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The deadline for submission of
articles for the May Trinity
Tidings is Wednesday, April 23rd
at 12:30p.m. Assembly of the
Trinity Tidings will be Monday,
April 28th at 10:00 a.m.

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**Suggestions for the Trinity
Tidings are always welcome**

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Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
is a Reconciling in Christ
Congregation.

The members of Trinity Lutheran Church recognize that God loves, Forgives, and calls each of us unconditionally and that every human being is created in the image of God. As a result, we welcome all people into our community of faith and invite them to join us as we seek to understand God's love for us and struggle to be faithful messengers of that love in the world. Although our world is a place of alienation and brokenness, Christ calls us to reconciliation and wholeness. In response, we join hands with all our sisters and brothers, grateful for the unique gifts that each of us has to offer, regardless of our race, age, gender identity, marital status, physical and mental abilities, sexual orientation, national origin, or economic status. We celebrate together both the diversity of God's creation and our unity as God's people.

Trinity Tidings

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church ELCA

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Our Mission Statement:

*Sharing the Word of God
Through Worship
and Teaching,
With Love and Service,
In Our Congregation and
Our Community.*



EASTER FLOWERS

Easter Lilies and
Spring Plants go on
sale March 30th in the
church lobby. \$6.00
for each plant.

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TLC CAREGIVERS will
sponsor the Easter Breakfast
on April 20^h from 8:30 a.m.
until 9:30 a.m. Please plan to
come and start the Easter celebration with us. Everyone is
invited.



2014 Fish Fry Schedule for Lent



Fun, Food Fellowship

Some members of Trinity are once
again planning to eat fish on Friday
evenings through-out the season of
Lent. We had a great time last year
and want to continue this tradition.
If you enjoy eating fish, and friendly
fellowship, please plan on joining us
as we gather at six different Catholic Churches this year.
We will meet at each church at 5:00 p.m.

If you need a ride please call Shirley Griffin 491.1696. We
will be happy to give you a ride. Hope you will join the
fun!

April 04
Church of our Lady of the Miraculous Medal
5225 Refugee Rd. 861.1242 (5:00—7:00)
April 11
St. Cecilia Church
434 Norton Rd. 878.5353 (5:00—7:00)

Midweek Lenten Services

April 2 and April 9
12:05 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Simple Meals
Each Week 12:30 p.m.
and 5:45 p.m. before service



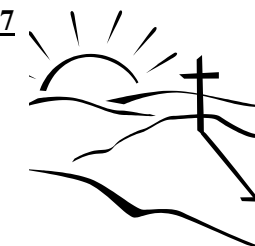
HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday-April 12th & 13

Worship with Communion 5:00 p.m. 10:30 a.m.
Spring bake sale April 13th

Maundy Thursday-April 17

12:05 p.m. midweek service
1:00 p.m. simple lunch
6:15 p.m. simple supper
7:00 p.m. vespers



Good Friday-April 18

12:05 p.m. midweek service
7:00 p.m. vespers

Easter Vigil-Saturday, April 19

9:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday-April 20

Breakfast 8:30 a.m.



Sunday, April 13th
Fellowship Hall

*Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see!*

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

+Peace+

We'll sing *Amazing Grace*, that most-beloved hymn quoted at the top of this page, just as we transition from March into April this year, in the middle of Lent, as we hear the account from the Gospel of John about Jesus healing a man born blind. I'm looking forward to singing the hymn, because just about now, as we prepare to celebrate Christ's resurrection, I'm prone to feel both joy and wretchedness. And in this confusion of feelings, it's natural to feel lost.

As I noted in my report to our annual meeting, we have much to rejoice about at Old Trinity these days. To begin with, we are having a genuine baby boom. We will likely celebrate a few baptisms by the end of April. Martha and Jason McKittrick have begun to gather the parents of very young children into a small group for mutual support and spiritual formation; a few weeks ago they fairly filled our lounge with these young families. Praise God!

