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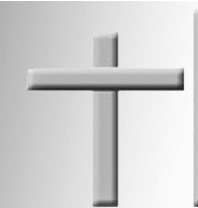
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## From the Pastor...

"Wisdom cries out in the street; in the squares she raises her voice. At the busiest corner she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks; 'How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge?'"

Proverbs 1:20-22

This reading from proverbs reminds us that part of our faith journey should include learning, the gaining of wisdom. The Christian Education committee provides many opportunities for growth and learning. Most people think just about Sunday School when they think about Christian Ed. and that is part of the equation. However, there are other ways to learn and gain wisdom. Ongoing Bible Study is one opportunity (coincidentally they will be studying the Book of Proverbs. We are also encouraged to study scripture on our own, to meditate and pray for wisdom and insight on what we read in the Bible. Certainly there can be wisdom gained by listening to the readings in worship and by reflecting on the sermon. Being in constructive dialogue with other members of the church is also a way that we can grow in our understanding and faith. The Christian Education committee is also responsible for Vacation Bible Study in the summer which is a great time for the kids to learn and grow in their faith. Wisdom is indeed calling out to each of us, how long will we continue to be the simple ones?

Peace,  
*Pastor Eli*

### Lectionary Readings for the Month of March

**March 5, 2017**  
First Sunday in Lent

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7  
Psalm 32  
Romans 5:12-19  
Matthew 4:1-11

**March 12, 2017**  
Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 12:1-4a  
Psalm 121  
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17  
John 3:1-17

**March 19, 2017**  
Third Sunday in Lent

Exodus 17:1-7  
Psalm 95  
Romans 5:1-11  
John 4:5-42

**March 26, 2017**  
Fourth Sunday in Lent

1 Samuel 16:1-13  
Psalm 23  
Ephesians 5:8-14  
John 9:1-41

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Save these dates

**PALM SUNDAY APRIL 9**  
**EASTER APRIL 16**



### The next Orbit Deadline is March 29<sup>th</sup>

Please get your article to the newsletter in one of the following ways:

- Email your article to:  
**trinity@triluth.org**
- Drop your article in the Orbit mailbox inside the Christian Education office
- Call the office and dictate your article to Brenda or drop it off in the office

#### Please remember:

- **All articles will be included as long as space permits.**
- **Articles will be edited for grammar and/or clarity where needed.**
- **Any article turned in after the deadline will be included in the next month's Orbit.**

**Thank You!**

# COUNCIL PRESIDENT

## Spring is in the air!

I'm writing this in February and we are having a taste of spring already! The weather has been warm and sunny for this time of year. I am hoping that Punxy Phil was wrong in his prediction for six more weeks of winter. This small taste of spring, brings a renewed hope to us all.

As a church, we have such a diverse and talented group of people. We are setting goals and I have no doubt they will be followed through and completed in time. It may not always go smoothly, but at the end of the day we will all use our spiritual gifts to get to the finish line.

I would like to challenge our congregation to keep moving forward in our ministries. There are many things we already do very well and other things we may want to improve upon or expand. We must not become complacent in this ever-changing world. We as a Christian Community, must face the challenges in our community.

One big area of hope is our youth. They have initiated a collection for giving to those in need and for faith formation. They will be collecting our spare change to be used for Camp Sequanota, ELCA Good Gifts, and the 2018 National Youth Gathering in Houston. Let's support them in their endeavors in becoming the future Christian leaders of the church. These efforts and others help us to continue to build the body of Christ.

Peace and Blessings!

Ted Williams, Council President

## Prayer List

Please keep the following people in your prayers ...

### Trinity Members

Jim Aungst  
Judy Baird  
Tyler Bennett  
Amy Bush & Baby Zoe  
Russ Burda  
Carol Callis  
Craig Cameron  
Tina Chestney  
Debbie Conway  
Paul Hamilton  
Kathy Hatch  
Kristina Henderson  
Jason Kutz  
Arlene Leonard  
Jaden Rhode  
Sarah Minnoia  
Ken B. Myers  
Ray Nycum  
Dave Olinyk  
Gene/Joyce Otto  
Margaretta Perry

