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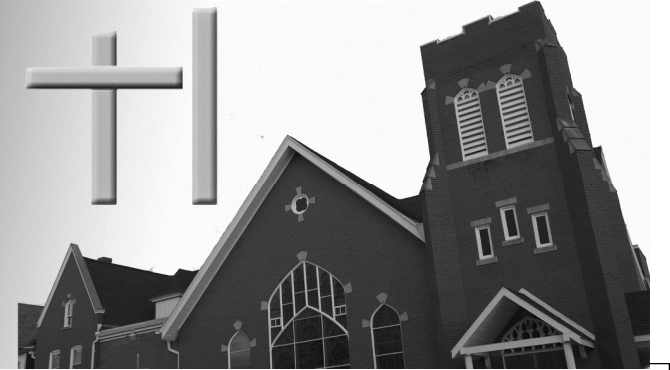


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From the Pastor...

"On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever."

Isaiah 25: 6-8

This passage from Isaiah is one of many references in scripture to a feast or banquet. Food is very important in the scriptures. It is a symbol of the banquet feast of the Lamb, it is used to illustrate the body and blood of Christ in Holy Communion, it is the source of hospitality and care for all people. Our fellowship committee allows Trinity to show hospitality to fellow members as well as the community in a number of ways. Food is important to the gathering of church. Who does not like to get together and eat? I am always reminded of the work of the fellowship committee at this time of year as they are preparing for one of their biggest events, the annual Easter Breakfast. The Easter Breakfast is quite a spread and is always accompanied by wonderful conversation (sometimes with those we only get to see a few times a year). The fellowship does not just supply food, they are responsible, through the gathering around food, for connecting members of the church and the community. With three worship services, it can feel like there are three congregations at times and the fellowship committee with their banquets and picnics provides the congregation to get together as one. We are also reminded in the fun of these festivities that the Kingdom of God also features a banquet where we will have fun and be connected with all the saints who have gone before us.

Peace,
Pastor Eli

Lectionary Readings for the Month of April

April 2, 2017
Fifth Sunday in Lent

Ezekiel 37:1-14
Psalm 130
Romans 8:6-11
John 11:1-45

April 9, 2017
Sunday of the Passion

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Matthew 26:14—27:66

April 16, 2017
Resurrection of Our Lord

Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
Colossians 3:1-4
Matthew 28:1-10

April 23, 2017
Second Sunday in Easter

Acts 2:14a, 22-32
Psalm 16
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31

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April 30, 2017
Third Sunday in Easter

Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17
1 Peter 1:17-23
Luke 24:13-35

SAVE THIS DATE
PALM SUNDAY
APRIL 9
EASTER SUNDAY
APRIL 16

The next Orbit Deadline is April 26th

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 really coming this time! We had a great early spring in February, but unfortunately it didn't last. We are now moving toward nicer weather; which makes it a hopeful time. I was worried about the plants that started to come up in February (Crocus and Tulip). I was sure they would be frozen over and not survive. Great news is that they seem to be doing just fine. As the snow melts and weather starts to warm up, they are again starting to grow and will bloom soon. We can use these plants as an example for the church.

The church leadership is currently pursuing growth. The first step is to set some goals for the church. Surveys have been placed as a bulletin insert and we have been receiving some amazing ideas. As we move forward, we will be sharing the results of these goals and then the hard work begins. If we really want to move forward with our goals, we all must be involved in the work of the church. As we move forward, we will be looking for people to help move our goals forward.

This is an exciting time in the church. Many feel like the church is losing out to the craziness of the world, but I disagree. I believe the church is in a transition and we must reinvent the church to meet the needs of our neighbors. So, let's move forward and meet the demands that are being placed on us. Being a Christian isn't a simple matter of putting in your weekly hour of worship and then getting on with your life. Being a Christian is about living fully in Christ all the time. To do this, we need to fulfill the will of God and look out for our neighbors that are in need.

Continued Blessings!
Ted Williams
Council President

Prayer List

Please keep the following people in your prayers ...

