
Trinity Tidings

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Newport News, VA

October 2014



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Cover picture: Halloween at Trinity in the 1950's.



From the Pastor's Desk . . .

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Thanks to Susan Piland, I recently participated in a workshop sponsored by the Newport News Department of Human Services.

I was trained in ABCD, Asset Based Community Development, by a former Southern Baptist minister who now serves as the president of a non-profit social ministry organization. **I was invited to conceptualize the community around the church as my parish.** It is no longer a focus on the persons who worship in the sanctuary, but all those who live in the geography of Newport News who constitute the parish. It is an entirely different concept for me. What caught my attention more than any other was this: **instead of being concerned about filling the pews, how about being concerned about the congregants serving the greater community?** I have always measured the vitality of the congregation by the attendance in the pews on Sunday morning. What if that does not reflect the state of the church and community today, but rather how we serve outside the walls of the church building?

It is not a matter of bringing people in, but leading a people out; out into the greater community for service to the parish called Peninsula. You have heard me say that probably the most important words in the Sunday liturgy are the final words: GO IN PEACE, SERVE THE LORD. Someone could make the case that worship is not the measure of the vitality of the congregation, but the service in the surrounding community. Worship prepares us for service! When the public sees the participation of the congregation in the greater community, it witnesses Christ involved in the everyday life of its people. The public sees the church living out its baptismal promise and, in turn, the congregation becomes for the community, Christ incarnate, the divine incarnated in flesh and blood in the midst of all people. Maybe instead of focusing on the steeple as the place where God is found, the people of God are

found in the neighborhoods, caring for the parishioners.

How does Trinity serve the greater community? My first response is PORT. This year for two weeks, the homeless neighbor will be sheltered, fed, supported with social services, and provided a secure place to sleep and rest. Those in need come to Trinity to participate in this mission for those unable to provide for themselves. But, what about serving on the Peninsula? Persons serve in so many ways, but how does the congregation serve as the Body of Christ? Adopt-A-Spot is a way to enter the immediate community and be responsible for its cleanliness. The church property is beautified and manicured so our neighbors can see that we are serious about being "good neighbors!" Where else can the congregation serve? What if we asked the neighbors to tell us where they need to be helped?

So often, we think we are sensitive enough to know where and when we are needed. Yet, so many in the congregation do not live near the church and thus, really do not know the needs of the area. What if the church stated that her mission is to listen to the neighborhoods and thinking in terms of gifts, discern where she can best serve?

I challenge you to pray and discern how Trinity can best serve the Huntington corridor, the larger community of neighborhoods, the city of Newport News, and ultimately the Peninsula? I invite you to provide suggestions how we can do this.

There is a Lutheran congregation in Charlotte, North Carolina that placed a sign at the exit of its parking lot so that no one could leave without reading the words: YOU ARE NOW ENTERING THE MISSION FIELD!. When we walk out the door on Sunday morning, we are walking into the greater parish of the neighbor. Thanks be to God!

Your fellow servant in Christ,

Pastor Guy

Deadline:

Articles for the November Tidings are due October 15, 2014. The office administrator will prepare the newsletter so please send your articles to Maya. Use the word TIDINGS in the subject for easy reference. Also, all bulletin requests should use the word BULLETIN in the subject. Thanks. admin@trinitynn.org



Established in 1931

The Virginia Choral Society is a community-based choral group of over 100 voices which currently presents three major concert series each year; one series in the fall, one during the winter holiday season, and one in the spring. Each series focuses on different choral styles; the fall is lighter musical selections such as music from Broadway, folk music, Americana, 20s and 30s nostalgia, etc.; the winter series is based largely on Christmas music both contemporary and classical, religious and secular; and the spring series presents choral works in a more serious vein, for example, works by the old masters such as Beethoven, Brahms, Haydn and Mozart.

VCS is one of the oldest continuously performing choral organizations in Virginia having been organized in 1931. This next concert year is our 84th. VCS is home-based in Newport News, Virginia and performs throughout the Hampton Roads area of Virginia.

