

Trinity Parish

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Holy Week at Trinity

The Christian calendar focuses like a laser on the events around death and resurrection of Christ. We enter into Jerusalem, follow Jesus to the cross, and rejoice in his resurrection and the new life it promises.

Palm/Passion Sunday, April 13

Saturday 5:30 p.m.

Sunday 8:15 & 11 a.m. Traditional; 8:30 and 10:45 a.m. Contemporary

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday in Holy Week; April 14, 15, 16

7:30 p.m. Spoken Service w/ Holy Communion in Chapel

The Triduum (*The Three Great Days*)

Maundy Thursday, April 17, 7:30 p.m. Nave

Good Friday, April 18, Nave

10 a.m. Follow the Footsteps of Jesus: a Family Easter Journey

Noon-3 p.m. Service of Word, prayers, and song

7:30 p.m. Tenebrae (Service of Shadows)

Holy Saturday/The Easter Vigil, April 19, 7:30 p.m.

Easter, Festival of the Resurrection, April 20

8:15 & 11 a.m. Festival Traditional Service

8:30 & 10:45 a.m. Contemporary Celebration Service



The Way of the Cross

The Way of the Cross is a 14 station, interactive, self-guided, reflective worship experience that uses art, poetry and music to explore sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross. It is available Holy Week, April 14-18 in the Fellowship Hall from 8 a.m.-9 p.m. (Tuesday, April 15 closed at 6 p.m.)

On Good Friday, our children's ministry is hosting a special *Follow in the Footsteps of Jesus: a Family Easter Journey* that incorporates elements from the Way beginning in the nave at 10 a.m.

OUR MISSION

"Disciples in the making, making disciples"

OUR VISION

"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 Holy Mysteries

Sometimes people will ask me to explain something about our Christian faith. The questions are honest ones. They seek clarity and surety over some biblical or theological issue. Often they are wondering how it relates to their faith and what God might be saying to them.

Sometimes I can answer their questions, often we try to figure it out together, but other times there are no appropriate answers. What I mean to say is that my limited answers will never fully explain to one's satisfaction the depth of meaning behind the questions. In other words, it is a mystery. Our faith and trust is not just guided by intellect, which in the Lutheran tradition we hold in high regard. We also recognize the role in our faith of paradox and the unknowable. It is those moments when no amount of study or analysis will get to the bottom of the issue. It is simply a matter of faith, a holy mystery to experience rather than analyze.

Paul in his letter to the Corinthians recognized his and the other apostles own limitations when he wrote "Think of us in this way, as servants of Christ and

stewards of God's mysteries." (1 Cor. 4:1) We serve Jesus and care for that which has no answer. And that's OK. Mysteries are experienced and lived. The church's care of God's mysteries include sharing them with the world so people may experience for themselves God's holy purpose for all of humanity.

The week we call "holy" highlights those mysteries. We invite friends, neighbors and family to experience the mystery of God through the life, death and resurrection of Christ. We live Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, we kneel at the feet of a brother and sister and serve, we eat and drink an ordinary meal made extraordinary through promised presence, we watch Jesus stripped of authority, we experience the passion of our Lord as he goes to the way of the cross, we wait through a dark day, and then see the living light of Jesus until it shines for all to see and encounter the glory of the risen Lord. Holy mysteries may not answer all your questions, but they will open you up to God's life-giving power.

**YOUR SERVANT IN CHRIST,
PASTOR JACK HORNER**

Council Update

- From the March 10 meeting:
- ▶ Pastor Horner continued the discussion of 'Inside a Large Congregation' by Susan Beaumont.
 - ▶ Elected Charlotte Lazarchik and Bob Erdman as Trinity voting members to the Lower Susquehanna Synod Assembly in June.
 - ▶ Deleted policy pages that were no longer relevant.
 - ▶ Approved for membership members of the New Member Orientation class who will be joining Trinity in April.
 - ▶ Approved a Social Ministry fundraiser for March 15, 2015 to benefit the Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania 'Seeding the Future' campaign.

Save the Date!

Sunday, May 4

9:30 a.m. in Room 237

"Walk to Jerusalem"
with Judy Collins

Find out how you can
be part of Trinity's
team!

