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The deadline for submission of
articles for the April Trinity
Tidings is Wed., March 18th at
12:30 p.m. Assembly of the
April Trinity Tidings will be
Tues., March 26th at 10:00 a.m.

Trinity Evangelical
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Charles Peterson

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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.*

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Check out the Trinity
Church Web Page
www.oldtrinity.com

You will find:

- ♦ current Sunday bulletin
- ♦ church events
- ♦ link to Facebook
- ♦ pictures
- ♦ current Tidings
- ♦ prayer & service info

Each Friday these items are updated for the following week.

Lenten Wednesday Worship Musical Meditations & Holden Evening Prayer

A new style of worship for 2020:



March 8th
Daylight Savings Time begins

Spring and Easter flowers will be
on sale to decorate the sanctuary
for Easter.



Sale Begins:

March 22nd
\$6.00 a pot

Lenten Services

Wednesdays
March 4 - March 31
12:05 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
Lunch at 12:35 p.m.



Meal Prep for Jacob's Porch

March 15th



- LCM @ OSU -

Secret Sister Reveal Luncheon

March 22nd
12:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall



Intergenerational Event Saturday, March 28th

Visit our website and come to
worship for more information!

The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.—Psalm 121: 8

Beloved in Christ,
+Peace+

It's a pleasure to be able to greet you again through this *Tidings* article. Believe it or not, six months—half a year—has passed since I've last communicated with you in this way. In this space I can only **outline some of Old Trinity's most significant comings and goings** in a brief and breezy way:

Several seasons of the Church year have come and gone: Old Trinity said goodbye to the long season of ordinary time at the end of October, and we celebrated or observed All Saints, Reformation Sunday, the Women's Thank Offering Sunday, Christ the King, Advent, Christmas, the Feast of the Name of Jesus (January 1), Epiphany. On Ash Wednesday, February 26, we've entered the holy season of Lent.

Old Trinity experienced pastoral comings and goings. On August 1 I left for a three-month long sabbatical. I spent almost the entire twelve weeks at **Sabah Theological Seminary** (STS) in Kota Kinabalu, Sahab, Malaysia. STS is an institution (in some ways the central institution) of the **Basel Christian Church in Malaysia** (BCCM). While at STS I taught a course in Christian ethics and learned far more about the work of Christ through the BCCM, and of the resilience of the Church of Christ generally.

As I was going away, **Pastor Libby Buuch** came in as Trinity's sabbatical interim pastor. I am grateful for the faithful, creative, warm, and competent ministry Pastor Libby shared during what turned out to be a tumultuous time for the congregation. As is good, right, and usually recommended, when I came back from sabbatical Pastor Libby stepped away from the community, at least for a time, so Old Trinity could re-establish its relationship with its called pastor.

There have been staff departures and arrivals during these months. During the sabbatical, our beloved Minister of Music, **Dr. Tom Wells**, suffered a stroke and had to step away from his position. We pray for his quick and complete recovery and expect to see him back in some way on June 1st, 2020. Just as the sabbatical was ending **Mary Reed-Farris**, our Administrative Assistant of almost 10 years, left. We wish her well and thank her for her ministry to the Lord at Old Trinity. Dealing with these departures has been a major challenge since my time back.

Thanks be to God, we found **Dr. Tom Kolar**, our Interim Minister of Music and Organist, or maybe he found Old Trinity, just in time to prepare our choirs for a beautiful Christmas celebration. What a fantastical Christmas gift he has been! And just a few weeks ago Old Trinity was delighted to welcome **Wes Anderson** as the congregation's new Administrative Assistant. Credit Wes with re-booting, preparing and mailing out this issue of the *Tidings*! And be sure to stop in to welcome Wes, just about any weekday morning.

Old Trinity has mourned to see members go, and we are excited to prepare for new members to come. Just after Christmas, on December 18, our sister **Peg Beeson** died, and **Irene Thurston** died just a few weeks ago, on February 10. It was a joy to commend them into the loving arms of Jesus in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection at their funerals at old Trinity. Also quite sad, but not unusual during a time of transition for a congregation, a few of our most beloved members discerned that my return to was the right time for them to leave Old Trinity. Of course we hope none of them will be long gone from us, we wish them well, and we are grateful for their ministry among us!