2014/2015 Schedule

DECEMBER 2014 - "The Glory of Christmas"

Saturday	Dec 13	3 pm - (Matinee)	First United Church of Christ	Hampton, VA
Sunday	Dec 14	3 pm - (Matinee)	Gloria Dei Lutheran Church	Hampton, Virginia
Friday	Dec 19	7:30 pm	Immaculate Conception Catholic Church	Hampton, VA
Saturday	Dec 20	3 pm - (Matinee)	Trinity Lutheran Church	Newport News, Virginia
Sunday	Dec 21	8 pm	Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church	Newport News, Virginia
Monday	Dec 22	8 pm	Trinity Lutheran Church	Newport News, Virginia

MAY 2015 - "Majesty & Elegance, The Music of Händel and Haydn"

Friday	May 1	8 pm	Gloria Dei Lutheran Church	Hampton, Virginia
Saturday	May 2	8 pm	Trinity Lutheran Church	Newport News, Virginia
Sunday	May 3	3 pm (Matinee)	Trinity Lutheran Church	Newport News, Virginia



Property Report

The property committee has been working on multiple projects the last couple of months and I would like to start by thanking Lynne Fritzing, Joan and Pete Johnston, Diane Roselius, Lucia Solomon and Jack Kowalski for their time and effort over the summer.

I would also like to welcome Earl Dunn to the property committee. Earl currently works for Trinity Lutheran School/Church and his skills and knowledge are greatly appreciated. Due to the strong relationship between the school and the church, Earl and the other members of the school's custodial staff have completed many repairs both to the church and school. Over the summer the following work has been accomplished:

- Awnings were installed above two of the doors
- The back door was repainted
- The lamp posts in front of the church were cleaned
- Missing gutters were replaced
- The church van was cleaned and the lettering updated



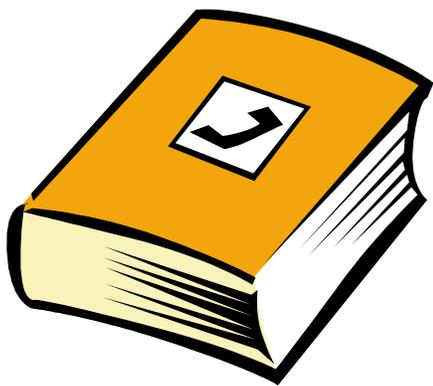
Diane Roselius has worked with the Boy Scouts on an Eagle Scout project that has updated the landscaping around the church property. The project started with the removal of multiple shrubs that had grown to large for their locations. I would like to say thanks to Jack, Diane and Pete for helping to get this done.

As we head into fall the property committee has been work-

ing to get quotes for the Social hall floor replacement. As it goes with all large projects we have been hit with delays and new things to consider. After the heavy rains 2 weeks ago water was coming up through the floor. We are now faced with the task of figuring out how to keep this from happening again so we do not end up with indoor swimming pool!

The property committee meets the first Tuesday of the month in the church library. The next meeting is on Tuesday, October 7th at 7:00 PM for anyone interested in attending.

Bill Mulvey
Property Committee Chair

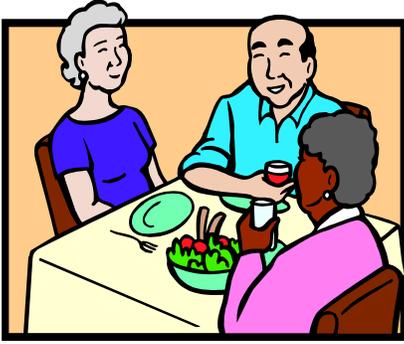


2015 Directory

Starting in the month of October and November, Trinity will be updating the staff, member, and family directory. As the 2014 year has gone by there have been some changes in addresses, phone numbers and email addresses. To keep the most up to date record of the Trinity Community we need those who have had any of these changes to let us know. Please contact Maya

Shelton at the Church Office. You can call at 757-245-7861 or email admin@trinitynn.org and include DIRECTORY in the subject line.

Faith In Action Fellowship



Come one, come all to the Faith In Action Fellowship on October 7th. This event is intended for all Trinity members to come together in food, fellowship,

and service. The evening begins with a catered dinner (Mike Rapier and Encore Catering) at 6:00 PM. We usually break off according to committees to discuss activities, etc. At around 7:15 PM, we gather all together and each committee chair will report out. It should all wrap up by around 7:30 PM. If you are new to the church or have not served on a committee yet, this is a great opportunity to mingle and find out which committee would best suit your talents. Even if you are not sure about serving on a committee, come join us for the food and fellowship. The Faith In Action night is held every other month on the first Tuesday of the month. We begin on October 7th. The next Faith In Action after that will be December 2nd.

