

Trinity Parish

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A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.



Congratulations, Confirmands!

Trinity's Affirmation of Baptism Class of 2010 (pictured above) took for themselves the promises made by their parents at their baptism. Those confirmed were: Sarah Adams, Abigail Addams, Evan Brock, Kaelyn Buskey, Raeann Buskey, Hailey Clark, Johnathan DeSantis, Derrick Edmiston, Zachary Fish, Susannah Foos, Sarah Hannigan, Olivia Hettinger, Claudiea Hoffman, Tyler Hoffman, Kenedy Kiefer, Amber Livick, Samantha Lund, Joshua Malhenzie, Haley Mowery, Jamey Pfaff, Courtney Purnell, Megan Scaer, Meredith Schmehl, Lindsey Schwenger, Benjamin Sheppard, Katherine Shindle, Gregory Shreffler, Christine Suhr, Alex Tamosaitis and Robert Thompson.

Farewell Reception for Vicar Holdcraft

Please join us for a farewell reception for Vicar Tom Holdcraft on Sunday, July 11, following the 11:00 a.m. service.



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OUR VISION

"Disciples in the making, making disciples"

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

"Called by the Holy Spirit to be Christ's Disciples, we seek to equip ourselves and others to live like Christ, and to be sent into the world proclaiming and living the Good News as daily witnesses of God's transforming love."

Blood Bank News!

Many thanks to the people who donated at the June 27 blood drive! Watch next month's *Trinity Parish* for a six-month total. In case you missed this opportunity to donate blood, remember that you can donate at any of the local hospitals, donor centers, or Community Blood Drives you may see advertised. If you have a computer, www.cpbh.org will bring you to the Central PA Blood Bank site with all the addresses and any information you need. Or, call Jeanie Bentzel, 766-3526, with questions.



Remember! **The need for blood never takes a vacation. Before you leave on your vacation trip, leave a unit of blood at home!**

Jeanie Bentzel

Trinity Parish Deadline

The deadline for the August 2010 edition of *Trinity Parish* is **Saturday, July 10, 2010 – no exceptions**. If articles are e-mailed, please send to the Editor, Donna Sprowls at parish@trinitycamphill.org. Please keep all articles to 300 words or less. Articles may also be dropped off in the *Trinity Parish* box in the church office.

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STAFF NOTES

“Be Good!”

The father led his two young children to a corner of the waiting room at the doctor's office and said, “I'm going to talk to the lady behind the desk over there. You two be good now.” Then he walked to the high-countered desk where the receptionist sat, and proceeded to get down to business. With his back turned, the children sat still, side-by-side, on waiting room chairs. But “sitting still” did not last long. They began to fidget. One child bumped up against the other child. Then their activity began in earnest: A poke in the shoulder. A pull on a shirt sleeve. Whispered teasing back and forth, increasing in volume until one child finally yelled. Their father turned around, his authoritative voice heard above the fracas: “I told you two to be good!”

I imagine our Creator God speaking with Adam and Eve in such a way at the dawn of creation. I imagine God establishing them in the garden with every bountiful blessing available, and then saying: “You two be good now. Be stewards of all I have made. Take care of creation and each other. And don't try to fancy yourself to be me.”

Of course, we know the story of the Fall, recorded in Genesis 3—the sly serpent's words, the disobedience of the man and the woman when the Lord God's back was turned, their expulsion from the place God had given them as their home.

Be good. Every generation of God's people has struggled with those words, and come up short. We have not been good. As I write this article, an unfathomably huge oil spill makes its way in the Gulf of Mexico. Birds and sea life, and the livelihoods of many people are all at risk. Yet finger-pointing has become the order of the day—each person, group, and institution placing blame on someone else for their own transgressions. Not unlike Adam and Eve, who themselves could not own up to their culpability and their disobedience. (“The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree...” “The serpent tricked me, and I ate.” *Genesis 2:12, 13*)

Be good, God says. But we have not been good. Our insatiable desire for profit, possessions, and power led us away from our role as steward of creation. Our desire led us to disobey. Our desire led us to fancy ourselves to be God.