We will be also planning to welcome a few adults as members of our congregation through affirmation of baptism at Easter. Praise God!

And we've just elected a new council, containing several folks who have never served in that way before. God is raising up new leaders among us. Praise God!

As I said at the congregation at our annual meeting, maybe we should stop calling our community "Old Trinity" and start calling it "Newer Trinity." Praise God!

But these have also been difficult days for our community. Lord have mercy, but it's been a very difficult and cold winter (through which we always seemed to be having trouble with our heating system). Much more significant, over the last few months a number of our long-timers, real pillars of our community, have been sick, and suffered injuries. We've suffered the death of a number of well-beloved and valued leaders, of neighbors, and of cherished young children over the last year. Lord, have mercy!

The losses we've suffered and the sickness and injury our sisters and brothers are enduring can surely make us feel wretched. And even all the blessed new-ness around us is a challenge as we strive to learn to love and serve with new members of the community. All of it can make us feel lost.

But let us also thank God for the season before Easter, the season of Lent. As our Ministry in Context student Emily Seitz recently put it during our adult class on a Sunday morning, Lent is a time to re-orient ourselves. God's call to repentance is before anything else a call to turn around so that we will hear the sweet sound of the Gospel. The disciplines to which we are called as Christians—fasting, prayer, study, and works of love—are the means God has provided for us to re-orient our lives. Through them God proclaims the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Thank God for the amazing grace of God in Christ Jesus! Thank God for the Gospel of our Lord, God's promise in Christ that God's love is for us all, always, no matter what, even "through many dangers, toils, and snares!" Thank God that through our baptism into Christ Jesus, God has explicitly and publicly promised to be our God! How sweet indeed is the sound of this promise, in the midst of all the joys and cares of life in God's ever-changing world! Thank God for the Easter promise of God's final victory over all suffering and trouble!

This amazing grace has brought us safe so far, and this grace will lead us home!

+Peace+

Pastor Chuck



NEWS FROM THE WOMEN OF TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH Shirley Griffin, President

RACHEL CIRCLE

Rachel Circle's next meeting will be on Thursday, April 3rd at 12:00 p.m., the word is *Ruler*. Table Prayers will be lead by Georgianna Mickles.

THE WOMEN OF TRINITY will sponsor a SPRING BAKE SALE on Sunday, April 13th



before and after worship in the Fellowship Hall. Please stop in and buy some delicious Easter goodies.

Please check your mail boxes in the Fellowship Hall for mail and various items..

TLC CAREGIVERS SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER was held on March 4. Many Thanks to more than 60 Trinity members and friends who came to support the dinner. A great time was had by all. Special thanks to everyone that helped with serving and clean up including Dennis Robertson, Sheila Hively, Larry Faelchle, David Husky and Dana and Sarah Vanhorn.

Thanks to Pastor Peterson for organizing the entertainment during the dinner. The Polka Band, Larry Faelchle, Elizabeth Moes, Sammy Flick for his jokes and Marcus Stroupe for his solo. A great time was had by all that attended.

TLC CAREGIVERS will sponsor the Easter Breakfast on April 20th from 8:30 until 9:30 a.m. Please plan to come and start the Easter celebration with us. Everyone is invited.

HANNAH CIRCLE

The HANNAH CIRCLE will meet on Monday, April 21st at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Lounge. Bible study leader and hostess will be Judy Fortman. We invite all ladies of Trinity to join Hannah Circle members as we study stories of biblical women from the magazine of Women of the ELCA. Janet Robertson, member of Hannah Circle.

Church Council meeting minutes are located on the table in the lower lobby for your information.



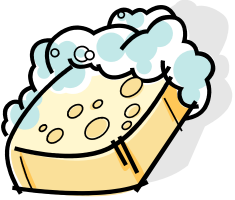
Thank you for saving pop tabs and greeting cards fronts for Children's Hospital. This is an on going project to save pop tabs in memory of my grand-daughter Makalya, and to help other families in need. Georgianna Mickles

This year we are collecting bath size bars of soap for Lutheran World Relief. The soap will be collected through September 2014.

