to differentiate between "the wealthy" who received bountiful, beautiful food elegantly served and "the poor" who received very meager servings of very simple rice/beans.



Doug Bonsall, Social Ministry Committee Chair and Trinity delegate to CCU, accepts the "Partner Award" from CCU Executive Director Jacquie Rucker.

Other "Partner Award" recipients were:

- Community Aid
- Santana Banana
- Dauphin County Work Release
- United Way of the Capital Region

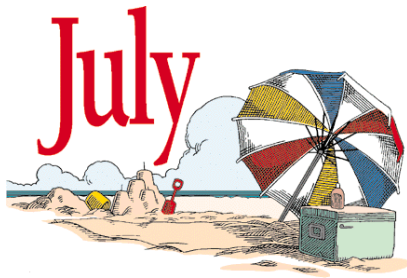


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Trinity Parish Deadline

The deadline for the July 2012 edition of *Trinity Parish* is Tuesday, July 10, 2012 – no exceptions. If e-mailing articles, please send to: parish@trinitycamphill.org Please keep all articles to 300 words or less. Articles may also be dropped off in the *Trinity Parish* mailbox in the church office.