Old Trinity is preparing to receive new members at Eatser time. All of these siblings in Christ--**Herb and Jeneane Hufford, Sarah Leake, Robbie Little, and Elizabeth Lockhart** have been worshipping with us for some time, but we rejoice that they have decided to formalize their membership by affirming their baptism here. Please keep all of these folks in your prayers as they prepare to do so.

Finally, we have **outgoing and incoming members of our church council.** At our annual meeting we expressed our sincere gratitude for our **outgoing councilpersons:** Larry Faelchle as president, Steve Mayer as Treasurer, **Community Ministry Chair Mayda Vazquez, Worship Chair Donna Bowman, Property Chair David Huskey.** We are thankful for our **incoming council members:** Gretchen Brandt as President, Jessie Holtz as Treasurer, Shiela Hively with **Community Ministry, Ken Fultz with the Worship Team, Sarah Leake with Communications and Evangelism, and Larry Faelchle on Property.** They will be joining our returning members: **Vice President Neal Coryell, Secretary Bob Nida, Nichole Botkin with Spiritual Formation, and Amy Hehr with Congregational Life.**

The Lord has kept and blessed Old Trinity through all of these coming and goings. May the promise that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus keep us now and forever. Amen!

+Peace+

Pastor Chuck



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

RACHEL CIRCLE— Please join us for our March meeting on Thursday, March 5th at 12:00 p.m.

Bev Speasmaker, Rachel Circle Leader

Hannah Circle will meet on Monday, March 16th at 12:30 p.m. in the Church Lounge. Bible Study leader and hostess will be Janet Robertson. We will be using the WELCA Gathering magazine for our Bible Study.

Janet Robertson, Member of Hannah Circle

You're
Invited

THE SECRET SISTER REVEAL LUNCHEON will be held following worship on Sunday, March 22nd.

A light lunch will be served before the revealing of last year's Secret Sister. The new secret sister will be selected after the luncheon. The new secret sister forms will be available on Sunday, March 1.

We welcome anyone that wants to join us in the fun of getting to know the other women in our congregation.

Please return the form to the church office or mail it to:
Sharon Thacker 891Beech St. Columbus, Ohio 43206.

REMEMBER YOUR SECRET SISTER!

sisters
are
special

THE WOMEN OF TLC will sponsor a **SPRING BAKE SALE** on April 5th before and after worship in the church fellowship hall.



hello March!

Service to Trinity in March

Saturday Night Lectors

07 Philip Dickerson
14 Tony Skunza
21 Dale Baker
28 Jack Greene

Sunday Morning Lectors

01 Marcia Buban
08 Neal Coryell
15 Sarah Evinsky
22 Larry Faechle
29 Judy Fortman



Worship Assistant Gretchen Brandt

Cantor James Tompsett

Altar Guild Donna Bowman, Beth Tucker

Communion Bread Baker Lent

Open/Close Shirley Griffin, Jeff Forney, Ken Fultz

Ushers Shirley Griffin-captain, Janet Robertson, Bev Speasmaker, Donna Bowman, Cassy Miller

March Birthday Wishes

April Birthday Wishes

01 Ariel Hively
01 Gloria Hunt
02 David Evinsky
03 Kyle Barger
05 James Kim
06 Matthew Heinlein
09 Katie Brandt
09 Rose Dickerson
10 Todd Downs
12 Ethelyn Zimpfer
14 David Saner
15 Steven Truong
16 Conner Dent
16 Earl Dickerson
16 Cheryl Peterson
17 Scott Counts
17 Michael Reiss
22 Carol Schmidt
26 Christopher Dent
28 Jeff Forney
28 Jack Greene
30 Robert Roth
30 Merryn Thomas
31 Margaret Nida

01 Shirley Griffin
06 Carlos Pagan
07 Pat Bennett
11 Dwight Garner
15 Susan Downs
18 Maura McClelland
20 Hector Pagan
21 Philip Dickerson
24 Aubrey Kocsis
29 Amy Heinlein



SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY

FAITH MISSION

The next date for service at Faith Mission is Thursday, March 20th. Please be at Faith Mission by 6:15 p.m. Those serving at Faith Mission in February were: Jack Greene, Elizabeth Lockhart, Mike Lloyd, Cathy Johnston

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 must be age 14 or older and those who are not dressed appropriately will be asked to reschedule their service. Please understand this is for your safety.