Trinity Members

Jim Aungst
Tyler Bennett
Tina Chestney
Paul Hamilton
Kathy Hatch
Kristina Henderson
Jason Kutz
Arlene Leonard
Jaden Rhode
Ken B. Myers
Ray Nycum
Dave Olinyk
Gene/Joyce Otto
Margaretta Perry
Ruth Ann Saleme
Donna Williams
Church Health Team

Trinity's Homebound Members

Jo Ann Boyd Robert Streightiff
Chris Burda Joan Stout
Bob Nearhoof Bev Thompson
Mary Olinyk Bert Watchey
Joan Rhiver
Arlene Roessing
Bill Sauserman

Those Serving in the Armed Forces

Sarah Brown Peter Quinn
Jason Buck Jason Smith
Nathan Frank Eric Sweet
Justin Patz

Family Members and Friends

Janet Aungst Caydan Noel
Baby Allison Joe Pacifico
Jim Andrews Bill Peterman
Elisabeth Armstormg Sal Randazzo
Kris Bennett Joe Roub
Michael Bennett Connie Sooy
Casey Bondarenka Michael Stenger III
Pat Burk Elaine Stetser
Michael Butcher Jess Stellabote
Casey Campbell Gayle Streckland
Ron Clawson Nancy Stuart
Peg Corle Sane Zeiders
Baby Cowan Ben Yohn
Abby Fownef
Haley Gehret
Gerstenberger Family
Jack Grassmyer Child
Ron Green
Richard Gunsallus
Bob Hamilton
Ann Hanczaryk
Jody Haring
Don Haslam
Pastor Peter Helmers
Joe Hershel
Bob Himes
Robert Hutchison
Jim Kutz
Becky Lardieri
Lynette Latchford
Janelle Lehr
Dylan McGilvary
James Miller
Sharon Myers & Family



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.

KIDS BIBLE WORDSEARCH

Kids Bible Wordsearch

Fit the words in the list into the diagram below reading forward, backward, up, down, diagonally, always in a straight line.

Resurrection
of Jesus Christ
Puzzle #3

ALIVE
ANGEL
BETRAYED
BLOOD
BODY
CHRIST
CRUCIFIED
DISCIPLES
FEET
FORSAKEN
FULFILLED
GOLGOTHA
JESUS
JOY
JUDAS

C	G	A	T	H	O	R	N	S	A	D	U	J
D	R	O	L	H	X	D	O	O	L	B	K	O
X	F	U	L	F	I	L	L	E	D	D	E	Y
Y	J	Y	C	G	D	R	T	P	I	E	O	R
T	E	E	F	I	O	W	T	S	N	Y	N	A
O	S	B	E	F	F	T	C	Y	I	A	C	M
M	U	R	O	O	O	I	H	M	G	R	T	L
B	S	P	F	R	P	R	E	A	H	T	H	H
N	E	V	I	L	A	T	S	D	T	E	K	C
B	E	N	E	L	A	D	G	A	M	B	B	T
N	O	S	E	L	E	G	N	A	K	S	F	A
U	R	D	I	S	C	O	U	R	G	E	D	W
L	I	P	Y	R	X	R	A	I	M	E	N	T



LORD
MAGDALENE
MARY
NIGHT
PILATE
RAIMENT
RISEN
ROBE
SCOURGED
SOLDIERS
SON
THIRTY
THORNS
TOMB
WATCH

Worship and Music Notes

Please remember to mark your calendar with these dates.

April 5,12	
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.



BIBLE STUDY

"THEN AND NOW"

Trinity's Ongoing Adult Bible Study
From
The Church Health Team

For the past seven years, Trinity has had an Ongoing Adult Weekly Bible Study. As the Natural Church Development (NCD) process revealed a weakness in our passionate spirituality, the Church Health Team organized these studies. An initial Bible study survey indicated that **20 people were interested** in mostly mixed (men and women) groups. With preferred times listed via the survey,

4 weekly sessions facilitated by volunteers have endured with an average of 34 participants per week. This is a 59% increase from 2010-2017.

Over the course of time, reviewing participants' names, **there have been a minimum of 50 different individuals who have engaged in the weekly conversations!** This translates to a significant number of weekly worshippers.

At Pastor Eli's direction, the studies have covered the BOOKS OF JAMES, HEBREWS, JONAH, RUTH, ESTHER, GALATIANS, 1 JOHN, 2 JOHN, 3 JOHN, OBADIAH, 1 CORINTHIANS, 2 CORINTHIANS, The 46 PARABLES OF JESUS, The 34 MIRACLES OF JESUS, and selected chapters and themes from THE BOOK OF PROVERBS.