Let the church know if you need a ride and we will make the necessary arrangements.



Do you have something you would like to see published in the Tidings?

You can submit an article by the 15th of the month or contact the Administrative Assistant to offer suggestions. Based on space available we will work to get your input request into the newsletter. All calendar inputs are welcome as well.

Social Ministry

The Social Ministry committee is so grateful for all the item donations that have been coming in for PORT! WOW! What an awesome way to start the PORT (Homeless Shelter) season!! This will help us incredibly by defraying the huge cost of buying all the paper products along with the drink mix, coffee, sugar and creamer! We are told to expect at least 100 people each night for a week, and this season we have two weeks. Our budget is \$1,000.00 which is usually for one week, so, a HUGE thank you to everyone who has been so generous! Please keep the donations coming! Please see the list that is up on the bulletin board outside of the Library and sign up to donate an item on the list. These items should be put in the bin in the Library on or before November 1st.

*We appreciate your generosity so much,
Anne Evans, Fred Ardis, Friel Guy and Susan Piland*



The Nursery is looking for additional care givers for the Sunday

services. If you love caring for young children please contact Charlotte Duff at 342-9251. Thanks for helping!

Support THRIVE by bringing your can goods or non-perishable food to the church. Collection baskets are in the narthex and main entry way.



Archives: Halloween 1950's Style



Archives: Oktoberfest 1980's Style



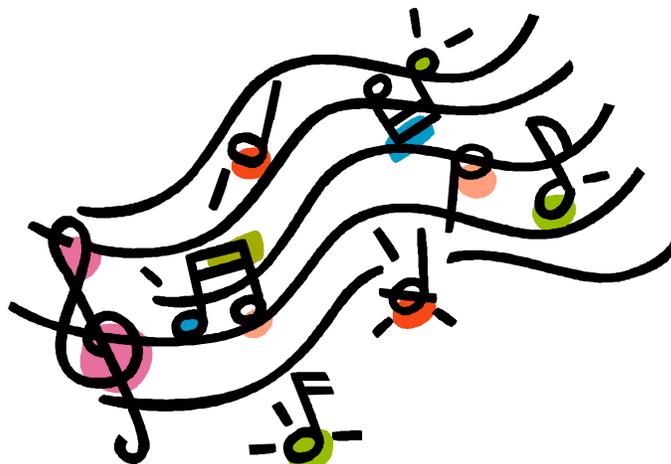
Oktoberfest 2014



The Congregational Life Committee is sponsoring OKTOBERFEST 2014. It will be held on October 11, 2014 starting at 5:30 pm in our Church fellowship (social) hall. Come celebrate with us the great Bavarian / German festival, good food, good people, and a good time. Please bring your favorite side dish to share. Also, bring a friend or guest to celebrate with us. German / Bavarian music will be your background with games and a great time for all. So, come one, come all!

October 11, 2014, 5:30 pm
Trinity Fellowship Hall

New Concert Series



Trinity has a long tradition of music excellence, an important part of our ministry in the community. Now we are excited to establish a new Trinity Concert Series—a mix of both “classic” choral, orchestral, and organ programs and “fun” events like a Children’s Halloween Trunk-or-Treat with creepy organ music. The Church Council has established an ad-hoc committee to begin this music ministry—Suzanne Beckstoffer, Shirley Fulton, Jessica Moye, and Rob Keene. We want as many Trinity music-loving “founding families” as possible to join us in creating this concert series and making it sustainable into the future. Financial contributors will be recognized in the programs and a generous donor has offered to match all donations! There will also be opportunities to volunteer your time and talents. You’ll be hearing more specifics in the coming weeks. Checks should be made payable to Trinity Lutheran Church and noted for “Concert Series.”



Happy Birthday to our Special Senior Saints

Here is the list of our special senior members’ birthday celebrations for the month of October:

Mildred Christensen	90	Oct 6
Maureen Sallade	81	Oct 21
Arlene Stone	85	Oct 27

Trinity's Stained Glass Windows

This is the second part of a two-part series on the history and description of the stained glass windows in the church. Please refer to the September Tidings for part one.

