

Trinity Parish

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church · Camp Hill, Pennsylvania · March 2013 Edition
A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.



Candlelight Vespers

Chancel Choir * Matins Choir
Chamber Orchestra

Amy Yovanovich, Christyan Seay,
guest soloists

Pastor Nancy R. Easton, cantor
H. Timothy Koch, conductor

Sunday, March 17, 2013

4:00 p.m.

Holy Week Worship Opportunities

Passion/Palm Sunday (March 23-24)

Saturday, 5:30 p.m. - Fellowship Hall

Sunday, 8:15 & 11:00 a.m. - Traditional Worship - Nave
8:30 & 10:45 a.m. - Contemporary Worship - Fellowship Hall

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday (March 25, 26, 27)

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 liturgies on these days are considered to be one service of worship, so no benediction separates them. 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 (March 28)

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

Good Friday (March 29)

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

7:30 p.m. - Nave - Tenebrae and Adoration of the Crucified

Easter Vigil (March 30)

7:30 p.m. - Nave

Services of Light, Readings,
Affirmation of Baptism, Holy Communion

Easter Sunday (March 31)

8:15 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. - Traditional Worship - Nave

8:30 & 10:45 a.m. - Contemporary Worship - Fellowship Hall

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

“Love in the Concrete” The Reverend Nancy R. Easton

Grumble, grumble. It’s Friday morning. That means there won’t be a newspaper at the end of my driveway, since *The Patriot-News* only publishes Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday. At least I won’t have to venture out into the cold to grab it. But it also means I have to use the iPad to check out news, sports, op-eds and obituaries online. Sigh. I know, I know—my kids think I’m positively ancient because I’d rather hold a newspaper in one hand and a coffee mug in the other this Friday morning. Sometimes I hate change.

My favorite radio station for classical music recently changed its format to “all talk.” There’s enough talking in my life (mostly out of my own mouth). I just wanted music. I access another radio station, but it doesn’t come in clearly, so I’m constantly adjusting the tuner. Sometimes I hate change.

An eye exam a few weeks back indicated enough change in my vision to require a new prescription. My bifocals needed substantial strengthening. I see much better now—I can see my crow’s feet and strands of gray. Oh, goody. Sometimes I hate change.

I poke fun at my resistance to change, but the truth is change often lacks humor, and speaks volumes about human frailty. Things are constantly changing. Health concerns arise. Loved ones die. Relationships fracture. We find our breath taken away at the rapidity and regularity of these changes. We do not easily adjust. We are anxious and afraid.

For people of faith, some comfort is derived from biblical language that speaks of a God who does not change. How often we read in scripture that our God is a “steadfast” God. Great hymns have lyrics such as “...change and decay in all around I see; O thou who changest not, abide with me.”

The problem is those words seem abstract and ethereal. In a world where change makes my head spin, how can an unchanging God set me right, calm my spirit? When you and I experience change on a daily basis, and wonder when the next shoe will drop, we desperately need something to which we

can cling that is steady and certain.

But not abstract. We can’t cling to the abstract.

Our Lord Jesus’ walk to the cross—his arrest, humiliation, suffering and death—is not abstract in the least. It is a most down-to-earth and concrete story of God’s unwavering love and faithfulness to his children. Each year, we spend these days of Lent and, in particular, the days of Holy Week, immersing ourselves in that same story. It doesn’t change, and for that we give thanks. The story we hear is how the Son of God steadfastly obeys his Father, and then steadfastly humbles himself to give life to the world. And this story is the only one that can take all the change and decay around us and in us, and set us right again.

Get set to hear the story once more.

Prayer Concerns

(Christ said), “If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love; just as I have kept my Father’s commandments, and abide in His love.”

John 15:10

Pray;

- ◆ For a deepening of your relationship with Jesus Christ during this Lenten season.
- ◆ For our pastoral staff – special guidance through the Lenten season.
- ◆ That we may accept the privilege of communion at all services.
- ◆ That we may remain until the close of the service even if not participating in communion.
- ◆ That we may increase our faith and trust in God so that we can overcome our reluctance to be your hands at work in the world.
- ◆ That when we have more than we need, help us to feel free to share so that all of your children can eat.
- ◆ That we have the courage to speak your name.

“Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name be the glory, because of your love and faithfulness.”

Psalms 11:1

Book Discussion Group

Books for March through June 2013 are:

- ⇒ March 17: *Haiti: The Aftershocks of History*, by Laurent Dubois
- ⇒ April 21: *The Queen: A Patrick Bowers Thriller (The Bowers Files)*, by Steven James
- ⇒ May 19: *The Storytelling Animal: How Stories Made Us Human*, by Jonathan Gottschall
- ⇒ June 16: *The Round House: A Novel*, by Louise Erdrich

Blood Bank News

Many, many thanks to the donors who visited Trinity's Blood Bank on Sunday, January 27. We were able to add 28 units to our 2013 donations. According to my contact at Central PA Blood Bank, our total as of January 31 is **36**. That means we are off to a good start for the year, and I urge everyone to make donating blood a regular part of his or her busy routine. We had two new donors on January 27, and I hope to see them both again.