Remember to save ink and toner cartridges to help pay for church supplies. The cartridges are recycled and we are given an online coupon from Staples.

Samaritan Updates from 2/01 – 2/29

2 COTA Day Passes
personal hygiene products
Socks
Gloves
Hats

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 emergency gasoline for your vehicle. We currently work with a local gas station. Trinity continues to offer brown lunch bags with bottled water for those in need.

Trinity is seeking volunteers to help with Samaritan outreach during the week. If interested, please call or email the church office or community ministry chair.



Recycle

Remember to recycle your pop tabs at Old Trinity.



Church Council meeting minutes are on the table in the lower lobby.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

March 1 Lent I
March 8 Lent II
March 15 Lent III
March 22 Lent IV
March 29 Lent V
April 5 Palm Sunday
April 9 Maundy Thursday
April 10 Good Friday
April 11 Easter Vigil
April 12 Easter Sunday

We would like to thank Carol Smith and her industrious bees for their donation of a jar of prize winning blue ribbon honey to be used by the Communion bread bakers in 2020.



- The Worship Committee

Stations of the Cross: Fridays in Lent at Old Trinity—12:00 p.m.

The Stations of the Cross leads Christians in meditation upon Christ's painful walk (the *Via Dolorosa*). The 14 Stations are a combination of biblical and traditional episodes beginning with Jesus being condemned to death, then following him through the streets of Jerusalem to his Crucifixion, and finally to his burial. Depictions of each event are often used as further helps for meditation. Pastor Peterson will lead meditations each Friday in March and until Easter in our worship space, just a few minutes after noon.

A Special Tidings Welcome to our new staff members

Dr. Tom Kolar

Wes Anderson

Interim Organist

Administrative Assistant

We look forward to working with you!

Weekend Worship Services in March

Saturdays at 5:00 p.m., Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

March 1st The First Sunday of Lent We follow Jesus into the desert to be tempted. The Son shows us that God calls all God's children to use our gifts, talents, and abilities to serve the Lord in the world, just as Jesus serves us his very Body and Blood, week by week. On Sundays, we feast, even in Lent.

March 8th The Second Sunday of Lent Jesus shows Nicodemus that we must be born of water and Spirit. That as God made a covenant with Abraham, in baptism God promises to raise us up with Christ to new life. From worship we are sent forth to proclaim God's love for all the world.

March 15th The Third Sunday of Lent As we continue to prepare for baptism at Easter, we are reminded of the continuing grace of God. He gives water to the Israelites in the desert, promises grace to even utterly helpless sinners, and shares living water in his son, calling all people to faith.

March 22th The Fourth Sunday of Lent Our faith is renewed and we rejoice in our baptism and the miracles of faith. As David was anointed with oil, despite being seen as unworthy, and as a blind man was made to see by Jesus' love, we are called to witness the light of salvation in our daily lives.

March 29th The Fifth Sunday of Lent God promises resurrection. In baptism we die with Christ that we may be raised with him to new life. Jesus reveals this power in giving new life to Lazarus, and we are reminded that Jesus too would rise again.



MARCH WEEKLY PRAYER

Join Pastor Peterson in the nave (that's the main worship space) at Old Trinity throughout the week for some spiritual refreshment! Enter the church through the old main doors on 3rd street. It's a great way to anchor your days and weeks in the living Word of God.

Morning Prayer-7:30-8:00 a.m.
Tues. Wed. and Fridays.

Morning Prayer-8:30-9:00 a.m.
Sat. and Sun.

Evening Prayer-5:30-6:00 p.m.
Tuesdays



Spring Flowers to beautify the altar on Easter may be ordered before and after church in the lower lobby starting March 15th. Flowers may be placed in honor of or in memory of loved ones, and the joyous Resurrection of our Lord at a cost of \$6.00 per plant. Place your order with Shirley Griffin The Worship Team.

Congregational Life

Since we last published we’ve been eating! Starting with the noodle dinner to welcome back Pastor Chuck from Sabbatical. The noodles were made under the instruction of our beloved elders, Dorothy Bazell, and Janet Robertson during September’s Fourth Saturday event. Please see the beautiful documentary that was created by, Taylor McKinley, a young Columbus documentarian. The short film is entitled *Noodles*. Here is the link: <https://vimeo.com/381944158> We enjoyed Advent with simple lunches following the Wednesday noon service, and our annual smorgasbord, December 15.