Letters to Trinity

Dear Trinity Parish,

I wish to thank everyone at Trinity who lifted me up in prayer during my recent surgery and initial recovery. I was overwhelmed at the outpouring of love and support from my brothers and sisters in Christ here. My wife Linda and I received so many calls, cards, emails, and prepared meals, that it is almost impossible to thank everyone individually! I would like to give a special thanks to the wonderful ladies who lovingly provided me with a prayer shawl. It is beautiful and has helped to enrich my times in prayer! I would also like to thank our pastors who were invaluable to us, as we prepared to spiritually proceed during this difficult time.

It is such a wonderful blessing to be a part of this great faith community. When we raise one another up to our Lord in prayer, we bare our hearts to Him, and He responds with a love that only He can initiate, and a healing that only He can provide!

As I continue to heal, I give thanks to our glorious Father for you all.
Blessings in Christ Jesus,
Tom Hoffert

What an eye opener!!! The article in March's Trinity Parish about Estimates of Giving certainly made me think. In the past I thought, "It's none of your business what I give monetarily to Trinity."

On the other hand, I was surprised that there would be no Vicar next year and now we are scrambling to fill the office assistant position with volunteers? This has put undue stress on other office staff. What if current office staff throw up their hands in frustration and quit? Can we replace any of these valued people?

Thank you for this informative article about how our giving affects our church family.

Sincerely,
Anne Stafford

Stewardship At Home: Grace

BY THE STEWARDSHIP TEAM

What is Grace? In Ephesians 2:8 we read, "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God."

If we open a dictionary to the word "grace", there are a number of definitions. Our focus is on: "*Grace: the free and unmerited love and favor of God, as manifested in the salvation of sinners and the bestowal of blessing.*" What a powerful gift we have received from God! Free, unmerited love, no strings attached, no prerequisites. It is ours, no matter what we do.

So why discuss grace? Well, because each of us has received grace, perhaps on a daily basis. In Galatians, Paul speaks of the works of the flesh: impurity, licentiousness, fornication, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and other things like these. Do any of these words describe behavior we have ever demonstrated? Do any of these behaviors seem too familiar? Have we survived our misbehavior? Have we repeated the misbehavior and felt no ramifications from it? What's going on here?

Have *you* ever experienced the loss of employment, loss of a spouse, family troubles, or difficulties with money issues? ... Did you survive the experience? Did you realize your survival immediately or many years later? Perhaps you were even made stronger by the experience. What's going on here? *Perhaps it is the free and unmerited love and favor of God's grace.*

Can you deny God's grace in your lives?

What is expected of us in return?

- ▶ Recognize that each of us has received and experienced God's grace.
- ▶ Be thankful for the grace and understanding we have received.
- ▶ Pass it on; practice being "graceful" and understanding with others.

Everything we have comes from God; let's give expecting nothing in return. Let's show our appreciation by sharing our time, talents and treasure with those in need.

4Gs: God, Gifts, Gratitude, Grace

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

- ❖ Thanks be to God for all the wonderful volunteers who offered their time and talents to do God's work by reaching out to serve our community on behalf of the Weekend of Caring.
- ❖ Thank you, God for calling us to be your servants. Keep us excited and enthusiastic about serving you.
- ❖ May we recognize 4G (God, Gifts, Gratitude and Grace) in our lives and grow as disciples in faithfulness to the Gospel.

Pray:

- ❖ For a deepening of your relationship with Jesus Christ during this Lenten season.
- ❖ For our pastoral staff – special guidance through the Lenten season.

*Let everything that has breath
"Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord."*

Psalms 150:6

Lutheran Church History Contest for Middle and High School Youth

The Lutheran Historical Society of the Mid-Atlantic (LHSMA) sponsors a contest for students in grades six through 12 to foster awareness of the importance of local history and culture in the life of their congregation.

It seeks **multimedia projects** that tell a story either about the history of their congregation, a particular person in the congregation who has played a significant role in its life, or an important event, mission or ministry that has shaped the congregation.

For 2014, entries must be submitted no later than **June 30**. Entries are to be

submitted in a digital format and will be judged by a panel of persons selected by LHSMA. Winners will be announced in the fall of 2014.

Awards: A prize of \$250 will be awarded to a winner in both the middle school and high school group. Individual and team entries welcome.

How to Enter: Applications can be found online at www.lhsmidatlantic.com along with other information about the contest.