There will be a basket in the lobby both on Saturday night and Sunday mornings to hold your donations.

If you remember last year our campaign was very successful because we helped 600 people with our bars of soap.

Maybe we will do even better in 2014. Thank you for your support and soap. Sharon Thacker



Service to Trinity in April

Greeters
06 Earl Dickerson
13 Jill Brandt
17 MT Mary Reed-Farris, Jill Brandt
18 GF Neal Coryell, Tim Edwards
19 Vigil, TBD
20 Jill Brandt
27 Earl Dickerson

Lectors
06 Donna Bowman
13, 20, 27 Tim Edwards
17 MT Neal Coryell, Tim Edwards
18 GF Neal Coryell, Tim Edwards
19 Jay Shailer

Worship Assistant
06 Donna Bowman
13, 20, 27 Tim Edwards
17 MT Neal Coryell, Tim Edwards
18 GF Neal Coryell, Tim Edwards
19 Jay Shailer

Acolyte
Tucker Lumbr
19 Neal Coryell


Saturday Night Lectors
05 Mary Reed-Farris
12 Mary Roberts
19 Vigil
26

Altar Guild Neal Coryell

Communion Bread Baker wafers for Lent,
19, 20, 27 Patricia Bennett

Open/Close Neal Coryell

Ushers Peg Beeson-captain, Sharon Heinlein, Dor-
othy Bazell, Anita Telfer, Jane Nida



Cantor

**April
Birthday
Wishes**

- 01 Shirley Griffin
- 06 Carlos Pagan
- 07 Patricia Bennett
- 10 Frank Bazell
- 11 Dwight Garner
- 15 Susan Downs
- 18 Maura McClelland
- 19 Mary Reed-Farris
- 20 Hector Pagan
- 21 Philip Dickerson
- 24 Greg Brandt
- 24 Aubrey Kocsis
- 26 Terrie Esterline
- 29 Thelma Schumacher
- 29 Amy Heinlein

**May
Birthday
Wishes**

- 03 Delores Schmidt
- 03 Janet Robertson
- 04 Jerry Daily
- 04 Madeline DeRoche
- 08 John Kimmerle
- 09 Karen Gunderman
- 12 Geoffrey Wilhelm
- 14 Erika Lumbr
- 16 Mary Roberts
- 20 Vivian Faelchle
- 21 Grant Miller
- 25 Nathaniel Moes
- 27 Diana Fisher
- 27 Randal Telfer



SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY

FAITH MISSION

The next date for service at Faith Mission is **Thursday, April 24^h**. Please be at Faith Mission by 6:30 p.m. Those serving at Faith Mission in March were: Mary Roberts, Bob Lane, Terri Dillon and Sharon Thacker. *For more information on service at Faith Mission, contact Sharon Thacker at 443-6149.* Thank you again, Sharon Thacker

While serving at Faith Mission please take all safety precautions. Please wear closed-toed shoes, all clothing must cover arms and abdomen. Shorts must not rise higher than the knee. Long hair should be covered by a hair net. Volunteers who are not dressed appropriately will be asked to reschedule their service. Please understand this is for your safety.

LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES (LSS) FOOD PANTRY

Remember to sign-up on **SIGN-UP CENTRAL** the bulletin board in the lobby for this very important service for our community.

Contact Tim Edwards at 614-598-1887 or email: timotheus4@earthlink.net for information on Saturday service at the LSS food pantry.

Contact Bev Speasmaker at 231-2891 if you would like to help during the week.

Volunteers are always needed.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO SAVE INK AND TONER CARTRIDGES


Staples will recycle ink and toner cartridges and give us money back which then gives us rewards to purchase church supplies.



