April 2017

Trinity Lutheran Church

Celebrating Christ through Worship, Education & Service

Upcoming Events:

- Summer Camp Sunday—April 2nd
- Water Street Service—April 8th
- Palm Sunday Cantata and Reception— April 9th
- Easter Egg Hunt—April 12th
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From Pastor Matt: "Trinity… Embrace It! Share It!"

Take hold of the life that REALLY is life – 1 Timothy 6:19b

The other day, I overheard a parent and a teenager standing at our youth bulletin board, pondering events and activities. The parent was saying, do you want to do this? How about this? The teenager was saying, I'm not sure, maybe? And suddenly the parent said, not out of frustration but with good humor: "Oh, I'm just going to sign you up for EVERYTHING!"

And as I was walking by I turned with a grin and said, "That's what MY parents did!"

And you know… they did. They embraced the activities and events and opportunities and relationships that our church afforded, and they pushed me (gently) to do that too. They invested us in the community. They signed me up for (almost) everything!

I have gone on at length in the past about the spirit that we have here at Trinity and how incredible it is to be a part of such an active and dynamic congregation, so I feel like you probably know what I have to say about all of that! The point I want to make is a more specific one: embracing the community of faith, embracing the opportunities and connections that it offers, gently pushing ourselves and our families and our friends to do it too… it works, you know? It STILL works. It works, and it makes a difference. Sometimes, in some ways it makes a HUGE difference. But always, it makes some kind of difference. It makes a difference that Wednesdays are "church night." It makes a difference that without even needing to say it ourselves, we can teach our children that service and sharing are important and necessary, and that being together with other people who believe that is too. It makes a difference that we can be taught what it truly means to follow Jesus, and that we can discuss it and even debate about it (age-appropriately!) together.

It makes a difference that we can build friendships, individually and as families. It makes a difference that we can be together for common purpose with people of all generations, from the just born to the ones who have seen many years. It makes a difference that we come together to say, this is who we are, this is what we believe, this is what's important.

It makes a difference that we can choose to embrace all of these things. In a world that sometimes seems chaotic at best and terrifying at worst, I believe that it's more and more important for us to come

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Join Us for Lenten, Holy Week, and Easter Worship at Trinity

Soon the cry will echo: "Christ is Risen Indeed!"

But before that joyous morning, there is still a great part of the journey to complete…

As we wrap up Lenten Wednesday night worship, be sure to check out the prayer stations that have been set up in the library. Contemplative prayer has always been a part of Lenten discipline, and these stations allow one to engage in this discipline in a wonderful and fulfilling manner. The stations are available Wednesdays during Lent as well as on Sunday mornings from 8-8:30AM and from 11AM to 12:30PM.

Our FINAL Wednesday night service will occur on April 5th (7pm), and then we will prepare for Holy Week with the cantata, "Behold the Lamb!" There will be two services on Palm Sunday (8:30 and 10:45am).

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Holy Week Services

- *Sunday, April 9th-*
  Palm Sunday Cantata
  8:30am & 10:45am
- *Thursday, April 13th-*
  Maundy Thursday 7:00pm
- *Friday, April 14th-*
  Good Friday 7:00pm
- *Sunday, April 16th-*
  Easter Sunday
  Contemporary Worship
  8:30am & 11:00am
  Traditional Worship
  9:45am

Pastor Matt's Message—*Continued from Page 1*

together, to BE together, and to practice our faith in worship, in study, in fellowship, in service, and in prayer. I know how busy many of us are, and I know (better than most!) how easy it is to get distracted from what's important. But it gives me life and hope to see and hear the signs all around us, all the time, of people who are embracing, who are leaning in to the opportunities and the blessings of being a community of faith together. This is a precious and powerful thing that we have here… and I don't need to tell you that it's a rare thing, too. You can feel it in the air around this place; you can hear it in the sounds of activity, the buzz of love; you can see it in the eyes of the young and the eyes of the old. The Spirit is at work here… God is making a difference.