In addition to these weekly gatherings, the Church Health Team launched the 21 day "Gospel of John Challenge" and the Gospel of Matthew "Pair-Share-Bible Dare." Both of these partnered activities provided varied opportunities for Bible study. **There were 51 folks in the "Gospel of John Challenge" and 18 people who signed up for "Pair-Share-Bible Dare."**

As St. Paul states in 2 Tim.3:16-17, **"All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work."** Embracing Bible study is one of the firm foundations for building our faith and deepening our relationship with God. This is where "Passionate Spirituality" is rooted. As we read and ponder God's living word, the Bible, the Holy Spirit reveals the path of righteousness that Jesus Christ desires us to walk!

There is NO PRIOR EXPERIENCE required for joining in on these Bible study sessions. Each year has seen new faces! The weekly worship bulletin and monthly Orbit calendar list the times. Announcements of topics and start-up times also are published and sent via broadcast emails. Fall and spring sessions have been the time frames with winter and summer breaks in between. For more information contact Lisa Bradley @ 943-7488 or just come on down! All groups meet at the church. Folks are encouraged to bring a family member, co-worker, neighbor, or friend!

SPRING FLING

The 2017 Spring Fling
Saturday May 20th from 11 AM - 3PM, rain or shine!

We need a lot of volunteers! Please use the sign-up sheet next to the sanctuary and fill in your name where you would like to volunteer.

We could also use food and monetary donations to help offset the costs of items that may have been donated in the past, but that may not be donated this year.

A suggested amount for potato salad or macaroni salad is a 5 lb bag of potatoes or 2 lb box of macaroni when making the salads. We also need baked goods such as brownies, fudge, pies, no bakes, rice krispie treats, cookies, etc. If you can volunteer for any of the above mentioned food items or wish to make a monetary donation, please complete this form and place it the offering plate: If you could have your donated food items at the church by 3PM on Friday, May 19th so we can repackage them into smaller units for sale, that would be great. Please make a note on any food items that contains nuts or peanut butter. If you need to make alternate arrangements after 3PM, please call Nancy Honecker at 515-2369.

This event is a fantastic way to reach out to our neighbors.

Let's welcome them into our community of faith!

Thank you so much for your help.

Name _____

Telephone #: _____

Brownies _____ Fudge _____ No bakes _____

Cookies 2-3doz _____ Pie _____ Rice Krispie Treats _____

Potato salad _____ Pasta salad _____

Macaroni salad _____ Other: Please specify
item _____

Enclosed is my monetary donation in the amount of \$ _____

Envelope # _____



TRINITY STITCHERS



Trinity Stitchers

Trinity Stitchers has sent another 25 dresses, with Pastor Rich Maher, to Kenya, Africa. The attached photo shows a group of young girls at the mission school wearing the dresses. This service project was highlighted recently on Pleasant Valley Assembly of Gods website called "Joy in the Morning" which is available on You Tube.

To date, Trinity Stitchers has made and distributed approximately 175 dresses and we will announce a sew date soon to make more. Everyone is invited to sew with us...even if you don't sew there are other things you can do to help. We continue to make weighted pads for autistic children and have just completed baby blankets for Precious Life.

We have also donated walker totes and lap robes to Graystone Manor and to John's Way ministry. Come join us. For more information, call Lois 942-7334 or Barb 942-2128

SEQUANOTA

Cook Fund can assist with Camp Sequanota fees for youth

Sequanota Lutheran Camp has announced its 2017 summer schedule, so it's time for Trinity members, including our young people, to start thinking about which sessions they'd like to attend.

Parents and youth can go online at www.sequanota.com to learn what's being offered this year.

Since 1986, Trinity has been blessed with a fund established by former Juniata resident Robert E. Cook in memory of his mother, Dorothy Baird Cook. **The purpose of the fund is to pay the costs of sending children and youth with financial need to Camp Sequanota.**

Last summer, 15 of our children and youth took advantage of this wonderful experience and enjoyed every minute of it!

