

Trinity Parish

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Odin Rathnam and Romulo Benavides In Concert at Trinity

Trinity's 2006/2007 Concert Series continues on Sunday afternoon, March 25 at 4:00 p.m. with a concert by two virtuoso violinists: Odin Rathnam and Romulo Benavides. Truly two of America's finest string players - the duo will play several works including the beautiful Prokofiev Sonata for Two Violins.

Since his critically acclaimed Lincoln Center debut in 1993, Odin Rathnam has established himself as one of the most versatile artists of his generation. Praised by critics for his "captivating temperament," "brilliant technique" and "innate musicianship," Rathnam has performed at major European and American festivals. He has also appeared in recital at Lincoln Center's Alice Tully Hall and Carnegie Recital Hall, where he first appeared at the age of 15. As a soloist, he has performed with the Baltimore Chamber Orchestra, the New Amsterdam Symphony, the Camden and Hayes Orchestras in England to name a few.

Each summer Rathnam returns as a performing faculty member to string festivals in Denmark, where he has taught for 15 years, collaborating in concert with many leading soloists and European orchestral string principals.

He has performed extensively on American and European radio and television, including the major classical stations of New York, Washington and Harrisburg as well as coast to coast broadcasts on National Public Radio's Performance Today and CBS's 60 Minutes.

Mr. Rathnam received his formal training at Mannes College of Music and at the Juilliard School in New York City. Central Pennsylvania audiences will recognize him as the concertmaster of the Harrisburg Symphony Orchestra.



Romulo Benavides, a young Venezuelan violinist, studied in Caracas, Venezuela and later at The Juilliard School. At Brooklyn College, where he worked towards a Master's Degree, Benavides studied with the famed Itzhak Perlman. Mr. Benavides is the 1st prize winner of the Juan Bautista Plaza violin competition held in Caracas, Venezuela where he performed as soloist with the Simon Bolivar Symphony and the Venezuelan Symphony Orchestra. His performances also include concerts on Venezuelan



National Television and Radio. In the United States, Benavides has performed at the Aspen Music Festival as well as in other important venues such as Carnegie Hall and the Alice Tully Hall of Lincoln Center.

Mr. Benavides is the recipient of many awards and scholarships from many prestigious institutions, such as the Aspen School of Music. As a chamber musician, he performs with the Caracas Virtuosi and toured Europe, North America and Latin America. Mr. Benavides performs regularly with ensembles devoted to Latin American music of the 20th century, such as the Carpentier Quartet and the Ensemble America of which Mr. Benavides is a founding member.

During the past two years, he has served as concertmaster for the Philadelphia Virtuosi Orchestra - leading this ensemble in a recording for World Records. He is also a tango enthusiast and keeps a regular performance schedule with various ensembles in New York City such as the Tango Porteno with pianist Mauricio Najt and the Frank Valiente Quintet with whom he has recorded on repeated occasions. Mr. Benavides is a faculty member of the Long Island Conservatory.

Trinity's Way of the Cross

The Way of the Cross is a spiritual reflection on Christ's last journey as he walked to his death on a cross at Calvary as atonement for our sins. This spiritual reflection takes many forms, from actually walking Christ's route along the Via Dolorosa in Jerusalem with stops at the fourteen stations traditionally ascribed to the Way of the Cross (visit www.holylandnetwork.com/jerusalem/via_dolorosa/via_dolorosa.htm) to Lenten devotionals based on the Way of the Cross.

This year during Holy Week you will be able to take your own spiritual journey along the Way of the Cross here at Trinity. The physical journey will be short - it will be totally confined to Fellowship Hall - but the spiritual journey may be long and intense for you. You will be able to take the journey virtually anytime that the building is open from Sunday evening on the Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday (April 1) through the evening of Good Friday (April 6). While others may be taking the physical journey with you as you walk from station to station, the spiritual journey is one that you will take alone, but not really alone for the Holy Spirit will be with you in your journey.

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Blood Bank News

We started 2007 with a BANG! Thirty-five successful donors contributed to our blood drive on January 14, plus five more that donated at the donor centers. This is many more than a January drive usually yields since we quite often have a poor showing due to colds, bad weather, etc. The Central PA Blood Bank called me several days after the drive and expressed their thanks. They also told me that their staff commented on what a friendly, great church Trinity Lutheran is! This is something that we tend to forget isn't it?