Further questions can be directed to Pastor Stephen Herr, president of the LHSMA at info@lhsmidatlantic.com.

Women of Trinity

Mother-Daughter Covered Dish Dinner

Wednesday, May 14 at 6 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

Everyone is invited.

Please bring a salad/side or dessert.

We welcome Vicar Martha Boyd as speaker.

Election and Installation of Officers and Leaders
for 2014-2015

YG NEWS

Greetings to all in the name of the Lord. We started February with the SOUPER BOWL OF CARING on the 2nd. With the congregation's help we were able to raise \$1,600 and collect over 200 food items to go to The Bridge Food Pantry in New Cumberland.

On Sunday the 9th we had a SR. HIGH NITE. Ten Sr. High and a handful of advisors came out for the nite of faith, fun and fellowship even though there was lots of snow falling outside. The focus of the nite was on our YG RULE "SAID HERE, STAYS HERE," and we talked about what is at the core of this rule - which is TRUST IN OTHERS. We all want people who we can trust surrounding us. Relationships are strengthened when trust is shared. It makes for good neighbors. That's why it's so important at YG to create an atmosphere of trust and security, to invite open sharing and conversation. Trust and the confidence in that trust are what makes our YG strong. All and all, the nite was another powerful one made more so by the smaller group for the evening.

On the weekend of the 14th and 15th we had a JR. HIGH SLEEPOVER. About 33 YG and a handful of advisors came out for

the overnight of total fun and fellowship. We played games, handed out prizes, ate pizza and snacks, watched a movie and even got some sleep. The nite was awesome from start to finish and it was great to see so many new up-and-coming YG in our midst. We closed down the month on the 23rd with SR. HIGH MOVIE NITE. 12 YG and handful of advisors came. To celebrate the Olympic spirit we watched the classic movie, "Cool Runnings." It was great to have a nite just enjoying pizza and watching a movie with the Sr. High. It was fun.

In these next months, we'll be continuing to fund-raise for our SR. HIGH MISSION TRIP to Tuckerton, New Jersey this coming summer (as well as for the 2015 National Youth Gathering to Detroit). For the mission trip, we will be heading to Tuckerton to help those affected by Hurricane Sandy. For this trip, we have nine Sr. High YG and two advisors going. We will once again be partnering with the organization Lutheran HANDS. Help us, help others; Please support our YG fundraising efforts which will help to pay for this trip and others!

Yours In Christ,
Peter A. Fox
Youth Ministry Director

WEEKLY PRAYER LIST

March 30- April 5

Grace Walle; Stephen, Suzanne, Stephanie, Jennifer and Christina Walker; Paul, Melinda and Alex Walker; Leigh Ann Waldner; Fred and Joan Waldner; Eugene and Betty Lou Waldner; Tyrone and Kyle Wagner; Jacob and Sherry Wagner; Gary, Mel and Marc Wagner.

April 6-12

Mary Waechter; James and Linda Waechter; Rebecca Wade-McFadden; Betty Wade; Patricia Vucenich; April Vorm, Gavin and Maren Beckett; Richter and Debra Voight; Alexis Vogel.

April 13-19

Peter, Deborah and Alexandra Vitins; Sue, Hannah, Ethan, Olivia and Charlie Verner-Waldner; Karen Vecolitis; Linda Vaughan; Geraldine Vaughan; Sara Varner; Nicole Vangenhassend; Phyllis and Michael Van Gavree.

April 20-26

Jennifer Utsick; Susan Updegraff; Elizabeth Updegraff; Cael Underkoffler; Mary Tyler; Sharon Twomey; Chad Turns and Tonya Masser-Turns; Thomas, Catherine and Jacob Trump.

April 27- May 3

Robin Troutman; Marian Trone; Stacy, Emma, and Blair Trogner; Tim and Judy Trissler; Ruth Trimmer; Ricardo, Tacey, Austin and Skyy Trevino; Lois Tress; Jocelyn Tress.

Please come out and support the YG at our Isaac's Community Night Fundraiser from 5-9 p.m. Wednesday, April 30 at Isaac's in the West Shore Plaza in Lemoyne.

"The Lutheran" Adult Forum - Sunday, April 27

Please join us at 9:30 a.m. in Room 237 for a discussion on **"Maneuvering Today's Rocky Vocational Road"** from pages 16-22 of the March 2014 issue of *The Lutheran* magazine.