Here are a few important reminders:

- Applications for Cook Fund assistance can be obtained in the back of the sanctuary or the Trinity Office.
- Absolutely no applications will be accepted after May 31. **There will be no exceptions to this rule.**
- All requests for aid from the Cook Fund will be kept confidential.
- All applicants will receive a written reply in early June.

Please contact Pastor Hess if you have any questions.

SUNDAY SCHOOL



February Perfect Attendance.

Back row. Maura Thompson, Jillian Pieranunzio, Aiden Yarnell, and Lucas Bartlebaugh.

Front row. Lydia Thompson, Hannah Pieranunzio, Avalynn Counterman, Harper Seiler, and Emma Morgan.

Our Sunday school students continue to learn and grow as we look forward to Easter and to Spring. Thank you to all of the adults who make their attendance possible. They are a pleasure and it's great to have such involved young people take part and share God's love.

Peace, Love, and Happiness from all of the Sunday School Teachers.

CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERT

Sunderman Concert planned

Trinity's next Sunderman Memorial Concert will be held on Sunday, April 30, at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. The concert will feature the Allegheny String Quartet comprised of Genaro Medina, first violin; Dr. Jeremy Klapper, second violin; Lela Tsinadze, viola; and Kim Cook, cello.

Genaro Medina began studying music and the violin in his native country, Venezuela, under world-famous orchestral music program phenomenon "El Sistema." His orchestral career started at age 15, when he became a member of the first violin section of the Carabobo State Symphony Orchestra. Simultaneously, he became a member of The Ibero-American Orchestra and toured with it throughout the Americas. He gave solo recitals in different cities and performed as soloist with symphony orchestras including the Valencia Youth Orchestra, the Carabobo Symphony Orchestra, and the San Carlos Symphony. He has earned Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Duquesne University and has performed with the Pennsylvania Philharmonic Orchestra, the Lancaster Symphony Orchestra, the Duquesne University Symphony Orchestra, and Chamber orchestras in Europe and the United States.

A native of Ohio, Dr. Jeremy Klapper is a current member of the Altoona Symphony and a practicing pathologist at UPMC Altoona. He has studied violin since the age of 9 and has played with a symphony in Orlando, Florida, and the Houston Symphony.

Lela Tsinadze studied violin and viola both in her native Republic of Georgia and at the University of Louisiana, Lafayette, LA. She has won concerto competitions in the Republic of Georgia and in the US and has played with the Pennsylvania Philharmonic, the Philadelphia Pops Orchestra, the Philadelphia Virtuosi Chamber Orchestra, the Princeton University Symphony Orchestra and Jazz Ensemble, and orchestras in Illinois, Louisiana, Alabama, and the Republic of Georgia. She currently teaches strings at a studio she maintains with her husband, Genaro Medina.

Kim Cook holds the rank of Distinguished Professor of Music at Penn State University, University Park, where she teaches cello. She has performed as a soloist in the United Kingdom, France, Italy, Germany, Austria, the Czech Republic, Finland, Russia, China, Israel, Jordan, Latin America, and throughout the United States. She has recorded concertos by Shostakovich, Tchaikovsky, Dvorak, and Haydn as well as the solo sonatas of Kodaly, Crumb, and Hindemith. She earned Penn State's 2016 Faculty Scholar Medal for Outstanding Achievement, and she served as the inaugural Penn State Laureate.

A highlight of the program will be the "American" quartet by Dvorak (quartet in F major, op. 96).

News From All Around the Church

"Pizza Be With You" Family & Friends Game event

On Sunday, March 19, 2017 the Evangelism committee hosted a Family & Friends pizza and games event. It was held at Trinity from 4 to 6 pm. The event in the committee's eyes was a success. Although there wasn't a large turn out; people did come and the social hall was filled with chitter chatter and laughter. People of a variety of ages showed up and shared in eating Little Ceasar's pizza and bread sticks as well as a large variety of snacks and drinks. There were also many games to choose from. Children were seen playing such games as Twister, Hullabaloo, Turtles' Trouble and Princess Candyland. Groups of youth and adults were playing games such as Smash Up, Phase Ten, Uno Spin and Headband. Well, whatever folks were playing it appeared as though everyone was having fun and that's believed because when 6 pm rolled around, folks had a hard time with leaving. It had to be announced more than once that the evening must come to an end.