For my family when I was growing up, church was a place of growth and safety and encouragement. It was the place where our friends were. It was the place where we found fun and learning and challenge and love, the place where new experiences and venerable traditions built us into the people that we were and are and connected us to others in shared community life. Here at Trinity, the Spirit is bringing us all of those things and more. Embrace it. Share it. Invest yourselves in it. Don't take it for granted! Sign up for all the things. It works… it makes a difference.

God's peace,
Pastor Matt

Lenten Worship at Trinity—*Continued from Page 1*

Journey with us during Lent

As always with our "special schedule," we will share in a wonderful reception provided by our Fellowship Committee. (Please also note, so that our teachers and youth can fully participate in this fellowship, there will be no ROC on Palm Sunday!)

So, come early or stay late on this date, and PLEASE do not let our children miss out on hearing and seeing this remarkable service!

The experience of Palm Sunday is really essential to our experience and understanding of Easter! And, once again, the combined efforts of our musicians, singers, and dancers promises to provide a worship service like no other!

Next, we will journey through Holy Week, beginning with a new "tradition" on Maundy Thursday.

On Maundy Thursday (April 13th) our observance will begin with shared Fellowship and a Soup Supper! For those who miss our Lenten "soup gatherings," this will be a chance to meet, share a meal, and celebrate our life and work together.

Then, we will participate in a NEW Maundy Thursday service that will be centered on confession and contemplation—the perfect way to enter the "Triduum," the three days concluding with Easter.

On Good Friday, we will once again share in the intimate and moving "Stations of the Cross" service. This service, which does not include a sermon, is based on readings and special music provided by Trinity's soloists and musicians. As always, the church will be darkened as we remember the final moments of the earthly life of our savior.

If you have not experienced this service, you do not want to miss it this year!

Finally the celebration BEGINS with Easter Sunday! Our regular service schedule will be in place, ROC classes will meet, and a beautiful experience surrounding the resurrection of our savior will be shared by all!

We are so blessed at Trinity! Join us as we live out this blessing in this holy and important time of year.

Thank you for sharing our life and work together!

Pastor Mike

Lenten Soup Supper on Maundy Thursday—Everyone Welcome!

Everyone is welcome.

Join us on April 13th at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for a light meal before the Maundy Thursday service. Dinner will be provided by Trinity's Fellowship Committee – including soups, hot dogs, and salad.

Sign up in the back of the sanctuary to help our Fellowship Committee estimate how much to prepare. Please consider bringing a dessert to share.

Don't Let Your Kids Miss Summer Camp! Camp Sunday—April 2nd

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Summer camp = fun, games, outdoors, new friends, learning, and so much more! Yet so many of our kids never get to experience these life-changing programs. Yes, sending your child to camp can be a scary thing, we understand. As you look to summer remember that this experience builds extremely important character traits in your child. They learn that they can do fun things without you. They learn about God's beautiful world in ways we can't always do at home. They learn to make new friends and grow to love their leaders. Their circles widen, they build confidence in themselves, and they are better prepared for their futures. (Don't be surprised if they want to stay another week when it's time to go home!) Work through that fear and send your kids to camp!

At Trinity, we are blessed to have two wonderful Lutheran Camps available to us. Nawakwa in Arendtsville, and Camp Kirchenwald in Colebrook. These camps are both safe, nurturing locations that offer a wide variety of themes to make any kid happy. Day camps, mini-camps, week-long experiences, and 10-day programs are available at both. Adult and family camps are added bonuses for you to consider.

Join us for camp snacks and fun on Sunday, April 2nd at all services. We'll have brochures for you to look at and past-campers for you to meet and ask questions to. Please join us and learn more about camps! Can't wait for April 2nd? Visit www.lutherancamping.org for more info today.

Easter Egg Hunt—Wednesday, April 12th at 6:00PM

Youth of all ages invited!

Join us for a wonderful evening in the Park! We will gather at Little Chickies (SICO) Park in Mount Joy at 6:00 pm for dinner, followed by readings of the Easter Story and age-group egg hunts.

Hot dogs, water, and paper supplies will be provided; please bring a side dish to share with all. Don't miss this fun-filled event with your Trinity family!