According to CPBB, only 5% of the population are blood donors and if only 10% of the population donated, it would very possibly eliminate most blood shortages! CPBB will be visiting Trinity again on Sunday, April 28. We look forward to seeing **YOU** there!

Yard Sale

*Mark your calendar for April 13
for the Men of Trinity Yard Sale*

We will be taking your donations of good stuff for the sale on April 12 in Fellowship Hall between the hours of Noon to 8 p.m.

So start saving your "good for yard sale" stuff now and bring items to the church on April 12.

The sale will take place on Saturday, April 13 between 8:00 a.m. and 11 a.m. All items will be sold in Fellowship Hall. We will also have items on sale as a "silent auction".

All proceeds go to Trinity church, Bethesda Mission and New Hope Ministries.

Any questions or comments, contact George Enney (737-4115) or Tom Drye (763-7890).

Gathering Space Art Display for March

Again this year during the month that includes Holy Week, the Gathering Space art exhibit features the Crosses of Trinity - photographs of many of the crosses, crucifixes, and Christus Rexes that are scattered throughout the building. These photographs were taken by members of the congregation and in many cases the crosses have very special meaning to the photographers. Throughout Trinity there are many reminders of Christ's sacrifice from very plain, wooden crosses to ornate brass crosses, from crucifixes with the suffering Christ to Christus Rexes with the victorious Christ all captured through the artistic eyes of our photographers. Our photographers even found crosses in window frames, the folds in a table cloth or the tiles in a mural. Can you figure out where each of the crosses is located in the church?



Sunday, March 10 in Fellowship Hall

4 - 7 p.m. - Program at 7

Adults - \$13

Children 12 and under - Free

Appetizers, soups, desserts

Silent auction - Entertainment

**Please come and help us meet our goal
of raising \$13,000 by the end of 2013
in support of the ELCA's Malaria Campaign.**

Senior News

Attention Seniors

The spring retreat to be held at Camp Hebron is scheduled for Tuesday, May 21. Vicar Ursula Schrefler will be our leader once again. Watch for further information in *Trinity Parish* or *Trinity Today* in the weeks to come. Questions may be directed to Judy Messinger at 766-3692.

Hospitality Team Needed

In his book 'Gospel in Life, Grace Changes Everything', author Timothy Keller wrote the following: "In the Old Testament, hospitality is part of normal and common practice. For example, in Genesis 18 Abraham is quick and ready to offer hospitality to the strangers who arrive near his home. When Jesus sends out the twelve disciples, he expects they will be shown hospitality (Mark 6:8-11). We are also called to 'Practice hospitality' (Rom. 12:13) and to 'Offer hospitality to one another' (1 Peter 4:9). This verse also tells us to do hospitality 'without grumbling.' Genesis 18:5 tells us the goal of the one giving hospitality is to refresh and encourage others. Hospitality done well is generous, uncomplaining, loving and refreshing. It does not make guests feel like 'guests' but like members of a family. Hospitality provides a feeling of security, warmth, safety, and love."

In an effort to extend this hospitality to our first-time visitors, water tumblers with the Trinity logo and address on them will be given as a gift. Each water tumbler will have information about Trinity in it. We are forming a hospitality team to welcome these first-time visitors. It is not a difficult task, but one that is so vital to welcoming new members into our community. There are only two qualifications for this position - a love of God and Trinity, and a desire to share our joy with visitors. It involves about one half hour of time on Sunday morning, once a month, or less frequently if we have more than ten volunteers.

If you, your family or a friend feel called to this ministry or have any questions, please contact Bert Weaver at 697-3259 or the church office at 737-8635. You may never know when you might welcome an angel (Hebrews 13:2).

Letters to Trinity

Dear Friends,

"Thank you! Your donation makes my vocation possible!" In expressing his gratitude, student David Sensenig, '14, speaks for the entire seminary community. Along with each of our students, every person who works on our campus – professors, librarians, administrators, custodial staff, and technology specialists, you name the job – has a sense of call. In giving to Gettysburg Seminary, we want you to share with us the joy of knowing that you are doing your part to help equip the best leaders to serve God and the church.

Thank you for sharing this vocation with us! Thank you for being part of our ministry in the making!

You feed us well!

**Rev. Kathleen O. Reed, LTSG '80
Chief Advancement Officer
Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg**

PS: To learn more about David and the paths of other students, visit our Ministry in the Making webpage: www.LTSG.edu/GSF and watch for e-mail updates and profiles in our magazine, *Seminary Views*.