Our total for 2006 was 156. It will take some work to match 2005's total which was 198; however, it can be done. There is a large group of regular donors that give at the hospitals and donor centers, and this now includes York, Hanover and Gettysburg Hospitals. Many of these people donate every eight weeks! Trinity's Blood Bank is #157 – you choose the way that suits you best. The next drive at Trinity is Sunday, May 6. Sign up is in the Gathering Space on April 22 and 29 after all services. Still have questions: Call Jeanie Bentzel at 766-3526.

Jeanie Bentzel

DEADLINE

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Please forward all articles to the
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The journey will start when you pick up the devotional booklet (written by Trinity's Director of Learning Ministries, Christopher Couch) that will guide you through the fourteen stations. For each of the fourteen stations, the booklet includes scripture passages, a devotional reflection and prayer that focus on the events that occurred at that station in Jesus' final journey. At each station, there will be a work of art that is the artist's reflection on the events of that station. Fourteen Trinity artists who work in a wide variety of media were asked to contribute works of art for the stations. Each artist was simply given the scripture references, devotional reflection and prayer for their assigned station. The resulting work is the artist's Spirit-led reflection on the events of that station. It may be a depiction of the physical events, or the emotional reaction to the events or the spiritual response to the events. It may be a response to the overall events of that station, or to a single word that has particular meaning to the artist. The portrayal may be very realistic or very abstract. But each of the works will help you in your reflection of Christ's final walk to his crucifixion.

Traditionally, the Way of the Cross begins with Christ's condemnation by Pontius Pilate. Trinity's Way of the Cross will begin a few hours earlier with Christ and his disciples in the Garden of Gethsemane and ends with Christ being laid in the tomb. The fourteen stations that you will visit in your journey through Trinity's Way of the Cross are:

1. Jesus in the Garden – a work in oil by Jane Eichenberger
2. The arrest of Jesus – a work in wood by Roger Smith
3. The trial of Jesus before the priests and teachers of the law – a work in fabric by Cathy Nye
4. Condemnation from the High Priest Caiaphas – a work in photography by Bill Bishop
5. Pilate with Jesus – a work in watercolor by Craig Staller
6. The guards beat Jesus – a work in music by Debbie Wilson
7. Jesus taken to Golgotha – a work in stained glass by Carolyn Jones
8. Jesus speaks on the way to the cross – a painting by Mary Kay Fager
9. Jesus is crucified – a work in clay by Patty Marshall
10. It is dark – a work in photography by Paul Gnazzo
11. Jesus speaks on the cross – a work in found art by Christopher Couch
12. Jesus dies – a painting by Barbara Catlin
13. Jesus is entombed – a quilt by Becky Enney
14. The body in the tomb – a work by Devin Ackerman

Come join Jesus on this journey along Trinity's Way of the Cross.

Jeff Weaver

STAFF NOTES

So Great a Cloud of Witnesses

In January, the wife of my childhood pastor died. Carol Decker had been suffering from Alzheimer's for nearly a decade. That explained her confusion and anxiety when I greeted her at a seminary event in 1999. Already she had begun to see memories and knowledge fade into some kind of gray mist.

My mother told me that Pastor Decker had tenderly cared for his wife these last several years. I'm not surprised. Their partnership, forged in God's blessing of their union, persisted through years of parish ministry, parenting issues, and retirement activities. He had merely given back to her the kind of devotion she had always given him.

Carol was quiet and shy, which could have made it difficult for her to be a clergy spouse. The expectations parishioners often had for the (usually) female spouse of the pastor were somewhat unrealistic back in the '60's and '70's. I'm grateful such expectations do not burden my spouse in this new millennium. Whether they burdened Carol, I do not know. What I do remember is that she, in her quiet but resolute way, brought the presence of Christ into our parish.

Whether it was singing in the choir or helping the youth group with a project, Carol was there. She wasn't the soloist, she wasn't the one in charge, but you could count on her to be there. We'll always have Christians who talk a great story about their faith walk. She just walked it.

Carol was also my mother's friend. They made banners together—banners that hung near the chancel, and changed by the church season. The banners were pieced together late into the evenings, after Carol and my mother had finished their housework. Some friendships develop over a latte at Starbucks. Carol and my mother became friends over felt and scissors and Elmer's glue, and a vision of what each banner should proclaim. My favorite banner was the one that hung throughout the Easter season. On it were the words "He is Risen!" Underneath those words, white lilies bloomed on a lavender background. A simple banner, really, but with the truth about the living God that Christians have proclaimed since angels arrayed in white first declared it to the women who approached the empty tomb.