Window 6 - Crucifixion and Last Supper

The upper panel depicts the Crucifixion of Jesus with the words from John's Gospel, "God so loved the world he gave his only begotten Son." Above the cross is a triangle representing the Trinity. The inscription on the cross "INRI" represents the Latin words Iesus Nazarenus Rex Iudaeorum, "Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews." A sun and a moon are also pictured beneath the arms of the cross, perhaps as a way of pointing to the cosmic significance of Jesus' death.



The lower panel portrays Jesus sharing the Last Supper with his disciples. The words "Do this in remembrance of me," remind us that this farewell meal has become the Eucharist, a lasting celebration of Jesus' presence and promise.

Window 7 - Resurrection and Thomas

The upper panel shows Jesus emerging from the tomb on Easter morning. The inscription proclaims, "I am the Resurrection and the Life." A triangle with rays symbolizes the Trinity and the power of God which has raised the dead Jesus from the grave. Jesus appears dressed in a brightly colored robe and carrying a banner of victory which is fashioned out of the cross. At the bottom of the scene, a lily trumpets the Easter Good News.

The lower panel recreates the story from John's Gospel of the apostle Thomas who would not believe the word of the Resurrection until he had touched the crucified and risen Jesus. In this portrayal, Jesus appears colorless, almost transparent, a suggestion, perhaps, that the resurrection body is both familiar and different. Thomas reaches out to feel Jesus' reality for himself, and Jesus' hand is raised in benediction: "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe" [John 20:29].



Window 8 - Peter and Paul

The upper panel shows us the apostle Peter preaching. The inscription reads, "Peter lifted up his Voice." The event is clearly Pentecost as other believers are pictured with tongues of fire on their heads and a dove with rays tells us that the Holy Spirit is at work creating the Church.

The lower panel depicts the apostle Paul at dockside with his traveling companion Silas. A sailing boat is in the background. The inscription reads, "Paul chose Silas and departed." This window celebrates Paul the missionary who



took the Gospel to the Gentile world and established Christian congregations throughout the ancient Mediterranean world.

Window 9 - Luther and the Reformers

This window moves us more than one thousand years into Christian history with its portrayal of the medieval reformers. The upper panel shows Martin Luther nailing his 95 theses on the door of a parish church in Germany. The inscription gives the date and place: "Oct. 31, 1517, WITTENBERG." The dove with rays and the tongue of fire on Luther's head symbolize the continued working of the Spirit of God as the church of Jesus is reformed and renewed.

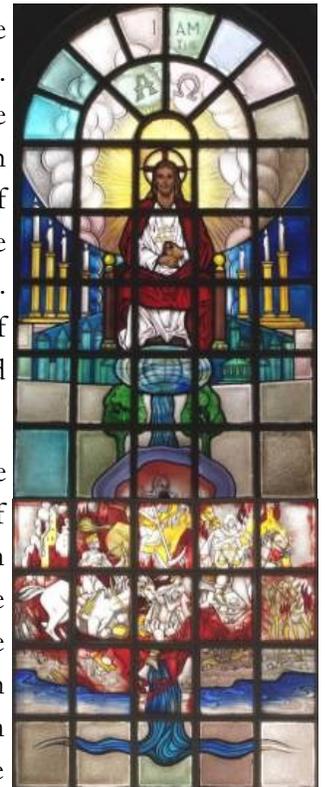


The lower panel reminds us of two additional Reformers. John Hus is shown being burned at the stake on July 6, 1415, in Constance, Bohemia. His attempts at correcting church abuses and clergy corruption were met with violent opposition. Also pictured is John Calvin, a contemporary of Luther, and a brilliant theologian whose thought was seminal for the Protestant movement and particularly for Presbyterian Christianity.

Window 10 – Revelation

The last stained glass window in the sanctuary draws its imagery from the last book of the New Testament – Revelation. The upper panel shows Jesus the Christ seated on the throne of heaven. The three-rayed nimbus behind his head is symbolic of holiness and oneness with the Triune God. Jesus holds in his hands seven stars representing cosmic power and perfection. His throne is surrounded by seven candlesticks – perhaps a reminder of the

Temple. The towers of the New Jerusalem are pictured. Christ's feet rest on the world for which he is both savior and judge. A river of water flows from the throne flanked by fruit laden trees. These are symbols of paradise, cleansing and abundant life.