### Trinity's Homebound Members

Jo Ann Boyd  
Chris Burda  
Bob Nearhoof  
Mary Olinyk  
Joan Rhiver

### Those Serving in the Armed Forces

Sarah Brown  
Jason Buck  
Nathan Frank  
Peter Quinn  
Justin Patz

Arlene Roessing  
Ruth Ann Saleme  
Doug Simons  
April Shackelford  
Alaina Stevens  
Emily Thompson  
Daniel Thompson  
Michelle Thompson  
Donna Williams  
Nancy Yeager  
Church Health Team  
Arlene Leonard  
Jaden Rhode  
Sarah Minnoia  
Ken B. Myers  
Ray Nycum  
Dave Olinyk  
Gene/Joyce Otto  
Margaretta Perry

Baby Allison  
Jim Andrews  
Elisabeth Armstormg  
Janet Aungst  
Michael Baughman  
Baby Blade Beckwith  
Kris Bennett  
Michael Bennett  
Dee Bernicki  
Blade  
Mrs. D. Brown  
Casey Bondarenka  
William Burda  
Pat Burk  
Casey Campbell  
Ron Clawson  
Baby Cowan  
Rodger Ecker  
Abby Fownef  
Haley Gehret  
Krista Gerheim  
Gerstenberger Family  
Shyann Gooma  
Ann Gosnell  
Jack Grassmyer Child  
Dianna K. Green  
Richard Gunsallus  
Mark Haigh  
Bob Hamilton  
Ann Hanczaryk  
Jody Haring  
Don Haslam  
Paster Peter Helmers  
Doris Hollingshead  
Joe Hershel  
Linda Hess

### Family Members and Friends

Robert Hutchison  
Don & Martha Johnson  
Glories Kimmel  
Richard M. Kolbe  
Jim Kutz  
Becky Lardieri  
Lynette Latchford  
Janelle Lehr  
Rose Marlett  
Kirin McCaulley  
Dylan McGilvary  
Mike McGraw  
Nick Merritts  
Benjamin Metzger  
Charles Miller  
Kate Mimmich  
Brenda Murray  
Sharon Myers & Family  
Caydan Noel  
Beth Noye  
Jeff Nycum  
David Oswalt  
Joe Pacifico  
Bess Patton  
Bill Peterman  
Ann Pryfogle  
Sal Randazzo  
Lucille Rodell  
Joe Roub  
Nancy Roessing  
Carl Ruckinger  
Jim Settlemyer  
Jessie & Justin Shackelford  
Patricia Slone



Please know that you may add someone to our prayer list at any time by calling the church office or Trudy Lynch (944-7908). If it is appropriate to remove someone from the prayer list, again, please inform the church office or Trudy. Names of family and friends will remain on the prayer list for two weeks. You may keep someone's name on the list by calling the church office and giving us a brief update so that we can continue to effectively pray for your loved one.



# News From All Around the Church



Youth Choir sang on Sunday February 26.

## Pizza Be With You...And Also With You!

The Evangelism Committee invites Trinity members, their families and friends to join us for an afternoon of pizza and games at Trinity Hall, Sunday March 19 from 4-6PM.

The committee will provide all the basic pizza ingredients and beverages. We'll be making our own custom pizzas, so you're welcome to bring any special toppings or snacks, along with any family-friendly games you'd like to play.

RSVPs are appreciated via Facebook ([facebook.com/TrinityAltoona](https://facebook.com/TrinityAltoona)) or email [pizzabewithyou@trinityaltoona.com](mailto:pizzabewithyou@trinityaltoona.com). There is no cost to attend but donations are appreciated.



## John's Way

1. Wall mounted grab bars
2. Gait belts
3. Boost and ensure nutritional supplement (preferably flavored)
4. Shower chairs and shower benches
5. Adult pull-ups
6. Wet wipes
7. Underpads (pads for on the bed)

These are the ideas that John's Way needs the most.

# Worship and Music Notes

Please remember to mark your calendar with these dates.

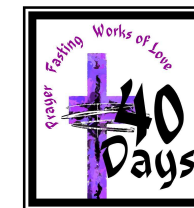
Lenten Service- March 8,15,22,29	
April 5,12,19	
Palm Sunday-April 9	
Lenten Service-April 12	Noon & 6:30 PM
Maundy Thursday-April 13	Noon & 6:30 PM
Good Friday- April 14	Noon & 6:30 PM
Saturday- April 15	6:30 PM
Easter -April 16	6:30 AM & 10:45 AM
Sunday School-April 16	9:30 AM
Easter Breakfast	8:00 AM



We hope you will join us at our Easter Breakfast on April 16, at 8AM. The Fellowship committee has been diligently planning another spectacular breakfast after the Sunrise Service. There will be a variety of breakfast casseroles, pastries, eggs, potatoes and much more. An important ingredient of this breakfast is YOU! This is a wonderful opportunity to join in fellowship with other Trinity Congregants. And finally, the most important ingredient of this breakfast is remembering the sacrifice and resurrection made by Christ for us.