In Hebrews 12, we read ". . . since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith . . ." Carol Decker was one of those witnesses for me and my family. She ran her race with perseverance, always looking to Jesus. I give thanks to God for Carol, and the many Christian witnesses—often quiet and unassuming—whom you and I meet in our lives. For they show us how to walk the walk of faith.

The Reverend Nancy R. Easton

Trinity's Movie Night – March 9

The next Fellowship Team Movie Night is on Friday, March 9. Dinner will be at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall, followed by a movie – Akeelah and the Bee. Sign up in the Gathering Space on February 25 and March 4 so we have a count for meals. A free-will offering will be collected for expenses the night of the movie.

This 2006 film is a universal tale of triumph over adversity with Akeelah a charming yet insecure 11-year-old girl from Los Angeles' gang-ridden South Central district. Flipping channels after school one day, she lands on ESPN's coverage of the National Spelling Bee. Having recently become aware of her innate talent in this area, Akeelah fantasizes about the prospect of being a star of the bee circuit. The tragic problem -- intelligence of this kind is not valued in her community, where skills of athleticism and rapping are coveted far more than school smarts. Though Akeelah attempts to hide her academic acuity behind a rebellious attitude, she can't resist the temptation to enter her school's spelling bee. Akeelah is a warm, family-friendly underdog story - Keke Palmer's performance as Akeelah delivers on the script's promise, with terrific supporting performances from Laurence Fishburne and Angela Bassett. Akeelah has a PG rating, an 83% rating from critics on the Rotten Tomatoes review site, a Christian Science Monitor "B" rating, and runs 1 hr. 52 min. More movie details will be available at the sign-up table. Come and enjoy!!!

Volunteers Needed For Homeless Shelter In March

The 2006/2007 Harrisburg Winter Homeless Shelter is open until the end of March. Members of Trinity will be hosting the shelter on selected nights from March 16 through March 31 at Zion Lutheran Church on 4th Street in Harrisburg.

Each evening a team of four volunteers (male and female) arrive at Zion at 8:45 p.m. We make coffee and have a snack ready for the guests when they come in after 9:00 p.m. A staff person from HELP screens each guest and approves their entry into the shelter. Lights are turned out at 10:00 p.m. The four volunteers may take turns napping/resting overnight, but one volunteer should stay alert to any needs of the guests. At 6:00 a.m. the volunteers make coffee and begin to turn on the lights to waken the guests. By 7:00 a.m. the guests have left and the volunteer duties are completed.

A sign up sheet with specific dates will be available in the Gathering Space. Please consider participating in this important ministry so we can provide to those less fortunate. If you have any questions, please contact Becky Enney at 737-4115.

Becky Enney

The Sacrament of Communion, A Family Matter

Dear Parents:

Over three Sundays in January, we offered learning opportunities for our children in the rotation program (kindergarten through fifth grade) regarding the sacrament of Communion. This is the first time we moved learning about Communion from Saturday workshops to the Sunday Church School, and we're planning on keeping this arrangement. From now on, learning about Communion will be a regular part of the SCS program.

The classes were taught by our pastors, vicar, and lay teachers. Each child, who came for the three weeks to learn about Communion received three sessions, each giving a different perspective with all sessions presenting a unified message about the sacrament.

At Trinity, each Communicant (of any age) must be baptized, and families decide when a child may first commune. No workshop or class is required regarding the time of first Communion—it is simply the family's decision. However, we appreciate the need to have these decisions made in a clear and informed way, which is why we will be offering the classes regularly.

You don't have to wait for the classes if you would like your child—or yourselves—to be more fully informed about the sacrament. There is a home-help for families to learn about Communion together. This help, entitled *A Place for You: My Holy Communion Book*, will be available in the rotation classroom area, most likely in or near Bibleland (Room 122).

In addition, our pastors, vicar, and I will be available to talk with anyone about Communion and children receiving Communion. Please contact any of us to arrange a time. The church will arrange for baptism, too, for potential Communicants of any age.

The church can also provide a First Communion Certificate, if that is desired. This isn't necessary, though often a physical, touchable reminder of an important event is a good thing to have. Simply contact the church office with the name of the child and the date of her/his first Communion. We'll complete the certificate and have it available for you.

Again, keep in mind that the only requirements for first Communion for children are to be baptized and to have the family decide when. Baptism is required for all Communicants.

In summary Communion really is a family matter. For the children, it's a family decision; and for our church, it's a family sharing, when we all gather as the Family of God to receive the sacrament.

