

Trinity Parish

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Loaves and Fishes Food Packaging

Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat."
Matthew 14:16

Thursday, June 5, 7 a.m.- 7p.m.

**Messiah College's Eisenhower Campus Center
1 College Ave., Mechanicsburg**

Trinity and its members have been invited to participate in a project that will provide at least 300,000 meals for needy people in Central Pennsylvania. This mammoth food-packaging event will require 12 hours, 900 volunteers (working in 2-3 hour shifts) and \$75,000. Each congregation in the Lower Susquehanna Synod has been asked to contribute (at least) \$325 and (at least) four volunteers to help "feed a multitude through our simple gifts." Trinity's Missions and Social Ministry Committees have provided that initial gift of \$325. Now we need your time and talent.

To volunteer to take part in this event, complete the bulletin insert in the May 4 "Trinity Today." To donate, make checks payable to "Trinity" and in the memo line write "Loaves and Fishes Event."

Visit www.lss-elca.org/events/synod-assembly/loaves-and-fishes for more information. A partnership of Lower Susquehanna Synod, Thrivent Financial, Messiah College and Outreach Inc.



The Harrisburg Singers Present Pops To Broadway

**Saturday, May 3
7:30 p.m.**

Come along with us and The Harrisburg Singers' Trio – H. Timothy Koch, piano; Jim Miller, bass; and Dave Zygmunt, drums - on a journey from old to new, from Rodgers and Hammerstein's *Carousel* to The Beatles. You'll hear songs from *To, To*, *Les Misérables*, and the motion picture *Australia*; music by Natasha Bedingfield, and theme music from TV classics. In addition, our talented soloists will perform songs from the era of The Rat Pack to today's Broadway Stage.

Free tickets (4 max.) are available to Trinity Concert Series Patrons. Tickets available in the church office. Non-Patrons visit www.harrisburgsingers.org for ticket prices.

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

“I Thank My God Every Time I Remember You...”

BY PASTOR NANCY R. EASTON

What a joy it is to pray our Every Member Prayer list! This list contains the names of all Trinity members (grouped by household or family units, and organized backwards alphabetically) whom we name at weekend worship services during the Prayers of the Church. Lifting up roughly eight family units each weekend takes a couple years to get through our entire membership. But it is a most meaningful prayer to offer.

As I read these names, I picture who these folks are. Granted, there are names I can't connect with faces— usually members who aren't currently active in our worship and fellowship life. But, having served here since 1999, I can honestly say I'm able to picture many of the faces in my mind.

Sometimes worshipers misunderstand our reading these names, thinking they are part of the prayers for the sick. “What's wrong with so-and-so?” they ask. “Are they in the hospital?” I remind them we pray each week for other members. “Oh, yeah....I forgot about that list.”

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, in his 1938 work *Life Together*, offers advice on how to live in a faith community. His words give shape to our prayers for fellow members: “It is easily forgotten that the fellowship of Christian brethren is a gift of grace, a gift of the Kingdom of God... Therefore, let him who until now has had the privilege of living a common Christian life with other Christians praise God's grace from the bottom of his heart. Let him thank God on his knees and

declare: It is grace, nothing but grace, that we are allowed to live in community with Christian brethren.”

So I suggest that when we pray for our brothers and sisters each week (whether in corporate worship or personal devotion) we ought, above all, to give thanks to God for them. Give thanks that they are part of our fellowship. Give thanks for the gifts they possess—the unique ways God's Spirit fills them and moves them to demonstrate His love in the world. Give thanks that Trinity's mission and ministry is more potent and farther-reaching because of the presence of our brothers and sisters.

And, most of all, give thanks for the manner in which each of them shares God's Good News with the rest of us. Bonhoeffer states the goal of all Christian community: “They meet one another as bringers of the message of salvation.” Through our fellow members, we come to know and experience God's grace and mercy all the more.

St. Paul, in several of his letters, makes a point of offering thanksgiving for the congregation to whom he is writing. For example, to the church at Philippi Paul writes, “I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you...” (Philippians 1:3-4)

A new week is beginning, and a new list of names has been published in our bulletin and on our website. A month's worth of names appears in this newsletter. From the bottom of your heart, give thanks for each other—God's beloved children.