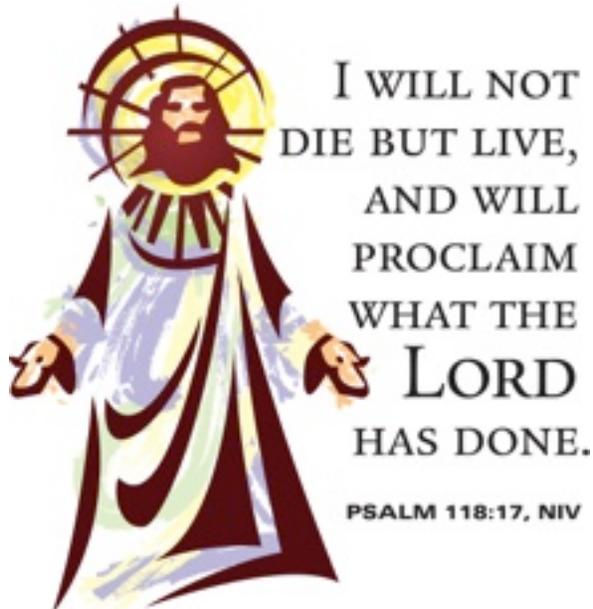
Employment hasn't fully recovered from the 2008 economic crash. Many people are still looking for work and many who have found work had to take jobs that pay much less than the ones they lost. As communities of Christians, we can help our unemployed brothers and sisters find jobs, train for new ones and envision a world with sufficient, sustainable livelihood for all. Discuss how Lutherans, strengthened by their faith and understanding of vocation, are coping with today's job market challenges.

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).

Change to the Trinity Parish Schedule

Please note, in order to remain budget neutral with the addition of mailing services, the Trinity Parish will publish a Summer Edition in June to cover June, July and August. Normal monthly issues will resume in September.

The submission deadline for the Summer Issue will be Saturday, May 10. Articles for the September Issue will be due Sunday, Aug. 10.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Our Homebound

- April 1 Ruth Trimmer
5225 Wilson Ln
Apt. 1143
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055
- April 3 Nicki Nailor
20 North 12th Street
Apt. 340
Lemoyne, PA 17043
- April 4 Gil Mitchell Jr.
4905 East Trindle Road
Apt. 1026
Mechanicsburg, PA 17050
- April 4 Gloria Shuman
4224 Raccoon Loop
New Port Richey, FL 34653
- April 19 Maxine Hommel
138 East High Street
Hummelstown, PA 17036
- April 20 George Betts
222 Messiah Circle
Laurel 209
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055
- April 25 Florence Sommerville
10 Stephen Road
Camp Hill, PA 17011

YOU'RE INVITED TO A **MEMORY CAFÉ**

SHARE YOUR STORIES, BE OUR GUEST FOR A LIGHT DINNER, ENJOY SOME MUSIC AND SOCIALIZE.

**FRIDAY, MAY 9
4 P.M. TO 5:30 P.M.**

**FELLOWSHIP HALL
TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
CAMP HILL**

**RSVP NO LATER THAN APRIL 25
(RESERVATIONS LIMITED TO 50 GUESTS)**

This event is for those who have Early to Moderate Dementia and their caregivers, and those who worry about memory problems.

For more information and to RSVP contact: Martha Boyd at 717-737-9921 or Martha.Boyd@trinitycamphill.org

Parish Ministry Corner

BY DONNA SPROWLS

Become a Prayer Partner
Parish Ministry is seeking persons interested in serving as weekly Prayer Partners as part of the Every Member Prayer team. On a rotating schedule, partners are assigned a list of Trinity members to contact and hold in prayer throughout the week. Contact Donna Sprowls to become a partner in this ministry at sprowlsd@aol.com.

HEALTH TIP

Can yogurt ease digestive problems?

Answer: Yes

Our digestive tract is filled with microorganisms – some good and some bad. Yogurt contains beneficial bacteria, generically called probiotics, that helps maintain a healthy balance. Probiotics can relieve several gastrointestinal problems, including constipation and diarrhea. Certain brands of yogurts, like Activia by Dannon, are marketed exclusively to treat stomach issues.

Blood Pressure Screening

First Sunday of the Month
Chapel Narthex
9 a.m. - Noon



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Trinity Parish Deadline

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