God keep you,

Christopher Couch
Director of Learning Ministries

Birthdays

Homebound Members

- March 2 Wallace Smith
325 Wesley Drive
Apt. # 3312
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055
- March 11 Pauline Cope
770 Poplar Church Road
Room # 808
Camp Hill, PA 17011
- Annette Lipovsky
18 Campbell Place
Camp Hill, PA 17011
- March 13 Ed Shuey
458 North Bethany Drive
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055
- March 14 Janet D'Agostino
3510 Walnut Street
Apt. # 3
Camp Hill, PA 17011
- March 20 Evelyn Schiefer
520 Freemason Drive
Elizabethtown, PA 17022
- March 24 Sylvia Spealman
Perry Village – Room # 410
213 East Main Street
New Bloomfield, PA 17068
- March 26 Eleanor Black
2800 NW 47th Terrace
Unit # 209
Lauderdale Lakes, FL 33313
- March 28 Margaretta Muhleman
6311 Stanford Court
Mechanicsburg, PA 17050
- March 30 Betty Hauser
5225 Wilson Lane
Oaks – Room # 34
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

Staff Members

- March 11 Debbie Wilson
- March 12 Bishop Guy Edmiston

Letters to Trinity

Dear Trinity Congregation,

Thank you for the prayers, flowers, cards, and phone calls in my recent illness.

Thanks to Bishop Edmiston and Vicar Barbara for their visits to the hospitals and the home where I am now living in Carlisle.

It is wonderful to be a part of such a caring congregation.

Sally DeWalt

Dear Members of Trinity,

Becka, Ali and I would like to thank the congregation for all of the cards, phone calls, prayers and expressions of concern we received during John's illness. The cards and letters meant a great deal to John as well as to us. Thank you to the pastors for their visits and support. We feel very blessed to be a part of Trinity Church.

Sincerely,

Ann McFadden

Thanks Trinity,

For the past five years I have continued to receive the Trinity Parish. It is like getting a monthly letter from an old friend.

Thanks for sending it to me.

Sincerely,

Nancy Mays McIntyre

Dear Pastors and members of Trinity,

There aren't enough words for us to express our gratitude to all of you who helped us through the past few weeks. To the Pastors who were our rock, to the people who called, who sent or brought food, for the many, many cards and donations to the Church and to Hospice in Vince's name, to the Women of Trinity who worked so hard to provide luncheon after the service, to the organist and to Nancy for the sweetness of her beautiful voice and to each and everyone of you who lifted up our family in prayer during this difficult time we can only say thank you, we will never forget your kindness and please know that Vince loved all of you and was a devoted member of this wonderful place we call Trinity.

Gratefully,

Grace Morgan and daughters
Lois and Barbara

Dear Pastors and Trinity Members,

Thank you for the Pastor's visits, prayers, flowers, cards and telephone calls during my recent surgery.

Also thanks to the Women of Trinity for the lovely prayer shawl.

Bless you for your kindness and caring.

Jean Schelhas

Dear Members of Trinity,

I deeply appreciate all your calls, cards, flowers, and words of comfort and support expressed to me during my father's illness and passing. I also sincerely thank the Trinity staff for the beautiful planter. These kindnesses will always be a reminder of the caring people of Trinity.

Gratefully,

Tom Notestine

YG News

Greetings to all in the name of the Lord. The YG (youth group) season so far has been extremely busy and 2007 definitely promises more of the same. Our YG calendar is so jam-packed with so much to do for everyone. There is something YG related on every weekend. If it's not a large group meeting, it's a small group meeting. There are plenty of meetings, events, retreats, sleepovers and various get-togethers for everybody. So the time is definitely right to get out to YG and make a fresh start. If you are in grades 6-12 we want to see you soon. Here is a taste of what we did in the month of January.

We started off the month the very first weekend with WINTERFEST. It is a Sr. High Synod-wide event held at the Lancaster Host in Lancaster. This was the biggest year for the event yet with over 800 people in attendance. We took 28 youth and four advisors for the weekend. The theme was service to one another. Everyone got something out of this event – PERIOD! It was awesome, definitely one of the best ones yet. The following two Sundays we had back-to-back YG MEETINGS. Around 50 YG plus some advisors came out for the first YG MEETING of the year. We continued our JESUS: back-2-BASIX theme for the YG season and our topic for the night was JESUS AS TEACHER. In the meeting we looked at Jesus as a teacher through His ministry. We also focused on the teachers we've had in our lives and looked at ways we could be teachers to others. Faith, fun and fellowship were had by all. It was a great way to begin 2007. The next YG meeting was the night of our first substantial snowfall for the season. We did have the meeting regardless. Twenty-five youth and a few advisors came out. Since numbers were down we decided to have a chill-night with games, prayer, fun and fellowship. We had a blast and it was nice to have a smaller group for a change. The last event for the month was our annual YG SNOWTUBBIN' night at Roundtop. Thirty-three youth and advisors braved the cold and had a great time. Two other youth groups went along with us for the night of total fun and fellowship. A great time was had by all. That was January for you, a great way to start a year. I can't wait for this YG season to continue.
C U @ YG ...