Council Update

From the April 7 meeting:

- ▶ Pastor Horner continued the discussion of ‘Inside a Large Congregation’ by Susan Beaumont.
- ▶ Authorized the signatories for the congregation's various cash and investment accounts.
- ▶ Consistent with best practices for large congregations, affirmed the use of terminology in Trinity communications as follows: “Ministry Teams” for ministry groups that serve others and “Facilitator” for the leader of those teams and “Committees” for governance/administrative groups (Executive, Finance, Administration and Personnel, Property and Strategic Planning) and “Chair” for the leader of those committees.
- ▶ Approved revisions to the Education Ministry policy page.

Finding your PLACE in Ministry Sunday May 4 12:30 p.m. - 4 p.m. Room 237

This self-discovery course, facilitated by Judy Collins, helps individuals identify their personality, spiritual gifts, abilities, life passions and experiences.

Bring your lunch!

Beverages and snacks will be provided. Nursery care is available on request. Contact Judy at 737-9921, ext. 239 or judy.collins@trinitycamphill.org to reserve your seat.

Letters to Trinity

Dear Trinity Staff and Members,

Words can never express our appreciation for the love and support we received from Trinity. We especially thank Vicar Martha for staying in touch and offering us communion at home.

Our new address will be 450 Bethany Drive and we hope to move into that cottage soon.

Sincerely,
Romaine and Ed Boyanowski

Parish Ministry Corner: Health Tip

BY DONNA SPROWLS

Is bottled water better for you than tap water?

Answer: No

Bottled water is no safer or purer than tap water, although it is substantially more expensive. A recent study by Glasgow University in the UK found that bottled water is actually more likely to be contaminated than water from your faucet because it is less well-regulated. Bottled water and tap water typically come from the same sources – natural springs, lakes and aquifers, while public water supplies are tested for contaminants every day, makers of bottled water are only required to test for specific contaminants every week, month, or year.

Blood Pressure Screening

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

Stewardship At Home:

An Allegorical Poem About the Lord's Grace

SUBMITTED BY THE STEWARDSHIP TEAM, AUTHOR UNKNOWN

Count Your Blessings

- ▶ If you own just one Bible, you are abundantly blessed. One-third of all the world does not have access to even one.
- ▶ If you woke up this morning with more health than illness, you are more blessed than the million who will not survive this week.
- ▶ If you have never experienced the danger of battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture, or the pangs of starvation, you are ahead of 500 million people in the world.
- ▶ If you can attend a church meeting without fear of harassment, arrest, torture or death, you are more blessed than three billion people in the world.
- ▶ If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof overhead and a place to sleep, you are richer than 75% of the world.
- ▶ If you have money in the bank, in your wallet, and spare change in a dish someplace, you are among the top 8 percent of the world's wealthy.
- ▶ If your parents are still alive and still married, you are very rare, even in the United States.
- ▶ If you hold up your head with a smile on your face and are truly thankful, you are blessed because the majority can, but most do not.
- ▶ If you can hold someone's hand, hug them or even touch them on the shoulder, you are blessed because you can offer a healing touch.
- ▶ If you prayed yesterday and today, you are in the minority because you believe God does hear and answer prayers.
- ▶ If you can read this message, you are more blessed than over two billion people in the world who cannot read at all.

Blessed are we!

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4Gs: God, Gifts, Gratitude, Grace

PRAYER CONCERNS

*"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men ... it is the Lord Christ you are serving."
Colossians 4:2-3*

Pray:

- ❖ For spiritual wisdom to be given to our pastors as they guide us toward deeper commitments in our journeys of faith.
- ❖ For our young people who will affirm their baptism on June 1. May God continue to guide them, deepening their faith through the years. That wherever they may go, may they desire to be part of the faith community where they will be nourished by the Lord's Supper, and offer their spiritual gifts.
- ❖ That willing workers will be raised up from our congregation who will lovingly fulfill Christ's call to mission within our congregation and in outreach into the community.
- ❖ For Parish Ministry: and its many ministry coordinators and volunteers- for discernment to understand the needs and priorities within our congregation and the courage to address each opportunity.
- ❖ For Social Ministry: That through their efforts and guidance, our gifts may be shared with the hungry, the homeless and the powerless and more --- for guidance as the seek to understand God's call to help in the community --- For the dedicated staff of the many agencies in our community who minister daily to the physical and spiritual needs of our sisters and brothers in Christ.
- ❖ For Vicar Martha Boyd and her Memory Café Internship Project offered for those who have dementia and their caregivers to enjoy an evening of connectedness and fellowship in a place that is relaxed and safe.