Samaritan Update For 2 months from 2-22—03-21

- 60 + lunch bags
- 4 State ID
- 33COTA Day Passes
- 1 \$10.00 Gas Voucher
- Blankets, pairs of socks,
- Toiletry items

Each month Trinity is able to help assist people with Cota Day Passes. We also assist people each month by helping them to get their State ID. Another program Trinity offers is gasoline for your vehicle. We currently work with a local BP station. Trinity continues to offer brown lunch bags with bottled water for those in need.



President's Report

The annual congregational meeting has come and gone and it was thought that there would be a lull in activities at Old Trinity. That hasn't happened. There are still a lot of things going on in which you might find yourself involved. Just some of these events are:

- the new Congregation Council met with a lot of new faces and possible new directions;
- new approaches are being used at the Wednesday night Lenten services;
- efforts were started to build a group of young families which will offer support for one another, have discussions on how to incorporate Christian values in their children in the 21st Century, and participate in some fun activities;
- the women are organizing their Secret Sister program;
- continued efforts are being made to get our heating system straight;
- it's been discovered that we will need to be revising our constitution to fall in line with the model provided by the synod;
- steps are being taken to try and get some of the answers to the questions asked at the congregational meeting regarding the work on the stained glass windows;
- work is still being done to develop a capital campaign to do some needed structural improvements needed at the church; and,
- people are coming up with new ideas for more activities and ministries which need to be considered and possibly implemented.

There seems to be no rest for the weary at Old Trinity – which is great!!!

Don't sit on the sidelines and watch all of this go on. Get involved! Join a group, attend a function, provide your own ideas, and/or come have some fun while you strengthen your faith in the Lord. There's something for everyone and if there isn't, let us know and maybe we can find something for you. The more you do, the stronger your bond to the congregation. We hope to see you enjoying activities with your fellow friends in Christ. Get involved at Old Trinity!

A MESSAGE FROM LOVE

L.O.V.E. stands for Let Our Voices Emerge; we are a group for GLBT (Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgendered) people and their Allies. LOVE was created to combat the stigma that all religious people are against GLBT people and believe they have no place in the church.

Over the next couple months LOVE will be discussing the Bible passages that are used to justify why it is immoral to be gay. We will be meeting at 6:30PM on the following dates and discussing the following topics:

April 13: Holiness Code or the Clobber Passages (Leviticus 18 and 20)

May 11: The New Testament

We would like to invite all of you to attend and make this a successful gathering, full of great discussion.

ope to see you all there,
Robert Neymeyer
L.O.V.E. Facilitator

Shoe Project

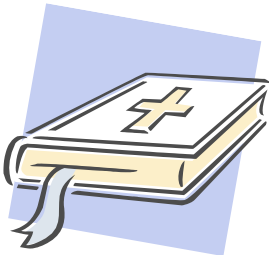
Plant Pride on Parsons is conducting a shoe collection drive from April 1-25 to raise funds for Parsons Avenue Plants while benefiting developing nations and keeping old shoes out of local landfills. Individuals can help by donating gently worn and used shoes.

Please place the shoes and/or boots in a bag and drop them off at Trinity before April 20, 2014.

In the USA alone approximately 630 million pairs of shoes are thrown away per year. The materials used to manufacture a pair of shoes are created from chemical compounds that will create health hazards if left to disintegrate openly or in landfills. By donating your gently worn, used shoes, your shoes are given a second chance to make a difference. All donated shoes will be redistributed to partners through Funds2Orgs and used in developing nations for impoverished people to start, maintain , and grow a unique business opportunity to feed, clothe and house their families. The additional advantages of diverting shoes from the waste stream to create commerce and sustainability in peoples' lives make this a win-win for everyone. The only way we can do that is if community members step up and help. I am calling on everyone to clean out their unwanted, gently worn, used shoes and donate them.

Please consider donating shoes while doing your Spring Cleaning. It is a great way to help those in need.