Our Trinity Family,

Arlene, my family and I want to thank you for your concerns and prayers during my recent hospital stay that included a heart repair procedure. The flowers, hospital visits and prayers of Pastor Brock and Pastor Easton all came at times when we needed assurance. Also, the home phone calls by Pastor Ludwig and Bishop Edmiston gave a big boost to my family.

My recuperation suffered a small set back but the medical people corrected the problem and I am now back on the road to a full recovery, slow but moving forward. We are looking to the Sunday, in the near future, when we can be in the pew and joining you for Sunday services.

Thanks again and God Bless all of us.

Sincerely,

Walter & Arlene Bucher

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Save the Date

Sunday, March 10, 2013

A fun-filled benefit event with a goal to raise \$13,000 (or more) to fight malaria.

Parish Ministry Corner

“Because of Love”

Because of Love, I struggle each day.
Because of Love, I learned how to pray.

I miss my mom so very much, but
I can still reach her with a touch.

There are many days when her eyes will fade
And fewer days her eyes are the bluest shade.

I long for how it used to be.
I hurt so much from what I see.

The disease is now taking its toll,
But I refuse to let it take her soul.

Because of Love, we will endure
Until we reach the other shore.

Because of Love ...

Poem written by Diane Granoff, August 2012

**"The Lutheran" Adult Forum
Sunday, March 24, 2013**

Please join us at 9:30 a.m. in Room 126 for a discussion on **"Even Prophets Get the Blues"** from pages 28-29 of the February 2013 issue of *The Lutheran* magazine. If Elijah – one of God’s boldest and mightiest Old Testament prophets – can become depressed, you know it can happen to anybody. His experience shows that the presence of God in your life doesn’t inoculate you from the debilitating symptoms of depression. But as with any medical condition, God is with us in our suffering and recovery. We’ll discuss how congregations can be a “safe” place for people with depression to express themselves without receiving judgment. 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).

March Birthdays

Our Homebound

- March 2 **Wallace Smith**
5225 Wilson Lane
Oaks - Room 31-A
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055
- March 2 **Charlotte Zorger**
1700 Market Street - Room 214
Camp Hill, PA 17011
- March 16 **Marie Kennedy**
20 North 12th Street - Apt. 344
Lemoyne, PA 17043
- March 17 **Iva Adams**
46 Erford Road - Room 120
Camp Hill, PA 17011
- March 18 **Elizabeth Winters**
4905 East Trindle Road
Building 1 - Apt. 63
Mechanicsburg, PA 17050
- March 25 **Bootsy Focht**
20 North 12th Street - Apt. 301
Lemoyne, PA 17043
- March 26 **Eleanor Black**
2800 NW 47th Terrace - Apt. 210
Lauderdale Lakes, FL 33313
- March 31 **Ann Belknap**
2100 Bent Creek Blvd.
Room 219
Mechanicsburg, PA 17050

Our Staff

- March 11 **Debbie Wilson**
- March 12 **Bishop Edmiston**

Save the Date!

Mom’s Retreat
Saturday, April 6

Mother’s of Tweens and Teens
A day of Fun, Food and Conversation!

Watch for More Information...

YG News

Greetings to all in the name of the Lord. The month of January and the new year started the first weekend, January 4 through 6 with WINTERFEST. This is a synod-wide Sr. High event that has been going strong 23 years now. We took 21 kids and two advisors to the event. This year's event was once again at the Lancaster Marriot and Convention Center and focused on faith journeys and teaching the youth seven keys to strengthening their faith for the journey. We had a blast and I know the Sr. High YG learned a lot.

We had two action-packed YG NITES to start off the new year in style. On January 10 the theme was STRESSED OUT. It focused on the stresses that all of us face in our lives. Youth can be stressed out by so many factors, like how they are dressed, if their hairstyle is the latest, if they are going to pass the next test or get into the right college. Yet, Christ reminds us that worrying and stressing over things like this can be distracting us from His love. Needless to say, this YG NITE was a powerful one. On January 27 the theme was NEVER GIVE UP. It focused on never giving up when faced with adversity. If we follow the Lord, just as He was, we are born into adversity. We all have lots of hard times in our lives, many of which we want to just give up and throw in the towel. It's in those times we need to find solace in our friends, family and most important, the Lord. The Lord will provide the strength that we need to overcome any obstacle. Once again, this YG NITE was an awesome one. For both YG NITES instead of bringing snacks like usual, the kids were tasked with bringing canned goods for donation to "The Bridge" food bank for Souper Bowl Sunday.

Sign up's have officially ended for our service trip to Birmingham, AL this coming summer. We will have 12 Sr. High YG and four advisors (including myself) attending this servant trip. We will be heading to Birmingham to help tornado victims rebuild. Once again we will be partnering with the organization LutheranHANDS. Help us, help others; please support our YG fundraising efforts in these coming months!