Forgive us, Lord. Then show us how your call to us to “be good” is not so much a rule or regulation to follow (something at which we often fail) but rather a gracious invitation to be the human creatures you have always intended us to be. Make us good through your Spirit's power, your Son's sacrifice, and your mercy flowing down.

The Reverend Nancy R. Easton

Book Discussion Group

The Book Discussion Group invites you the third Sunday of every month in Room 232-234 from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Books chosen through December 2010 are:

- July 18: "What's Theology Got to Do with It: Convictions, vitality, and the Church", by Anthony B. Robinson
- August 15: "The Blue Orchard: A Novel", by Jackson Taylor
- September: "The 188th Crybaby Brigade: A skinny Jewish kid from Chicago fights Hezbollah – A Memoir", by Joel Chasnoff
- October: "As I Lay Dying", by William Faulkner
- November 21: "The Jesus Wars: How four patriarchs, three queens, and two emperors decided what Christians would believe for the next 1,500 years", by Philip Jenkins
- December 12: "The Tortilla Curtain", by T. C. Boyle

July Birthdays

Our Homebound

- July 2 **William Baker**
302 East Coover Street
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055
- July 17 **Kathleen Smith**
5225 Wilson Lane, Assisted Living 215
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055
- July 20 **Adele Weltmer**
1212 Yverdon Drive
Camp Hill, PA 17011

Our Staff

- July 3 **Cindy Hammond**
- July 15 **Tim Koch**

You're invited to Trinity's **FREE**

Summer Sundae Concerts

Sunday, June 27
Sunday, July 25
Sunday, August 22

Concerts 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
outdoors on church grounds



Contemporary
Christian
Music
performed by
FaithX

Bring your friends and lawn chairs and join us for a relaxing summer evening!

Concert held indoors in the event of inclement weather.

Stop at the Umbrella Table in the Gathering Space in June to sponsor sundaes or volunteer to help with this fun project!

**FREE
ICE CREAM
SUNDAES!!**



Artist of the Month Donna G. Amig

The artist for the month is Trinity member Donna G. Amig. Donna worked at several electronic manufacturing plants where she did drafting and technical illustrating. During that time she learned how to work with colored pencil. While copying from black and white photos of ballet dancers, she decided to apply this pencil technique. In the past she has worked on other media and other subject matter, but presently prefers pencil and ballet figures.

Donna graduated from Indiana University of Pennsylvania in 1966 and lives with her husband Alden in New Cumberland.

WOT Collecting for School Kits

The Women of Trinity are again collecting school kit supplies for the Lutheran World Relief. The following items are needed for each school kit and should be new and in good condition.

- Padded or spiral notebooks of ruled paper approximately 8 1/2" x 11" totaling 150-200 sheets, (do not include loose leaf paper).
- One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well).
- One pencil sharpener.
- One 30 centimeter ruler or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other.
- One eraser approximately 2 1/2" long.
- One box of 16 or 24 crayons.

These items may be brought to the Gathering Space collection closet and placed in the box marked "SCHOOL KITS" no later than August 29. Cash donations will also be accepted and will be used to cover the shipping and handling costs to forward these kits overseas.

Please make checks payable to "Women of Trinity" and mark the memo area "School Kits". Thank you again for your continued support.

New Members Received Welcome to the Trinity Family

The following new members were recently received into membership: Leslie Corl, Marsha Gantt, Stephen P. Handwerk, Jason Heikel and Abbie Parmenter, David Leeds and Megan Leeds, Jonathan Lobaugh and Sara Lobaugh, Kristin Luce, Sonia Murphy, Fred Nelson, Todd Reed and Kristin Myers.

Congratulations to Our Graduates

Jordan Katherine Palmer graduated with honors from Camp Hill High School and will attend the University of Pittsburgh. She is the daughter of Brian and Connie Palmer.

Sebastian Rauenzahn graduated from Harrisburg Academy and will attend Northern Arizona University to major in International Hotel and Restaurant Management.