Directions to the Park from Trinity:

- Take route 230 east towards Lancaster
- Turn left onto Barbara Street
- Turn right onto Park Avenue
- The Park will be on your left.

DONATIONS NEEDED:
Plastic egg, wrapped candy, and small toy donations for the hunt! Deliver to Trinity by Sunday, April 2nd.

Sr. High Shady Maple Breakfast—Friday, April 14th

A yummy Sr. High tradition.

It's a new tradition at Trinity – Good Friday morning breakfast at Shady Maple! We'll meet at 7:30 am at Trinity's parking lot and carpool to Shady Maple Smorgasbord. Yes, that's early – but it is worth getting up for!

Good Friday is their busiest day of the year, so get ready for some excitement. If April 14th is your birthday – your meal will be free! Otherwise, adults and teens will cost $10.29 per person. Check out more information at: http://www.shady-maple.com/smorgasbord.

Another awesome year of BOLD draws to a close.

BOLD Closing Program & Ice Cream Party—April 19th at 6:30PM

Every year we wrap up BOLD with memories from the year past and ice cream sundaes! Join us on Wednesday, April 19th for a fun evening with friends and family.

Our night will begin at 6:30 pm in the fellowship hall and be activity-based. Everyone will get to try out fun storytelling techniques from the year and play youth group games! We look forward to celebrating another wonderful year with all of you.

ELCA National Youth Gathering 2018

National Gathering Meeting Coming—May 7th

The countdown to Houston is on! Join us on Sunday, May 7 at 9:45 am in the fellowship hall for an overview of the National Youth Gathering. This trip is a once-in-a-lifetime for most of our youth and they will not forget the experience. Together with 40,000 Lutheran youth and adults from around the country we will worship, serve, learn and grow! There honestly is nothing like it. Don't let your youth miss it!

Teens currently in grades 8 through 11 are eligible to attend. Trinity pays a good portion of the fees and often there are scholarships available. Don't ever let money be the reason your teens don't attend these trips! Although it seems like a long time away, deposits and registration forms will be due this fall. Be sure to attend this session and give yourself time to plan!

Choir Camp runs July 31st—August 4th
Performances: Sunday, Aug.6th

Children's Choir Camp 2017—Save the Date!

It's time to start thinking about choir camp!

As a music educator, I believe that every child's life should be touched by music! Study after study demonstrates that participation in music fuels the growing brains of our kids, and just watching them sing and perform lets you know that they are also having a great time!

Choir Camp is an exciting, fun-filled ("arts filled") experience for kids who have completed kindergarten through 5th grade. We will meet daily, beginning on Monday, July 31st, and continue through the week until our "dress rehearsal day" on Friday, August 4th. That's Monday through Friday, 9:00am to 1:30pm, beginning July 31st!

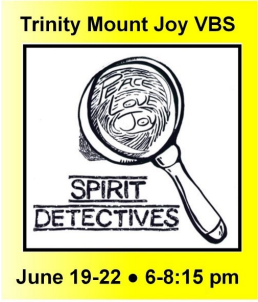
We will then share our accomplishments with the entire congregation in two services on Sunday, August 6th!

Trinity asks for a $25 donation for each child attending camp. However, no child will be turned away from camp for financial reasons! Simply let me, or a staff member, know if this fee would be a hardship to your family!

Please visit our website to register your children. Please complete a separate registration for each child! In the meantime, I'm busy looking through scripts and trying to pick that "perfect" show for us!

Thank you for sharing your children with me! I can't wait to see them at Choir Camp!

Peace! Ms. Christa



Register on-line to volunteer!

VBS Is Coming! Sign Up to Volunteer Today

Looking for a fun way to kick off your Summer? Why not volunteer for VBS!

We will be meeting for four fun-filled evenings June 19-22. See the bulletin board in the hallway or check out the SignUp Genius online (www.tinyurl.com/vbs17volunteer) to find where you would like to help. VBS would not be possible without the help and support of great volunteers.