## Lenten Denial Offering Envelopes

As you know, the Lenten Season is one of the most important seasons in our Christian faith. It is a period of 40 days, starting with Ash Wednesday and ending on Easter. Your special offering during this time not only demonstrates good stewardship but also shows that your generosity is coming from the heart. You will find this special offering envelope in the back of the church and on the table in front of the cry room. Please consider using the Lenten denial envelope to remit your offering for this special season.



We are now accepting orders for **Easter flowers**. Envelopes are located in the back of the church. Your choice of flowers are: lilies, tulips, hyacinths and mums. Be sure to indicate which flowers you would like and if you will be claiming your flowers after the 10:45 AM service. The cost for each flower is \$7.00. The **dead line** to order will be **April 2**.



# News From All Around the Church

Dear "Trinity" Members,

Thanks so much for the beautiful "Altar Flowers". It was a nice surprise for me to see them when I came back to my room from lunch. I enjoyed them very much.

Thanks Again,  
Margaretta Perry



**Save the Date and Plan on Attending!!**

Spring Fling 2017 has been set for Saturday, May 20, 2017. It not to early to put it on your calendar. Anyone interested in helping is welcome and/or to share their ideas. The next Spring Fling meeting is Saturday, March 25, 2017 at 9:30 am. Please contact Nancy Honecker, Tom Gutshall and /or any one on Church Council with your thoughts, questions and/or about helping.

If you are thinking of donating soda and water for Spring Fling 2017, and wish to purchase anything when it is on sale; it can be brought and stored at the church if you don't want to wait until May.



**Mark your calendars!**

The next Sunderman Memorial Concert will be on Sunday, April 30, at 3:00 in the sanctuary. The concert will feature the following quartet:

Genaro Medina and Lela Tsinadze serve as concertmaster and principal viola, respectively, of the Altoona Symphony. In addition, they each concertize extensively and maintain a private teaching studio. Jeremy Klapper, violin, is a member of the Altoona Symphony, a former member of the Houston Symphony, and is currently a practicing pathologist at UPMC Altoona. Kim Cook is professor of cello at Penn State University, and is recognized as an international concert artist.

As always, the concert will be free, and refreshments will follow. The public is very welcome to attend. Invite your friends!

**SAVE THIS DATE  
APRIL 30 3:00PM**

We still have about 30 **chairs** for sale that we had in our Sunday school room. If you would like any, they are \$5.00/OBO. You can call the church office 943-3972 or stop in.

Thanks



# TRINITY'S TEMPO

By Cynthia E. Finnegan  
Director of Music

Music has an enormous power to engage the emotions, and the Bible resounds with praise and thanks to God through music. In the Old Testament music played a number of different roles, including assisting in the memorization of God's truth and in reminding God's people of their fallenness and salvation. In the New Testament, God's people gather together to express their praise to him and to build one another up in faith. A variety of music that is in harmony with the ministry of God's word is a significant part of the life of the church and points towards the role of music in our praise of God in heaven.\*

\*from Music, worship and the church  
By Christopher Hayward

This month we will look at two more hymns from our "Top 20" list.

Eternal Father Strong to Save-is a hymn traditionally associated with seafarers, particularly in the maritime armed services. It was written in 1860 by William Whiting. He was inspired by Psalm 107 which describes the dangers of the sea.

Faith of Our Fathers- is an English Catholic hymn. It was written by Frederick William Faber in 1849 in memory of the Catholic Martyrs from the time of the establishment of the church of England by Henry VIII. Faber wrote two versions of the hymn; with seven stanzas for Ireland and with four for England. The Irish version was sung at hurling matches until the 1960's.

A special music Sunday is being planned for May.

If you play a musical instrument and are interested in sharing your talent, please see me after any service or call me at 330-2202.

Please contact me regarding all things music. Thank You. Cindy

Speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord.