Colin Rauenzahn graduated from Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, Canada with a bachelor's degree in Geography. Both are the sons of Richard and MaryKay Rauenzahn of Camp Hill.

Tastes of Trinity Cookbook Now Available

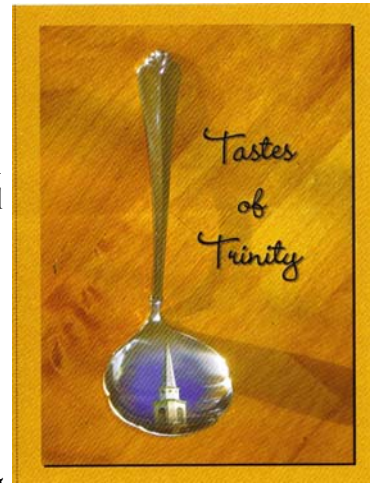
The new *Tastes of Trinity* Cookbook has been received with enthusiasm by Trinity members. Proceeds from its sale are being donated to the World Hunger program of the ELCA and the Ecumenical Food Pantry at Messiah Lutheran Church in Harrisburg.

With a unique custom cover, the three-ring cookbook contains the favorite recipes of Trinity members ranging from quick and easy for every day to those sure to be a hit at any dinner party. There are recipes from our grandmothers and some from our kids. You will find many from Trinity's Kitchen Crew.

In the cookbook's 442 recipes, you will discover flavors from around the world. There are favorites reflecting the Pennsylvania and Midwest Germans and Scandinavians, the Chesapeake Bay, New England, the Gulf States, the Caribbean, South of the Border, the UK, France, the Mediterranean, the Middle East, and the Orient.

Compiled by the Women of Trinity in 2010, the cookbook makes a great gift as well as a wonderful addition to your cookbook collection. You may purchase each copy for \$15 at the church office on weekdays or mail your order to Trinity Lutheran Church, Attn. Cookbook Committee, 2000 Chestnut Street, Camp Hill, PA 17011. All checks should be payable to Women of Trinity, with "cookbook" on the memo line. You may pick up your cookbooks at the church office or call 737-8635 for other arrangements.

If you have not yet picked up your pre-ordered cookbook, email the cookbook committee chairman, Suzanne Malhenzie, at suzannem1014@aol.com, or contact Connie Dollase at 761-3699 or cdollase@aol.com.



Trinity Campers – Mark your calendars!

Fall camping – September 24 – 26
Pinchot State Park

More information forthcoming.

Please contact Tom Easley at 766-9165 or
Thomasmeh@aol.com

YG News

Greetings to all the name of the Lord. The YG summer season is officially here. We still have a few YG events, trips and various get-togethers throughout the summer months to keep kids connected. So there is always time to get on out to YG and see what we are all about. Before we get ahead of ourselves, let's take a look back at what we did this past month.

May was awesome! We had two final YG NITES and both were outside. Around 50 YG and advisors came out for both of them. We played large group games, ate pizza and closed down each Nite in prayer. These have been a YG tradition since 1999 and a great way to wind down each YG season. Everyone in attendance had a great time at both of them. We even got to play a soccer game in the rain, you can't beat that! We closed down the month and the season with our second Annual FIESTA NITE. This is a dinner we have for our YG, their families and church members that features traditional Mexican fare of crunchy beef tacos, rice & beans, chips & salsa, salad, and ice cream. Thirty-five YG and advisors came out for this Nite of fun and fellowship. Around 100 people were served at the dinner and we were able to raise over \$500 to go towards our Sr. High Servant Trip this summer to Lake Station, Indiana to help with recent flooding. Another important aspect of this and all future FIESTA NITE'S is the opportunity that they provide our YG to share their many and various musical gifts. We had YG play music throughout the Nite for all of the diners. We have some highly talented youth! The dinner is worth it just to see our youth and their many talents, so please come check it out next year. You will not be sorry; good food and great musical gifts, how can you go wrong. In short, the Nite is a celebration for our YG, the end of a season and an opportunity to raise a little money for future YG endeavors. And there you have it, what a month May was, and such a fitting way to end a great YG campaign. YG summer is here now and we have some good stuff planned! I'm excited!