*"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests."
Ephesians 6:18*

A Very Successful 2014 Weekend of Caring

BY SUE ERDMAN, PUBLICITY COORDINATOR
FOR WEEKEND OF CARING

- 21 service projects
- 315 volunteers
- 850 volunteer hours

Thank you, Trinity, for your outstanding support of Weekend of Caring held March 21-23, 2014. We surpassed our goal of 200 volunteers this year and filled 315 volunteer slots for more than 20 different service projects. THANK YOU!

Volunteers from young to mature ages enthusiastically embraced this service opportunity for Trinity members to put their hands on God's work. Your gifts of time, sharing your skills and showing compassion for others were freely demonstrated throughout Weekend of Caring.

Coordinated by the Weekend of Caring Planning Committee, nonprofit organizations were able to complete important projects with Trinity volunteers, nursing home residents enjoyed music, fellowship and Bingo and residents of CROSS visited Trinity for dinner, fellowship, and Bingo. As bingo prizes were awarded, one of the CROSS residents shouted "This is the best night of my life!"

A ramp was constructed at a handicapped person's home. Two project volunteers said "The Handicapped ramp project was so fulfilling and fun. It was great to see our recipient overjoyed with the ability to roll down into her garage and out to sit in the sunshine" and "We touched this poor woman's life with a simple task."

Knitting, quilting and card making projects were completed to support various ministries. More than 500 items were donated for the Food Drive.

The weekend ended with a gathering meal for volunteers prepared and served by Trinity's Fellowship Team.

Barb Musselman expressed her thanks by saying "Trinity is blessed to have so many caring and generous members who readily give of their time to help people in need. Weekend of Caring was successful because of our members and their passion and commitment to serving God."

Lutheran World Relief Volunteer Trip

We have an opportunity to volunteer at the LWR Warehouse in New Windsor, MD on Wednesday, May 21.

We will leave Trinity's parking lot at 6:30 a.m. and return around 5 p.m. Lunch in the dining room is provided at no cost to all volunteers.

Contact Judy Collins (737-9921 x 239) before May 12, if you would like to join us.

YG NEWS

Greetings to all in the name of the Lord. We started off March with a JR. HIGH NITE. 15 Jr. High YG and a handful of advisors came out for the nite of faith, fun and fellowship even though as usual there was lots of snow falling outside. The focus of the nite was on our YG RULE "PRAYER," and we talked about all of the different aspects of prayer. We focused in on making our prayers more conversations with God. All and all, the nite was another powerful one made more so by the smaller group for the evening.

On the 8th, we had our ANNUAL YG PANCAKE BREAKFAST. Around 140 congregation members and families came out for this breakfast of fellowship with one another. We were able to raise over \$600 to go toward future YG events. The morning was a success. Thanks for your support.

The next night we had a Sr. High Nite, once again affected by the snow. Just like our previous Jr. High nite, the topic was our YG RULE "PRAYER." This time we attacked it from a Sr. High perspective. The conversations were deep and personal and the theme was great. We all learned a lot about ourselves and prayer.

On the 16th we had JR. HIGH MOVIE NITE. Jr. High YG and advisors came out for this nite of total fun and fellowship. We watched the classic movie, "The Sandlot." It was great to have a nite just enjoying pizza and a movie with

the Jr. High. We closed down the month with a Sr. High Nite on the 30th. The focus of the nite was on our YG RULE "LISTEN," and we talked about why listening to others is so important. Everybody knows how to talk but few really know how to listen. "True" listening actually calls for more effort on your part, it actually calls for "work." You need to be engaged and you need to give the time to be a good listener. The discussion for this nite was awesome.

As an added bonus this month we hosted two surprise baby book showers in the YG room before YG events. We have two married couples who serve as advisors in our YG family who are expecting their first babies, so the YG showered them with books. These events were set up by a handful of the caring parents who support our YG and all thanks goes to them for making the showers a success. It was great fun, and both couples were very surprised and grateful.