Join us as we become Spirit Detectives! Come and experience the mystery, fun, and excitement of Vacation Bible School! If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Kim Alampi at daisybugg19@aol.com

Trinity Trivia at Timbers Luncheon—Monday, May 1st

Are you a long-time member of Trinity? Think you know a lot about your church?

Or maybe your fairly new to Trinity, but interested in history…

Either way, join us for "Trinity Trivia" and our Spring Timbers Luncheon on Monday, May 1st at 11:00 a.m.

Following a lunch prepared by our Fellowship Committee, we will enjoy an afternoon of fun and trivia based on Trinity's history. Some of the answers just may surprise you!

Join the Timbers group for the Spring luncheon and enjoy an afternoon of good food, a few laughs and a chance to maybe bring back some memories.

Test your knowledge…

Adopt-A-Highway Clean Up—April 22nd, Volunteers Needed!

DID YOU KNOW…

That Trinity joined the "Adopt-A-Highway" program a number of years ago? Yes, Trinity officially is responsible for keeping part of RT 772 clean of debris! Our portion begins at the corner of Main Street, extending to the RT 283 interchange. So, in honor of "Earth Day", Trinity members are asked to put on their gloves and walking shoes to help take care of what God has entrusted to us.

We will meet in Trinity's parking lot on Saturday, April 22nd at 8:30AM for instructions. We will need clear bags for recyclable items and black garbage bags for other trash items found along the roadside. Due to the high traffic volume, we ask that participants be at least 16 years of age. Contact Tracey and Elayne Olson with any questions. Note: Rain date will be Saturday, May 6th.

Sign up today!

Trinity Travelers Camping Small Group

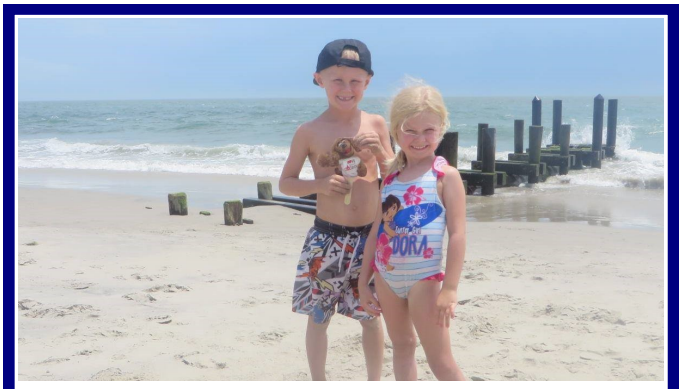
May 5-7th, Little Buffalo State Park

June 9-11 PROBABLY Camp Swatara

Aug 18-20 Codorus State Park

Oct 13-15 Gifford Pinchot State Park

Contact Molly Johndro for more information at mjohndro@comcast.net or (717) 538-3250



Trinity Day at the Beach – Save the Date!

Wednesday, July 19th

Wishing for summer? It will be here before you know it! Mark your calendar now for Trinity's Day at the Beach! Children, youth, and adults will all make the day-trip. We hope you can join us!

Help us take a peek at what's under those envelopes.

Wall O' Money Supports Trinity's Mission Fund

In July 2017, six members of Trinity will join a team from Tree4Hope and travel to serve in Guatemala. Trinity supports our mission teams by helping with a percentage of the out-of-pocket expense per individual. This is a great benefit to our church family, otherwise some may not be able to experience the love of God at work. This also provides a way for those that cannot physically join in a trip to know they are helping to meet a need to those we serve.

The "Wall O' Money" supports Trinity's Mission Fund and will be on display beginning April 23rd and end on May 7th. Here's what you can do: Simply choose an envelope from the display (the number represents the dollar amount requested to be placed in the envelope) and place the envelope in the offering plate or return to the church office. Be sure to add you name and/or church envelope number so your donation can be recorded on your statement. So join the fun, and help reveal what's behind the envelopes!

Volunteers needed—Sign up on the Outreach Bulletin Board

Serving at Water Street Mission—Saturday, April 8th

Join other Trinity members as we reach out and serve in the community. We will travel to Water Street Mission on Saturday, April 8th and help with the noon meal. Four (4) volunteers are needed on the food line and two (2) to be bussers in the dining room.