Yours in Christ,

Peter A. Fox
Youth Ministry Director

Parish Ministry

The Parish Ministry Committee welcomes Anne Meek and Jane Boyer as new co-coordinators of Trinity Cares.

Trinity Cares is a group of Trinity volunteers available to assist other members with short-term emergency needs that cannot be filled by traditional resources. We are available for emergency transportation, meal preparation, errand and household assistance, companion sitting and childcare. For those with long-term needs, we have a list of community referral services.

If you have a need, call Anne first at 975-3832 or if you can't reach her, call Jane at 737-9937. One of them will take the information, clarify the request and call a Trinity Cares volunteer who best meets your need. If you forget to make a note of their names and numbers, pick up one of the yellow Trinity Cares cards in the pew pockets for easy reference.

Although crisis situations are never welcome or anticipated Trinity Cares is available for all members of our congregation. Many of us are reluctant to ask for help since it is important to be independent and self sufficient, but should you find yourself in the midst of a dilemma, our volunteers will always be there. Call Trinity Cares as a first option and not as a last resort.

Donna Sprowls

Missions Corner

I would like to share the following thank you notes with you:

From the Lutheran Church in the Holy Land: "Thank you for your generous support for the housing project on the grounds of Augusta Victoria Hospital. A small vial of oil, pressed from olives grown on the Mount of Olives has been sent to you as a special acknowledgement of your generous gift and as a reminder of the commitment of our worldwide Lutheran family to support the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land, whose future is at risk."

From David and Mary Kuck upon receiving our care package at Christmas: "Thank you so much for the Christmas care package! We didn't know that Hickory Farms would send something abroad, or that it would go through customs. What a treat! We nibble the hickory stick a piece at a time, so as to enjoy it as long as possible while listening to the music on the CD, smelling the candles, and looking at the lovely calendar. Thanks so much for remembering us in this way with a taste of home." (The Missions Committee sent these care packages to all of our missionaries.)

From Pastor Berry: "On behalf of all the people whose lives are touched by your prayers and generosity, thank you. We appreciate your partnership in our ministry and it is a privilege to have you as a part of the "On Eagle's Wings" family. 'The Light shines in the darkness...'

Thank you for helping us share the Light of Christ. I pray that the Light of Christ will shine brightly in your lives."

From New Visions in Camden, New Jersey: Carol Riley, director of Frank's Place: "Thank you so much for all of the underwear that you sent to the patrons of New Visions. The socks were the best. Men and women are able to walk the streets of Camden feeling warm and good. Your gifts truly make a difference in the lives of our homeless and poverty-stricken population. May the peace of the Lord be with you and your household."

From Jon and Angie Barker: "Thank you for your special gift to help us in our ministry with the Wycliffe ministry. It is a privilege to have your partnership as we labor together with God to take His Word to those without it in their own language."

Visit the Missions Board and read these many thank you notes received from those we shared our gifts with at Christmas.

Elizabeth Winters

A Fair Trade Workshop was held on February 3 at Trindle Springs Lutheran Church. Trinity members Jane Hess, Lee Kunkle, Elizabeth Winters and Marie Bake attended the workshop conducted by Katte Somerfield, Fair Trade Product Coordinator. Following is Marie's report:

We at Trinity know about Fair Trade coffee, tea, sugar, chocolate and cocoa. It's available the first Sunday of every month in the Gathering Space. But do we know why it's made available for purchase?

Fair Trade sales insure:

- That farmers and artisans can build a better future for themselves, their families and their communities. Prices that exceed their production costs allows them to feed their families, stay out of debt and keep their land.
- Children's rights are protected. Help to provide affordable education, better health care and avoid dangerous work because of poverty.
- Women are encouraged to hold leadership roles in the co-ops, own/co-own land, have equal rights and responsibilities.
 - Indigenous people face discrimination based on language, culture, religion and ethnic identity. Fair Trade co-ops serve as a way to address political, military and territorial assaults on their way of life.

These are but a few highlights of why our purchase of Fair Trade products can and will make a difference.

Your continued support of Fair Trade products make it all happen. Thank You!