In these next months, we'll be continuing to fundraise for our SR. HIGH MISSION TRIP to Tuckerton, NJ this 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 9 Sr. High YG and 2 Advisors going. We will once again be partnering with Lutheran HANDS.

Yours In Christ,
Peter A. Fox, Youth Ministry Director

WEEKLY PRAYER LIST

May 2-8

Kristin and Grace Treaster; Timothy Trayer; Martin Tozer; Rita Townsend; Michael, Carolyn, Elise and Michael Tonelli; Gerald, Mary and Barbara Tome; David and Cynthia Tolsma; Anne Tolsma; George Tokuhata; Alex, Alyson and Alivia Tokatlian.

May 9-15

John Tobin; Michael Tighe; Mary Louise Tietbohl; Sheila Thurston; Linda Thompson; Lawrence IV, Sherry, Lawrence V, Robert, Madison and Jackson Thompson; George and Jean Thompson; Josh and Kathy Thomas; Herbert and Sandra Thomas; Arletta Thomas.

May 16-22

Cindi Teter; James, Tracie, and Derek Tenetylo; Alexis Temple; Robert Telford; Sean, Melissa, Tristan, Genevieve, and Logan Taylor; Matt, Marjorie, Vivian, Lana and Marly Taylor; Dave, Kelly and Mason Taylor; Chris, Kim, Aiden and Kamryn Taylor; Carolee Taylor.

May 23-29

Bill, Kim, Liam and Eva Tauriello; Celeste Tarbox; Yoke, Jean and Andrea Tan; John, Jill, Alexa and Levi Tamosaitis; Sandy Sykes; Kim Swartzell; Marilyn Swartz; Marcia Swartz; Craig, Jodi and Ryan Swartz, and Branden and Kirsten Wintermyer.

May 30- June 5

Bill, Trudy, Nate, and Rebecca Swanger; Keith, Lori, Alex, Caroline and Patrick Swade; Gina, Lake and Cole Sutliff; George, Carol, Michael and Kimberly Sundy; Rebecca Sundara; Al, Rekha, Andrew and Sarah Sundara; Tim and Winnie Sullivan; Charlie, Amy, Christine and Bridget Suhr.

Please support the YG at our Fiesta Night Fundraiser from 6- 7:30 p.m. Sunday, May 18 in Fellowship Hall.

"The Lutheran" Adult Forum - Sunday, May 25

Please join us at 9:30 a.m. in Room 237 for a discussion on "**Faith Traditions: New Life in Ancient Practices**" from pages 14-30 of the April 2014 issue of *The Lutheran* magazine.

In three years, Lutherans will celebrate the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther's posting of the 95 Theses on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany – the Oct. 31, 1517, event that began the Protestant Reformation. No wonder Lutheran churches are steeped in tradition! The challenge for Lutherans today is to use these traditions as a springboard into the future rather than allowing traditional practices to be a shackle keeping the church in the past.

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).



MAY BIRTHDAYS

Our Homebound

- May 2 Ann Sponaugle
2380 Waterford
Camp Hill, PA 17011
- May 6 Jane Davis
205 Laurel Drive
Messiah Village
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055
- May 11 Kent Reese
5225 Wilson Lane
119- Assisted Living
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055
- May 14 Jeanne Henderson
4905 East Trindle Road
Building 3, Apt. 3079
Mechanicsburg, PA 17050

Our Staff

- May 21 Lori Goss

May Gathering Space Art Display

Linda Buckwalter is a Professor of Mathematics at Harrisburg Area Community College who loves teaching and painting.

She has studied with many area artists and primarily works in oil and watercolors. Linda lives with her husband in New Cumberland.

Cumberland Crossings Retirement Community Yard Sale

Cumberland Crossings will hold its annual Auxiliary Yard Sale on Saturday, May 17, starting at 8 a.m. The sale will be held in the Community Center parking lot. Come early for the best selection of lots of great items including furniture all donated by the residents and staff of this Lutheran retirement community. If you like yard sales don't miss this one. You'll be helping to support the special activities of Cumberland Crossings which is located just south of Carlisle. Hope to see you there!