Quiet refreshment was prepared for our Sister Peg Beeson’s family and friends following her memorial service.

In January we prepared lunches for the Sabbatical discussions.

February the coveted “Golden Ladle” honor was bestowed on Janet Robertson for the best ever, Sloppy Joe soup. This year’s “Souper Bowl” soup-off, had 6 entries, raised \$410 for the LSS Food Pantry. Larry’s potato soup is always a strong second place holder. Congregational Life will also prepare and serve lunch for the Annual Meeting. And prepare simple lunches for the Wednesday noon Lenten services.

New this year we are hosting a Shrove Tuesday dinner (Mardi Gras Party) with Columbus Swing as our special guests. A Jambalaya dinner will be served from 6:00-8:00, Intro dance lesson 7:30-8:00 and 8:00-10:00 Cincy River Rats Band, if you stay for the band, cover is \$10. Thank you to everyone that supports this ministry of fellowship, especially our regular members of the committee; Beverly, Cassy, Dorothy, Emily, Ken, Janet, Jeff, Nora, Sharon, and Sheila. Our regular meetings are the first Sunday of the month following service. Please join us as we plan for the spring.
Amy Hehr, chair

Join us for Meal Prep for Jacob's Porch

On Sunday, March 15th, after worship, we will continuing our tradition of preparing meals for students at Jacob's Porch Lutheran Campus Ministry.

Meals will be prepped in the church kitchen in the Fellowship Hall, and then transported to Jacob's porch.

We are seeking volunteers to cook, drive, and serve, as well as food and monetary donations.

If you are interested in volunteering, donating, or have questions, call or email the church office or our new Community Ministry Chair, Sheila Hively (614) 926-1291 zaemsc57@gmail.com



The 2020 Schedule for Friday Night Fish Fry

Some members of Trinity are planning to go eat fish again this year at six difference Catholic Churches during Lent. Some of us went last year and had such a great time socializing and eating fish. We are going again this year. We are inviting everyone who lies fish and wants to have fun with friends from Trinity to join us.



We will meet at each church at 5:00 pm except on March 13. We will meet at 6:00 pm that night because of Stations of the Cross. If you need a ride please call Shirley Griffin 614.491.1696. We will be happy to have you attend these dinners. We hope you will join us for this fun time!

We are going to the following Catholic Churches this year:

February 28	Immaculate Conception	414 E. Broadway	614-267-9241	5:00-7:00 p.m.
March 6	Our Lady of Victory	1559 Roxbury Road	614-488-2428	5:00-7:00 p.m.
March 13	Our Lady of Miraculous	5225 Refugee Road	614-861-1242	6:00-7:30 p.m.
March 20	Seaton Parish	600 Hill Road North	614-883-0482	5:00-7:00 p.m.
March 27	Our Lady of Perpetual	3752 Broadway	614-875-9345	5:00-7:00 p.m.
April 3	St. Cecilia Church	434 Norton Road	614-878-5353	5:00-7:00 p.m.



Congratulations on a job well done! Trinity was one of the top five teams in the 2019 Columbus CROP Hunger Walk.

Please join us for the 2020 Walk.
It will be held on
Sunday October 11.



Lenten Midweek Services: Musical Meditations & Holden Evening Prayer

Wednesdays at 12:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., Beginning March 4th

This year our noon and evening Lenten gatherings will be quite distinct from one another! The mid-day devotions will be brief organ recitals built around simple prayer and Lenten themes.

Musical Meditations 12:05-12:35 p.m.

We'll begin with a short prayer and scripture verse, after which Dr. Tom Kolar will lead a musical meditation on an important Lenten hymn or other musical piece. Following the service we'll have a simple lunch in the fellowship hall. Folks on a shorter lunchbreak schedule are invited to have their 'brownbag' lunch during the service.

Holden Evening Prayer with Holy Communion and Meditation on the Small Catechism

In the evenings we will gather for Holden Evening Prayer with Holy Communion. We will meditate on the Small Catechism of Martin Luther. And have brief discussions after the service, especially for those preparing to affirm their baptism on Easter.

March 4	<i>The Ten Commandments</i>
March 11	<i>The Creed</i>
March 17	<i>The Lord's Prayer</i>
March 24	<i>The Sacrament of Holy Baptism</i>
March 31	<i>The Sacrament of Holy Communion</i>