Marie Bake

On Eagle's Wings Summer Bible School Program

The applications are available to sign up for teaching a week of Summer Bible School in the North West Territories! It would be great if we could get a team from Trinity to do a Village. The children are wonderful. The boys and girls enjoy the stories, the crafts and the games. It is an opportunity to immerse yourself in a different culture and to bring the certainty of God's love to children who live between two cultures.

The curriculum is written by the On Eagle's Wings staff to be appropriate for Northern children. It is important to be adventurous and flexible; sleeping and eating accommodations vary greatly from village to village.

Barbara Kriebel, and Mary and Hannah Kichman went North last summer and would be happy to discuss their Summer Bible School experiences.

Give us a call!! Come join us! The children will appreciate it.

Barbara Kriebel

Last year Trinity member and published author John Smither made a pledge to donate 50% of the royalty he receives on every copy of his autobiography From Here To There and Back Again purchased by a Trinity member, to the "On Eagle's Wings" mission. John reports that to date, 87 book sales to church members has enabled him to forward \$174 to Rev. Lee Berry.

If you are interested in having a copy of John's book, please contact him at 691-1158.

Artists of the Month

March is Youth Art Month (as well as Music in Our Schools Month), wherein we celebrate the creative efforts of our children and youth. For those of us as arts educators, everyday is a celebration of our young people as we explore the many facets of the arts.

While our curriculum covers a wide variety of offerings including art appreciation and sculpture, the March exhibit is a sampling of some of the two dimensional art projects produced by elementary art students from kindergarten to grade five in the Camp Hill School District.

Patty Marshall
Elementary Art Teacher

Prayer Concerns

We pray:

- For the soldiers who will be separated from their loved ones in wars all over the world so that we may remain free.
- For our congregation. Empower us with your Holy Spirit to understand and appreciate your gift of grace.
- That we may grow in faith and love so we might share the Good News of Salvation with those we meet.
- For Rev. Laurie Roberts, who was recently called to Messiah Lutheran Church in Harrisburg.

Weekly Prayer List

February 25-March 3: Gerrit, Patricia, Sarah, Nicole, and Samantha Zwergel; Marija and Vesna Zorkic; Charlotte Zorger; Sarah and Natasha Zook; Dean Zirkle; Fay Zimmerman; Bob and Jean Zimmerman. March 4-10: Rich and Robin Zerbe; Harvey and Gloria Zerbe; Robert and Shirley Zellner; Darlene and Alicia Zelazny; Charles and Mary Zeigler; Michael, Stephanie, Shawn, and Mandy Zeiders; Deborah Zeiders. March 11-17: Paul, Joanne, A.J., and Teddy Zanger; Jon, Sandra, Drew, and Sara Yuen; Megan Yost; Anna Yon; Taylor Yohn; Lizabeth, Victoria, and Michelle Yohe; Gary, Debra, Kevin, and Mark Yocca. March 18-24: James and Pamela Yerger; George and Karen Yeager, and Kathryn and Jessica Hollinger; Nicole Yasenck; Richard, Mollie, Jackson, and Conner Wright; Rachel Wright; Karen Wright; Austin and Henry Wright. March 25-31: Suzann Woods Ault; Nellie Woods; Gregory, Joel, and Kevin Woods; Andy and Karen Woodring; Hannah Wood; John and Mary Wolfinger; Robert and Marjorie Wolfer; Richard Wolfe

March Class on the Apocrypha

What is the Apocrypha? (Hint-it's not the same as the gnostic collection.) Do Lutherans acknowledge the Apocrypha? (Yes, we do.) Over three Sundays in March-March 4, 11, and 18-we will have a Special Topics Class on the Apocrypha during the Church School hour (9:30 to 10:30 a.m.). This collection of ancient history, prophecy, wisdom, and fable was a regular part of the Christian Bible for a thousand years. And Catholics, Episcopalians, and Lutherans still respect the Apocrypha. The Apocrypha, in fact, was published as part of one of the first, great Protestant translations of Scripture, The King James Bible. Our class will read through the Apocrypha and in our discussion consider the reasons for its inclusion or lack of inclusion in the Bible. The class will be led by Christopher Couch, Director of Learning Ministries. All Trinity members and guests are invited to all or part of the class, which will meet in Room 126.

Trinity Senior Activities

Lunches are held at noon in Fellowship Hall for \$6.50 per person, guests are welcome! Reservations may be made in the two weeks before the events on sign-up sheets available in the Gathering Space. Watch for announcements in Trinity Today.