Help Evangelism Committee Promote Summer Sundae Concerts

The Evangelism Committee invites Trinity members to assist in promoting the Summer Sundae concerts in two ways:

- 1) Distribute door hangers announcing the concerts to the Trinity neighborhood on Thursday, June 19. We will gather at the church at 6:30 p.m. and should be finished by 8 p.m.
- 2) Distribute 50 door hangers in your neighborhood announcing the concerts sometime between Sunday, June 15, and Wednesday, June 18. Door hangers will be available at worship on June 15.

Sign up for this project in one of two ways:

- 1) Complete an orange volunteer insert in the bulletin during May.
- 2) Contact Craig Staller, facilitator of the Evangelism Ministry Team, at [717-921-1957](tel:717-921-1957) or email at c.staller@verizon.net.

If you are unable to participate in this project, we invite you to pray for guidance for those who volunteer.

Thanks to all for your participation in this project!

Social Ministry Corner: CACCC

The Churches Affiliated Child Care Center, Inc. (CACCC) was created in 1988 as a mission of outreach by seven area churches to provide quality, state licensed early childhood education to the community at affordable prices.

CACCC greatly benefits from the active participation of its affiliated churches. Trinity Lutheran Church, Camp Hill United Methodist Church, St. Timothy Church, and Mt. Calvary Episcopal Church, all located in Camp Hill, and the Enola First Church of God are instrumental to the success of the program.

A Board of Directors governs CACCC. The Board is made up of two representatives from each of the affiliated churches. Each participating church elects their members to represent their interests and to provide the center with a governing body. The Board of Directors is responsible for overseeing the program, financing, and fundraising.

CACCC prides itself on being able to provide quality education to so many children at the most reasonable rates possible. We maintain two centers, one in Camp Hill and another in Enola, with care for infants through kindergarten with a school age summer camp. Before and after school care is offered within the Camp Hill School District. Priority is given to families with demonstrated financial need who may not be able to afford the tuition charged by for-profit child care programs. A scholarship program, funded by the participating churches and annual fundraisers, helps to subsidize the tuition for families in need.

It is our mission to provide quality education and peace of mind to working parents in our community. We continue to explore new ways to fulfill our mission by expanding and improving our existing programs. For additional information and opportunities to volunteer, contact Margy Fox at fox710@comcast.net or Judy Leslie at judyleslie125@comcast.net.

Change to 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. Articles for the September issue will be due Sunday, Aug. 10.

Lutheran Day at the State Capitol

Lutheran Day at the Capitol will take place **Tuesday, May 6, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.**, beginning right here at Trinity, followed by a reception and banquet from 5:30-8 p.m. in the Capitol Rotunda in Harrisburg.

Join Lutherans from around the state for worship, learning, advocacy and action. Lutheran Day at the Capitol focuses on our baptismal call to ministry in the public square and the unique voice of Lutheran Christians addressing hunger and poverty. Come to be inspired, prepared and equipped to act on issues that matter. Activities include:

- ▶ Worship led by Bishop Jim Dunlop, Lower Susquehanna Synod
- ▶ A keynote, "Empowering Opportunities — Gateways out of Poverty," by Rep. Dave Reed, chair of the House Majority Policy Committee
- ▶ Training in successful advocacy strategies and workshops to further equip you to take action to act for greater justice in your churches and communities
- ▶ A shuttle bus to the state Capitol to meet legislators and observe the General Assembly in action
- ▶ A special reception and banquet in the Capitol Rotunda to mark Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in Pennsylvania (LAMPa)'s 35th Anniversary
- ▶ Address by The Rev. Dr. Timothy Wengert, "God's Two Hands and the Christian's Undivided Heart" and music by the band "Dem Preachers."

Visit www.lutheranadvocacy.org/lutheran-day-at-the-capitol/ for more details or to register.

The Ecumenical Food Pantry Presents:

"Sweeney Todd"

An Evening at the Theater!

Friday, May 9 at the Whitaker Center

The Ecumenical Food Pantry presents an Evening at the Theater on Friday, May 9 at Whitaker Center featuring the Broadway hit musical, "Sweeney Todd!" The Pantry wants to invite you to join us in this **FUN**draising event! The \$35 tickets are on sale now through show time! Purchase your tickets now to reserve the best seats in the house. Call Linda Roberts, 737-9997, or email (labrooke@mac.com) to reserve your tickets!

MOST of the ticket price will be donated to the Food Pantry, so it's important to buy the tickets from the pantry and not through the box office.



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Trinity Parish Deadline

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