Ephesians 5:19



# YOUTH GROUP

*Making a "Change" with Change!!!!*



Trinity's Youth want to help make a "Change" in the world. To do this, they want to collect your loose change. We all have loose change around that we can afford to donate. Let's all join in and give to help the kids in their efforts. Of course, if you don't have any loose change, bills are fine also.

A change collection bottle will be placed in the sanctuary for all to drop their loose change in each week. Every month, the youth will gather to count and wrap all the change. They will keep a ledger for how much is collected each month and distribute it as follows:

- 1/3 – Camp Sequanota Capital Campaign (Until campaign ends)
- 1/3 – Save for 2018 National Youth Gathering in Houston
- 1/3 – Purchase "Good Gifts" from ELCA website (Farm animals, school supplies, water, etc)

It is exciting to see our youth get involved in such worthy projects and this is a great opportunity to support our youth in their ministry!

# SOCIAL MINISTRY

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The Committee met on Valentines Day with 10 people present. Items discussed were John's Way and the Williamsburg Food bank. We will make a definite decision at the next meeting as to what the committee will prepare for the shut-ins at Easter. A discussion was held about Spring Fling and what the committee will do for that day. Starting in June, we will again be filling the Pastors truck with items for Mending Hearts. This will be in honor of her 20<sup>th</sup> year of her Ordination. More information will follow.

We are planning to participate in the "silent auction" held in October for Therapeutic Horsemanship for Veterans. If anyone has any ideas or wishes to donate to this awesome cause, please see any member of the committee or the Pastor. And "WE ARE", Linda Hoover, Linda Gibbons, Joanna Lewis, Jess Hoover, Maizie Emswiler, Ruth Brubaker, Donna Williams, Marla Hammond, Bev Thompson, Barb Latchford and Sharon Kutz.

GOD BLESS TO ALL

## ST. ANDREWS PRESCHOOL

### Hats off to February!

February has been a month of celebrations here at St. Andrew Preschool. We made festive hats for all of our February holidays including Groundhog Day, Chinese New Year (Year of the Roosters), Valentine's Day and President's Day. February ends with Mardi Gras and we will be decked out in our finest Gala Accessories. So hats off to our students for their creativity and sensational enthusiasm!

Way to go Kiddos.  
Mrs. Angela &  
Mrs. Lisa





# ELEMENTARY YOUTH GROUP

## Elementary Youth Troop

The Elementary Youth group met on Friday, February 3, 2017. We began by sharing in some fellowship. This month's gathering was all about "Sharing Love". After all, Valentine's Day happens in February and Jesus loves all of us everyday and his love warms our heart. The group made heart marshmallows for in a cup of Jesus' love; the children also made hearts to let all know that Jesus lives in their heart and keeps them warm with his love. Besides decorating the bulletin board, we shared some food. It wasn't a traditional supper meal, we had waffles and ice cream with lots of toppings to choose from. Some thought it was like being at Sweet Frog! Playing games and making a love flower vase were other activities that evening. The flower vase was to be given to someone the child thought needed some love.



# SUNDAY SCHOOL

## Perfect Attendance January Sunday School

In February our Sunday School Students requested some trivia events to test their knowledge. I must say, we were very pleased with their participation and enthusiasm. We added an "Our Church" category to the regular Bible Story trivia and were very impressed with the student's responses to this category. It shows how very invested your children are in their church. We are very blessed with such devoted young people. They are eager to participate in Sunday School and many other church activities. What was most impressive was how much they wanted to know about our church from the beautiful stained glass to the missions we serve. Your children are a true blessing and we not only appreciate their attendance and participation but also their enthusiasm and energy. Thanks so much for sharing such a wonderful blessing with us. We are truly thankful for this opportunity.

Peace, Love, and Happiness

Lisa Gutshall, Tom Gutshall, Geri Selfridge, Amanda Pierannunzio, and Melissa Thompson

1<sup>st</sup> Row Lydia Thompson, Brandt Hite

2<sup>nd</sup> Row Hannah Pierannunzio, Reese Hite, Braydon Conway, Maura Thompson, Emma Morgan

3<sup>rd</sup> Row Henry Lohsl, Jillian Pierannunzio, Maddison Conway, Adin Yarnell, Lukas Bartlebaugh

Missing from photo: Morgan and Cameron Edevance