Wednesday
Night
Bible
Study



**The Book of
II Chronicles**
From Greatness to Nothingness

Moving on to...

Book of Ezra
True Man of the Word

7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.
Come join us in the Lounge

ADULT FORUM SUNDAY SCHOOL

Everyone is welcome.

**Adult Faith Discussions during Lent:
Spiritual Practices**


Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

Please join us in the lounge Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. for conversations to inform your faith. Through the Season of Lent we will talk about basic faith practices:

March 30th: Almsgiving and Works of Love led by Pr. Chuck
April 6th: Confessing Our Sins led by Michael Pickett
April 13th: The Reading of the Passion of Christ
April 20th: Easter Sunday: No Class
April 27th: The Bible on Care of Creation led by Pr. Chuck

Then, during the Easter season, beginning May 4th, we'll discuss the Second Letter of Peter, from which we'll also be reading in worship for the season. "How can our faith give us power to face the challenges of a world which is changing fast? How shall we live as people of faith in this world?" These questions, so important to us today, are just what the First letter of Peter was written to answer. Join us as we grow in grace!

SPRING HAS SPRUNG:




Our Spring clean-up day will be Saturday, April 12th at 9:00 a.m. We will be cleaning up the yards and getting ready for Spring planting. Please bring any garden tools and help us make this a day of fellowship and family, all ages are invited to participate. On Saturday, May 17th please save the date for planting and more green fun. Lunch will be provided at both events. FYI

- The Confirmation Class is meeting on the 2nd Saturday of the month for 4 hours.
- Sunday School children will focus on a garden theme during the month of April.
- No Sunday School on Easter Sunday.

Thank you to everyone for the opportunity to serve God at Trinity.

Sheila Hively
Spiritual Formation

*She loved strong,
and her love lives on.*



*In memory of Ruthie Myers
September 21, 1916 — March 21, 2014*



I wish to thank the members of Trinity for all the care and support during my recovery. For the flowers, cards, calls, food and visits. They were all greatly appreciated. For Pastor Peterson's visits at the hospital and at home helped me with the healing process.

Thank you and God's Peace be with you,

Sharon Thacker



Dear Trinity,

Thank you for the phone calls, cards and prayers for our mother, Sharon Heinlein during this time. As of today, Sharon is doing well and getting better each day. It will be a long recovery time for her, but we find strength in knowing that God is protecting & healing her. Throughout our life, we have always depended on God and our church family. We can feel the love and support, Thank-you so very much.


God Bless,
Matt & Amy Heinlein

Choir and Bells

Bells ring at 7:00 p.m.

Choir sings at 8:00 p.m.

Join in on Thursdays for a chance to make music and to contribute to worship at Trinity.



Congregational Life
Amy Heinlein, Chair

Volunteers are still needed to prepare Lenten Meals for the following dates: Lunch on Maundy Thursday 4/17 and Dinner on Wednesday's 4/2 & 4/9. Please contact Amy Heinlein at 614-562-3954 or amyheinlein@aol.com if you are able to volunteer. It is truly appreciated.

A special thank-you to LeNan Hager, Bev Speasmaker, Anita Telfer, Janet Robertson, Shirley Griffin, Nancy Gosnell, Amy Hehr, Cassie Miller, Vivian Faelchle, Peg Beason, Greg & Jill Brandt, Pastor Peterson, Shelia Hively and Matt Heinlein for sharing their time and talents to prepare such yummy meals during this Lenten Season.

Another special thank-you to Sheila Hively, Janet Robertson, Ken Fultz & Jeff Forney for hosting *Lemonade in the Lobby* for March. Thanks! Continue to watch for more of these fun fellowship times.



A reminder, if you or someone you know will be graduating from high school or college, we always like to celebrate these special events with you. Please contact the church office or myself.

Our committee meetings will take place on the first Sunday of each month. Our next meeting will be on **Sunday April 6th after church**. All are welcome. I look forward to leading this committee and would love your ideas & help, **please join me!**