REMINDER: If you would still like to make a donation to our Sr. High Servant trip this summer you can do so by making your checks out to "Trinity Lutheran Church" and put "Sr. High Service Trip" on the memo line. You may place it in the regular offering. If you mail it, please put "Attention: Peter Fox" on the envelope to make sure it goes to the right place. Anything you could give would go a long way with support and I thank you...

Yours in Christ,

Peter A. Fox
Youth Ministry Director

July Prayer Concerns

Dear Heavenly Father,

We thank you for the sunshine and rain, for the flowers and trees. We thank you for all the blessings in our lives. We thank you for being able to live in a country that has more freedoms than other countries. We thank you for the birthday celebrations that will be held for our country. We thank you for summer. We thank you for being a loving, caring God.

As we say good bye to Vicar Tom, we ask that you will guide him through the rest of his studies at seminary. We pray that Vicar Tom will hear you and listen to what you ask him to do. We also pray that the new vicar will feel just as welcome at Trinity as all the previous vicars. May your work be done with our hands.

We ask that you be with our leaders at the local, state, and federal levels. We ask that you guide them in their decision making. We also ask that you be with our country as we move forward into the future. We do not know what the future holds but we trust that you will shape it for us. May your work be done with our hands.

We ask your guidance in our every day decisions, be they large or small. We ask that you guide the Senior Pastor Call Committee as they review applications for Trinity's vacant senior pastor position. We ask that you be with all the committees that meet at Trinity. May your work be done with our hands.

We ask for your healing for those who are sick and in need of your care. We ask for gentle hands to heal the hurt of grieving families who are dealing with a loved one's passing or addiction. May your work be done with our hands.

We pray for our pastors, vicar, and church staff. We ask that you will guide them in every thing they do for the church and the community. May their lives be an example to every one they meet. May your work be done with out hands.

In Jesus' name we ask all these things.
Amen.

Women's Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Mark your calendars for the Women's Wednesday Morning Bible Study which begins September 15, 9:30-11:30 a.m. The theme of this 8-session Beth Moore Bible Study is *Stepping Up: A Journey Through the Psalms of Ascent*.

Letters to Trinity

Dear Friends:

A huge THANK YOU to all who planned and worked to prepare our beautiful and generous breakfast on May 15. Our guests so enjoyed the delicious breakfast and lovely music, precious puppet story and many conversations. We can be very proud of the ways Trinity Church opened our hearts and church to our guests. As I sit here remembering, it seems a very sacred thing everyone did. Thanks to everyone, God's presence was among us.

Peace,

Roberta Smith

Dear Trinity:

My heartfelt thanks for your caring and concern during my recent hospitalizations and current rehab. I have felt your prayers upholding me every day. I can feel my church family surrounding me with love and encouragement.

Jane Hess

Dear Members of our Bible Study Group:

We would like to thank all of you for all of your care and concern for these many weeks that Harry has been out due to his having radiation treatments for his prostate cancer. He still has several weeks to go before he gets over his side effects. It's been a long haul, but your get-well cards and your kindness in asking about him has really cheered him up and helped him over the worst of it.

Thank you again for your kindness, we both really appreciated it.

Sincerely,

Linda Soehnlein

To Our Trinity Family:

During the past two years when Joan and I have had some "getting old" health problems we have felt so blessed to be in the care of the Trinity family. We must also mention the care extended to Leigh Ann during her prolonged convalescence. Our long overdue thanks must be extended to the Staff – including our wonderful Vicars, the flower delivery team, the prayer shawl group, the prayer group and really to everyone else who makes Trinity so wonderful. It is difficult to express our gratitude for the large and small expressions of concern, prayers, visits, gifts and calls from the Trinity family.

A heartfelt thank you to all.