Yours in Christ,

Peter A. Fox
Youth Ministry Director

Weekly Prayer List

March 3-9: Jiji and Lindsay Ettlinger; Heather Eshleman; Brett, Michelle, and Derek Eshenour; Linda Eshelman; Dorothy Eshelman; Madison and Mackenzie Ernst; Robert and Sue Erdman; Craig and Chris Erdman. **March 10-16:** Kay Erb; David Epple; James Enterline; John Enney; George Enney Jr.; George and Becky Enney; Stefan Enggren; Jen Engers-Stahl. **March 17-23:** Paul and Cheryl Enck; Jason and Evan Enck; Corey Enck; Mark, Karen, Riley, and Tyler Emig; Tina Emerick; Virginia Ely; Kathy Elias; Joyce Elfreth. **March 24-30:** Shaun, Pat, Chris and Lauren Eisenhauer; Reynold and Deb Eiche; Greg, Susanne, Matthew, and Samuel Ehgartner; Sandy Edmunds; David, Kathy, Dennis, Derrick, and Kristina Edmiston; Guy and Barbara Edmiston; Jamie, Nicholas, and Nathaniel Eddy; Richard and Joan Eckert. **March 31-April 6:** Teresa, Sara, and Emily Eckard; Pat Eby; Kathy Eavey; Randy, Nancy, Sarah, Mathew, and Rebecca Easton; Jessica Easton; Tom, Pam, Zachary, Josh, Alex, and Sarah Easley; Russell, Angela, and Ruston Dzielak, and Taylor Sultzbauh; Ed, Sherry, Katelyn, and Landon Duvall.

Palm Sunday Processional

Attention, families! Be part of the Palm Sunday processional which opens our 10:45 a.m. contemporary worship service on Sunday, March 24. Enter Fellowship Hall with Vicar Schreffler, waving palm branches in commemoration of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. Then remain with us in worship as the story of Holy Week unfolds and we hear once again the account of Jesus' passion and death on the cross.

For more details, please see Pastor Easton, or contact her at 737-9921, ext. 243, or by email at nancy.easton@trinitycamphill.org



3G: God, Gifts, and Gratitude.
What is God calling YOU to do?

When did you last ask yourself this question? What was the answer? The purpose of our message today is to reflect on a central theme: Trinity needs you, and God is calling you to do something.

Trinity is a wonderful place...to worship, to receive Christian education, to enjoy beautiful music, to enjoy the fellowship of other Christians, to volunteer within the congregation and within our community, to support national and global missions. Do all of these activities “just happen” or is God working through his people, through YOU, to make them happen? God has blessed Trinity with great pastors, program staff, administrative staff and many, many volunteers; He IS working through US.

Have you ever thought about this: Where do the *financial* resources come from, to support all Trinity’s ministries? Do you know that Trinity has a 2013 budget of \$1.54 million dollars? Do you know that the budget is supported by \$1.42 million dollars of member giving? It’s that \$1.42 million dollars of anticipated member giving that we want to reflect on today. *It doesn’t cover all our needs.*

Last fall, the Stewardship Committee planned and executed an action campaign to encourage the congregation members to share their gifts and to show their gratitude for all God has given them.

And YOU, the congregation members, *responded.*

During November and December 2012, the Finance Committee coordinated a budget process, fitting *all* the pieces together to assure 2013 funding that supports the many ministries at Trinity. It was a difficult task because the needs and expectations of our ministries are growing faster than the congregation's financial commitments to support the ministries. In fact, the Finance Committee ran out of financial wherewithal before all of the financial needs could be covered. Trinity’s 2013 Budget was then “stretched” to provide some *minimum* level of financial support for *all* our ministries.

So what does this mean? Well, if everyone meets their current financial commitment, or gives what we gave last year, this level of financial support will not maintain our current ministry programs.

What can or should we do about it? What can YOU do about it? That question is one that each of us will have to answer prayerfully. The purpose of this message is to add awareness: We need additional financial support. This year, we plan to repeat the message regularly. 3G: God, Gifts, and Gratitude. YOU can start practicing today.

2013 Budget Facts and Figures:

Trinity’s total 2013 receipts and expense budget: \$1.54 million (about \$128,500 per month)

Membership giving total in our 2013 budget is: \$1.42 million (about \$119,500 per month)

Long-Term Debt: for Construction and Renovation:

Trinity’s construction/renovation debt on February 1, 2013: about \$648,000

Date final payment due to bank: May 2015 (27 payments remaining)

Monthly debt payment required to pay by May 2015: about \$24,000

Monthly debt payment provided in our 2013 budget: about \$ 6,500

Monthly debt payment *shortfall* - now to May 2015: about \$17,500



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Trinity Parish Deadline

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