Our time will also be used to set up and tear down; therefore, we will leave Trinity's parking lot at 10:30 a.m. and return at 1:30 p.m.

Youth under age 16 should be accompanied by a guardian.

See the sign-up sheet on the Outreach Bulletin Board. Please share your interests or questions with Elayne Olson.

Benefiting Lancaster County children entering foster care

Backpacks of Love Packing Event—Friday, April 28th

The collection of new and gently-used backpacks is underway and will be used to help bring the mission of The Blue Ribbon Project to Lancaster County. The goal is to make an impact in the lives of foster children at a critical time.

Additional donations needed to fill the backpacks are on tags posted outside the church office and in the back of the sanctuary. Monetary donations are also accepted. Please have backpacks to Trinity by Sunday, April 23rd.

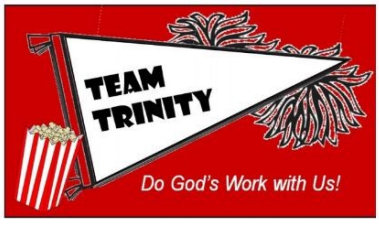
Everyone is invited to join us on Friday, April 28th at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for the Backpacks of Love Packing Event!

We will begin the evening with a simple meal of pizza. Families are asked to bring a side dish to share. Please sign up on the Outreach Bulletin Board, so we can estimate the amount of pizza needed.

Following the meal, groups will gather to pack a bag with donations, add some extras and bless with a prayer.

Unable to attend the packing event or make a donation, YOU CAN STILL HELP by writing a prayer for a Lancaster County foster child that will be included in the backpack.

Questions regarding the project can be directed to Melanie Garcia at mellymomgarcia@gmail.com or Elayne Olson at elayne@trinitymountjoy.org.



There is still time to show your support!

April 2017

Worship: Traditional 9:45 a.m. Contemporary Worship: 8:30/11:00 a.m.
Sunday ROC Education: Children age 2 through Adult: 9:45 a.m.

						1 *9am– Fellowship Mtg*
2 ***Summer Camp Sunday*** *9:20am- Youth Choir Practice*	***3*** *9am– Yoga* *9:30am– Mom's Group* *6pm– Comfort Stitchers*	***4*** *11:15am-Seasoned Men's Group*	***5*** *9am– Yoga* *10am– Pastor Foltz's Bible Study* *5:45pm– Sr. Hi Supper Club* *6:15pm-Children's Choir & PK BOLD* *6:45pm– K-8 BOLD* *7pm–Lenten Worship*	***6*** *9am-Quilting* *9:30am– Women's Bible Study* *7:30pm– Cantata Practice* *8:30pm– Choir Practice*	***7***	***8*** *10am– Cantata Rehearsal* *11am-Serve at Water Street Mission*
9 ***Palm Sunday*** *8:30am– Cantata* *9:30am– Fellowship* *10:45am-Cantata* 	***10*** *9am– Yoga* *7pm– Property Committee Meeting*	***11*** *11:15am-Seasoned Men's Group* *6:30pm– Outreach Meeting*	***12*** *9am– Yoga* *10am– Pastor Foltz's Bible Study* *6:00pm-Egg Hunt* *7pm–Lenten Worship*	***13*** ***Maundy Thursday*** *9am-Quilting* *9:30am– Women's Bible Study* *5:30pm-Soup Supper* *7pm– Worship* *8:30pm– Choir Practice*	***14*** ***Good Friday*** *7:30am– Sr High Breakfast at Shady Maple* *7pm– Worship*	***15***
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Communion Assistants, 8:30	Open
Communion Assistants, 9:45	Open
Communion Assistants, 11:00	Open
Communion Bread	Cathy Hoffmaster

Greeters, 9:45	Linda Hoffines
Greeters, 8:30	Open
Greeters, 11:00	Tom & Tracey Cyr
Lectors, 8:30	Madolin Heisey
Lectors, 9:45	Donald Miller
Lectors, 11:00	Linda Boozer
Altar Flower Delivery	Open

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