MARCH 21 – Program by Helen Young King, New Cumberland. A woman of faith and many talents Helen is a gifted artist, photographer, poet and makes jewelry from stones and gems gathering in her overseas travels.

APRIL 18 – Program by Charles Stone, Esq., New Cumberland. A retired attorney, world traveler and historian, Charles will discuss some new books and views on our first president. He calls it “George Washington: A Fresh Look.”

The overnight Spring Retreat at Camp Hebron will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 8 and 9, 2007. Reservations must be made by the last week in April, so mark your calendars now. Costs and details about this popular event will be forthcoming in the April Trinity Parish news.

Call Joan Conrad at 774-3331 for further information.

Joan Conrad

CACCC Dance Event a Real Hit!!

“Learn to . . . Dance Like a Star”, a ballroom dance hosted by Churches Affiliated Child Care Centers, Inc. (started here at Trinity), was a swinging success! The evening featured a professional dance instructor who taught the merengue and salsa, two very popular Latin dances, to approximately 135 participants. In addition to the dancing, refreshments and punch were available, as well as a raffle of items valued at more than \$2,000 donated by local merchants and friends of CACCC.

The February 9 dance was located in the Camp Hill Borough Hall and featured a Valentine’s Day theme. The Board of Directors of CACCC, including Trinity’s two representatives, Linda Roberts and Cindi Teter, would like to thank all who participated in this fun charity event! CACCC raised almost \$2,500 from this event for our CACCC scholarship fund. The word is getting out that giving to local families in need can be rewarding and lots of fun, too! We hope even more of our congregation will join us for this event next year. The more money we raise, the more money we can give away! Spread the word!

THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH ON PALM SUNDAY AND EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 1 AND 8
SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES WILL RESUME ON APRIL 15

Lenten Self-Denial

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
as you place you’re offering daily in your self-denial boxes may you add a prayer that your monies will be a blessing to our brothers and sisters in Christ at Grace Lutheran Church in New Orleans as they continue with their rebuilding effort. May they also be an inspiration to other residents and businesses in the area. It has been over a year that this disaster hit and they still need our help. Be thankful as you give for your many blessings and that you will be a blessing to others.

Volunteer Corner

“We are channels of God’s Grace.”

Thank you for your support of this year’s Souper Bowl collection. The Youth Group was able to raise \$1,251.94 to go to the Ecumenical Food Pantry at Messiah Lutheran Church in Harrisburg. A big thank you also to the youth for all their enthusiasm and great smiles as they held the pots for our donations after each service.

Thank you to the parents of the preschool who gave hundreds of new books to the church library. (See: DID YOU KNOW below.)

Volunteers are needed to assist the Guild of St Martha in their weekly tasks to fill the altar candles and torches in the nave and press the pastors’ robes. If you would be willing to assist occasionally, contact Ruth Brady at 763-0804 or Barbara Kriebel at 697-3928. If you would like to volunteer to assist with preparation and clean-up for communion that would also be greatly appreciated.

The 24-Hour Prayer Vigil needs substitutes. If you can help out for a 15 minute interval once in a while, the 24-Hour Prayer Vigil group is in need of substitutes when their regular members need a break or have to call off. If you can spare a few minutes to join this group on a substitute basis, please contact Elizabeth Winters at 697-3673.

Did you know . . .

. . .that many of the most constant patrons of our church library are our week day preschool children? Every week, preschool staff members take each class through the church to the library, where the children examine our children’s book collection. They read through the books, make and then check out their selections. There is a learning pattern reinforced through our preschool’s use of the library: appreciating the library as a positive place and a place to go to regularly to explore and thus to grow.

Donna V. Sprowls

Christ Renews His Parish Giving Teams Commissioned

“You did not choose me;
I chose you and appointed you to go and bear much
fruit, the kind of fruit that endures.”

The newest Christ Renews His Parish Giving Teams were commissioned at services on Sunday, February 25. The men’s team members are: Ken Allen, Reuben Balasundram, Kevin Brady, Tom Drye, Fritz Fichtner, Bob Fry, Tom Hoffert, Peter Pennington, and Erich Sprowls. The women’s team members are: Donna Campbell, Martha Herold, Betsy Knarr, Lori Anne McBride, Michele Noaker, Marla Peters, Elizabeth Shunk, and Judy Trissler.

CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH

MEN’S WEEKEND – MAY 19-20, 2007
WOMEN’S WEEKEND – JUNE 2-3, 2007

Christ Renews His Parish is for anyone seeking spiritual renewal, desiring to build up the Body of Christ or gain a deeper sense of purpose with our Christian community. Praying for guidance is important. If you feel that Christ is calling you – COME!