All you Trinity members keep an eye out as the Evangelism committee will be offering other activities for people to participate in and as always, friends of Trinity's members are more than welcome too. Next is the "Neighborhood Clean Up" that will be starting back up in April and don't forget that Spring Fling is May 20,2017.



ELEMENTARY YOUTH GROUP

Elementary Youth Troop

The Elementary Youth group met on Friday, March 3, 2017. This month's topics were the Trinity and things associated with Saint Patrick's day. I was truly impressed as to how much the youth attending know; Trinity has some pretty smart youth. After some discussion, it was onto the Seek and Find letters followed by some painting of shamrocks and making gold nuggets for the bulletin board scene. Then the group shared some conversation while eating supper. March's menu was grilled cheese sandwiches, tomato soup and shamrock jello jigglers. After dinner we finished up the bulletin board scene by pairing up and making the rainbow stripes. Playing games was an enjoyable activity by the group as well; I'm thinking the relay race was the favorite.

Elementary Youth Troop will meet again the first Friday in April (4/7/17). If you are a child (age 5 through 12), come check out Trinity's Youth Troop. You're welcome to bring a friend.



News From All Around the Church

We are trying to compile an accurate list of Trinity's young people who will graduate from high school or college this spring.

**Please notify the church office or put a note in the offering plate as soon as possible so our list is complete.
Thanks!**

WHO ARE OUR GRADUATES?



We rejoice and celebrate with Amelia Resig on the baptism of her niece Leiya Resig, who was baptized at Trinity, March 5, at the 10:45 service.



Please pray for our new member who has recently joined by baptism and welcome her into the family at Trinity when you see her.

SOCIAL MINISTRY

SOCIAL MINISTRY

The committee met on Thursday, March 9. Nancy Yeager, JoAnna Lewis, Marla Hammond, Linda Hoover, Barb Latchford and Sharon Kutz were present.

We will be delivering the Easter flowers to Trinity's ten shut-ins. We also discussed Spring Fling and what project we could present. We have decided to make ourselves available during the day with whatever and whomever needs the help.

Barb Latchford came with a great idea for the committee to do at Christmas. Details to follow.

Next meeting is April 13 at 11am. We hope to see some new faces.

GOD BLESS

TRINITY'S TEMPO

By Cynthia E. Finnegan
Director of Music

"Lift High the Cross" - is a 19th century Christian hymn. It was written in 1887 by George Kitchin while he was the church of England Dean of Winchester, for the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel. It has been suggested that the hymn was inspired by the story of Constantine the Great's conversion to Christianity. The hymn was revised in 1916 by Michael R. Newbolt. It was first published in the United States in 1974 and first appeared in the Lutheran Book of Worship in 1978.

"I Know that My Redeemer Lives" (lyrics) - was written by Samuel Medley. He was born in 1738 near London, England. Although he was raised by a family of faithful Christians, he did not practice religion during most of his youth. However, in 1759, he witnessed a miracle which changed the course of his life. Medley was a member of the British Navy and was in a battle that left one of his legs severely wounded. The ship's doctor told him that if the leg did not improve by the next day, he would be forced to amputate. Medley spent the night pondering his family's Christian teachings and praying that his life and leg would be spared. The next morning, the doctor found that the leg had miraculously improved and amputation was unnecessary. The miraculous healing was the catalyst for Medley's decision to live a Christ centered life.

Have you heard the Trinity Youth Choir lately? They meet each Sunday at 10:20am for practice. These dedicated children provide special music/anthems at 10:45 am services at various times throughout the year. I have provided information about adult choir in many of my articles, so this month, I will focus on the youth.

Why join/or be a member in Youth Choir? *

- Grow as Christians-the "Faith" effect. Participation in a church group encourages Christian growth and fosters feelings of belonging.
- Make friends-the "Sociality" effect
- Learn good musical skills the "Mozart" effect. The study of music has been proven to raise IQs and SAT scores.

-All are welcome! No auditions required! (pre-school -elementary age)

The Adult Choir continues to practice each week at 11:45 am. These dedicated members are preparing Lenten and Easter anthems for the services at Trinity. It's never too late to join us!

Please see me regarding all things music!
Thank You Cindy

"Sing to Him, sing praises to Him; tell of all his wondrous words, Glory in his holy name, let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice! Psalm 105:2-3 *princetonumc.org