Joan and Fred Waldner

SOCIAL MINISTRY CORNER

Feeding the Hungry through the Ecumenical Food Pantry

The Ecumenical Food Pantry evolved as a result of Agnes, the flood of 1972. Messiah Lutheran Church on Forster Street in Harrisburg gave food to those in the neighborhood who were affected by the flood. Over the years many other area churches joined Messiah in helping to feed the hungry through what has become the Ecumenical Food Pantry. It is run exclusively by volunteers and funded by state grants and voluntary gifts of both food and money.

In order to receive food, a voucher must be obtained from a case manager, minister, etc. documenting the need. Occasionally a public school refers a family who is in need. A three day supply of food according to family size can be received once a month.

Volunteers from Trinity Lutheran Church take a turn staffing the pantry on the first Friday of each month. The reception area is in the sacristy on the first floor of the church where Jean Zimmerman and Nancy Bachman serve as receptionists to greet visitors and maintain appropriate records. The food is stored, bagged and distributed in the basement where Bob Zimmerman, Peter Pennington and Linda Milano work. Loma Slike and Ruth Bertovich are receptionists at another time of the month. Tom Hoffert and Bruce Bigelow are substitute volunteers.

The Ecumenical Food Pantry is supported by Trinity's Social Ministry operating budget, though special designated contributions and by the many boxes of food contributed each month by members and friends of the congregation. Non-perishable food items may be brought to the church at any time and placed in one of the food baskets in the Gathering Space. Jim Fox delivers these food contributions from the church every week to the Pantry and Jayne Coover volunteers regularly to pick-up perishable items from local markets for the pantry.

Alzheimer's Support Group

The Alzheimer's Support Group will meet Tuesday, July 27, from 7-9 p.m. in the Library. For more information, contact Donna Sprowls at 766-8075 or sprowlsd@aol.com.

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE!

Council Update

Each month this column highlights actions and significant items of interest from the most recent meeting(s) of Trinity's Congregation Council.

From the June 2010 meeting:

- ⇒ Opened the meeting with a devotional study of "Hospitality: It takes guts, Are we up to the challenge" from the May 2010 issue of *The Lutheran*.
- ⇒ Reviewed, discussed and accepted a process for selecting and prioritizing Council and Staff Goals for the 2010-2011 program year. A number of goals were discussed and three were selected for further refinement.
- ⇒ Council approved the change in Pastor Nancy Easton's position title from Assistant Pastor to Associate Pastor. Pastor Easton will be increasing her working hours effective July 2010.
- ⇒ Council took final action on approving the expenditure of funds for carpet replacement and painting for the church offices. The total cost of \$24,990 will come from the Maintenance and Improvement Reserve Account.
- ⇒ Council approved the membership of Trinity's Transportation Task Force. The Task Force, chaired by Peter Pennington, includes Reuben Balasundram, Bruce Bigelow, Arlene Corso, Teresa Eckard, Tom Hoffert and Donna Sprowls. The Task Force will investigate and recommend transportation options and actions to Council.
- ⇒ Council received an update from the Senior Pastor Call Committee on recent activities and progress in completing the congregation's Ministry Site Profile. The Ministry Site Profile introduces Trinity to prospective candidates for the call.
- ⇒ Council approved the addition of Pat Eby to the Going Green Task Force.
- ⇒ Council approved Virginia Ely for membership in the congregation.
- ⇒ Received a report of the activities and actions completed at the Lower Susquehanna Synod Assembly, June 10-11, 2010.

The next meeting of the Congregational Council will be held on Monday, June 28, 2010.

Lower Susquehanna Synod Assembly Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson....."Inspiring"

The theme "God's Work...Our Hands" focused attendees on personal and corporate discipleship at the 23rd annual assembly of the Lower Susquehanna Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, held June 10-12 at Messiah College. Attending from Trinity were Pastor John Brock, Christopher Couch, Judy Collins (a member of the Synod Council), Fred Bohls (representing Lutheran Men in Mission), Tom Reddinger (representing the Lutheran Camping Corporation) and congregational lay voting members Nancy Martin and Doug Bonsall. Retired Pastor J. Stewart Hardy was among those recognized for his service during the Assembly. Presiding ELCA Bishop Mark Hanson was a special guest throughout the conference, impressing and inspiring the gathering with his humility and powerful messages during his preaching, Bible study, and report on the state of the church.