You may pick up brochures and sign-up on the bulletin board across from the entrance to the Gathering Space.

Getting to Know You

How many people do you meet in a day? A month? A year?
How many people do we get to know?
Do you have the time to grow?

We meet each week in our “upper room” to share our stories.
We learn about each other.
We listen about the past to prepare for the future.

Can we do the same for the stranger on the street?
Could we reach down and help them to his or her feet?
Jesus did and He’s our example.

Have a seat.
Here’s a smile.
Let me get to know you.

Lori Anne McBride
January 8, 2007

Written while sharing histories during CRHP

Campbell Soup Labels

Women of Trinity are still collecting Campbell Soup labels – but with a twist. They only need the UPC code from the label and not the whole label. If you would like to collect and contribute Campbell Soup UPC codes, please place your donations in the box at the desk in the Gathering Space.

Book Discussion Group

Is open to all members of Trinity
Meets the third Sunday of every month in Room 232-234
From 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

March 18, The Book of the Dun Cow by Walter Wangerin
April 15, Go Tell It on the Mountain by James Baldwin

For more information about the book group,
contact Craig Staller at c.staller@verizon.net

Annual Troop 51 Easter Flower Sale

Again this year, our Boy Scout Troop 51 will be having their Annual Easter Flower Sale. The sale will take place over Easter week as follows:

Thursday, April 5 – 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Friday, April 6 – 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Saturday, April 7 – 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The location will be in the usual place at the west end of our big church parking lot. Be sure to look for the tractor trailer and the wonderful display of flowers at that location. The troop will have a wide selection of flowers for sale. The earlier you get to the sale, the greater will be your selection.

This flower sale in the troop’s only fundraiser each year. Support for this event by members of our congregation has always been outstanding. The scouts again ask for your support for their very worthwhile programs. The boys deeply appreciate the congregation’s past support. As the troop’s chartering/ sponsoring organization, our church wants to see the scouts have another successful Easter Flower Sale. Please buy your Easter Flowers from our Boy Scouts.

Women of Trinity

The WOT Circle meetings will continue to study Ruth Haley Barton’s “Becoming Women of Purpose” and will be covering the chapter “Exercising Discipline for a Purpose” which focuses on Hebrews 12:1-13 and 2 Timothy 2: 3-7. You don’t need to have participated in the previous Circles to participate in the March discussions of this book – the chapters stand alone – so please join us and bring a friend along too!

In March, the Circles will be collecting small size hand sanitizers for donation to the “Health Ministries” project at Christ Lutheran in Harrisburg.

Sandy Sykes



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Prayer Shawl Ministry

The idea of a Prayer Shawl Ministry sprang to life when several Women of Trinity attended a "Day of Renewal" event in April 2004 at a Lutheran church in Lititz. From that seed our own Prayer Shawl Ministry group started meeting in the fall of 2004 with several women getting together to knit and crochet prayer shawls for members of our church as well as friends and their own families. The membership of the Prayer Shawl Ministry varies and some Monday's (we meet the fourth Monday of the month in the church library from 7-8 p.m.) we have four ladies knitting and sharing each other's fellowship and some Mondays we have as many as ten women sitting around the library table knitting away. The group helps each other with knitting techniques and pattern ideas but the main focus of the group is to knit prayer shawls with love in each stitch for those who need comfort. Since the group began in 2004, over 85 prayer shawls have been knit and given to church members and others by the group or through the pastor's visitations.

Want to help or be a part of the Prayer Shawl Ministry? No registration required – just join us on March 28 and/or April 23 in the church library and bring some

size 11 or 13 knitting needles! We have some yarn but we are asking for donations. If you would like to donate yarn to the group, please donate at least two-three skeins of the same color yarn (we really can't use small balls of leftover yarn as each shawl takes two- three skeins to complete) or you can donate money to the group and they'll buy the yarn on your behalf.

Over 85 prayer shawls made that are keeping someone warm with the love of Christ. Not a bad way to spend your evening ... knitting with friends for someone else who you may never meet but where your love and caring will be felt forever.

Sandy Sykes

Lutheran Men in Mission Upcoming Events

April 6, 2007 - Good Friday Prayer Chain
April 14, 2007 - Annual Spring Breakfast and Meeting
April 21, 2007 - Annual Spring Clean-up Day
May 12, 2007 - Dinner/Theater at Allenberry
May 25, 2007 - Harrisburg Senators Baseball Game