While acknowledging differences of opinion in the ELCA over the actions taken at the 2009 Churchwide Assembly, most particularly on the issues related to human sexuality, along with the continuing trend of declining membership and mission support receipts, Bishop Hanson spoke a heartfelt message of his hopes for the future of the ELCA. Ministries continue to be carried out by the church around the world, showing that Lutherans live out their beliefs of doing God's work by the hands of common men and women through their everyday lives. Bishop Hanson believes the ELCA will emerge from its current struggles as a stronger, more visible servant of Jesus Christ. Video clips of significant outreach initiatives by various congregations of the Synod helped everyone to better understand that the real work of the church is to make positive differences in every life and every community. Trinity's outreach ministries were highlighted by an attractive display done by Lorraine Graybill in a creative comic strip format.

"The Holy Spirit was very much present throughout the Assembly," says Doug Bonsall. "I admit to going there not expecting much more than long discussions, lengthy reports and heated debates. While there were discussions and reports and debates, time was well managed and differences of opinion were handled with the respect due each." A proposed memorial (resolution) to the 2011 Churchwide Assembly requesting that actions approved in 2009 allowing persons in same-gender relationships to serve as rostered leaders of the ELCA be rescinded was overwhelmingly defeated by a vote of 311-190. Other issues related to minimum salaries for rostered leaders, funding for ministries at the conference level and procedures for election of the Synod Bishop in 2013 were referred to the Synod Council for further study.

Two from Trinity were elected as voting members to the 2011 Churchwide Assembly in Orlando, Florida. Nancy Martin will serve as a lay female at large representative of the Synod while Doug Bonsall will be the lay male representative of the West Shore Conference.



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"The Lutheran" Adult Forum Sunday, July 25, 2010

Please join us at 9:30 a.m. in Room 232-234 for a discussion on "**Camp Changed My Life**" from pages 20-26 of the June 2010 issue of *The Lutheran* magazine. Outdoor Christian ministries can provide valuable opportunities for faith formation and spiritual growth. Maybe it's around the campfire – *during the 17th verse of "Kumbaya"* – that the Spirit becomes present to a young camper. Maybe it's in the fellowship or the games or the outdoor worship. Whatever it is, camp ministries have touched and continue to touch many lives in significant ways. Our own Marianne Brock of the Camp Nawakwa staff will join our discussion to relate a few examples of the life changing power of church camp she has witnessed. Participants will be encouraged to share their own similar experiences. If you do not have access to the articles, please contact class coordinators Craig Staller or Doug Bonsall (921-1957) for a paper copy.

Weekly Prayer List

JUNE 27-JULY 3: Harry and Ann Aumon; Sue Ault; Corinne Augusto; Richard, Joan, Meghan, and Ryan Atkinson; Esther Atherholt; Paul and Meredith Askey; Areanna Ash. **JULY 4-10:** John and Sue Artevich; John Artevich III; Terry and Joann Arnold; Sally Arnold; Edwina Arnold; Brice, Kristi, Ryan, Sara, and Emily Arndt; Chuck and Bunny Armstrong. **JULY 11-17:** Ida Arms; Ryan, Kellie, Sam, Zoe, and Julia Argot; Alexander Arena; Reuben and Martha Appleby; Karen Appel; David and Jeffrey Apgar; Patton, Gail, and Christine Anthony. **JULY 18-24:** Mark, Meg, Grace, and Liam Anderson; Karah and Karly Anderson; Chris Anderson and Kathy Morton; Carol Anderson; Angela Anderson; Alden and Donna Amig. **JULY 25-31:** Jessica Altman; Ian Altman; Barry, Rita, Meredith, and Rebecca Altman; Ken, Wendy and Emily Allen, and Amanda Saylor; Brett, Jennifer, Joshua, and Jacob Albert; David, Michele, Abby, and Katie Addams.