In the lower panel we see the dream imagery of judgment and destruction visited upon the earth. The four horsemen of the apocalypse charge through a landscape of devastation and death. In the background we see blighted wheat, polluted water, an abandoned automobile, crumbling foundations, and raging fire – all signs of human sin, waste, and tragedy. The horsemen carry a reaper's scythe (death), scales (injustice), bow (warfare), and sword (violence). Together the horsemen represent the breakdown of human civilization through militarism, civil strife, famine and other destructive agents. This grisly vision warns us of the futility of finding the meaning of existence apart from fellowship with God. Notice, however, that the river of the new Jerusalem flows even through this panel, reminding us that God's final word is life, grace and all things made new.

In the Narthex

Window 11 – Eternal Life

This window is the only one of the thirteen which is not stained but etched in clear glass. The design depicts two peacocks, a spreading grape vine and the Greek letters Alpha [Α] and Omega [Ω]. The peacock, with its



glorious and iridescent plumage, is one of the earliest symbols of the Resurrection and eternal life. The Greek letters Alpha and Omega represent the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet and, therefore, the beginning and end of all things. The grape vine may be a reminder of Christ the Vine, in whom we have eternal life, or it may reflect the vision of Baruch that in God's Eternal Kingdom every grape vine would produce 1000 branches; each branch 1000 grapes; and each grape 120 gallons of wine. When we enter the sanctuary for worship beneath this window, we are reminded that we worship on Sunday, the Day of Resurrection. When we leave worship, we leave as Easter people who embody the new life in Christ for our neighbor.

Window 12 – Service

Above the front door of the church, facing Huntington Avenue and downtown



Newport News, is a window which depicts service to the world. In the stained glass we see food, drink, clothing, an open door with a cross, a bed with flowers, and a window with bars. The images are drawn from the parable in Matthew 25 in which those people who feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, welcome the stranger, care for the sick, and visit the prisoner are rendering service to Jesus himself. In the center stands a Roman cross with rays of light symbolic of the power of the crucified and risen Jesus to lead his people into ministry.

Window 13 – Witness

Above the side door of the church, facing the James River, is a window which



depicts witness to the world. In the stained glass we see a map of the world, a baptismal shell and a Bible. The images in this window are drawn from the final scene in Matthew's Gospel in which the Risen Christ is standing on a mountain and telling his disciples, "Go ... and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you, and lo, I am with you always ..." [Matthew 28:19-20]. As in the precious window, we see at the center of this panel a Roman cross with rays of light symbolic of the power of the crucified and Risen Jesus to lead his people into ministry.

Photos by JoAnne Rawls

Women of Trinity

Please join the Cora Miller Circle Luncheon every second Thursday of the month! The Ladies go out to a restaurant for lunch and fellowship. The Luncheon is always listed in the Church Bulletin the Sunday before the ladies meet. Feel free to give Carretta Behrmann a call (757-827-0493) to inform her of your attendance so she can forewarn the restaurant of how many to expect and prepare for.

Usher, Presenter, and Greeter Schedule for October

Service	Ushers	Greeters	Presenters
8:30 AM	Pete & Joan Johnston, Kenny & Anne Schultz, and Chris Lindemann	Joan Johnston & Ann Schultz	Al & Lucille Lebold
11:00 AM	Harlan & Virginia Hamby, Anne Evans and Jim Gribble	Harlan & Virginia Hamby	Don & Sandy Snaidy

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

Trinity has a new web address. Please put the following in your favorites:

trinitylutheran-nn.com

The content will also be changed very soon.



Cora Miller Circle Luncheon

Thursday October 9, 2014

The Lunch Bell

11:45 a.m.

Looking Ahead

- Oct 7 Faith in Action Night
- Oct 11 Octoberfest
- Oct 26 Reformation Sunday - Reception between services
- Nov 2 Lutheran/Mennonite Hymnfest at TLC
- Nov 16 CNU Scholarship Recipient performance
- Nov 30 Advent begins
- Dec 2 Faith in Action Night
- Dec 18 TLS Lessons and Carols
- Dec 20 Virginia Choral Society Concert
- Dec 21 Children's Musical
- Dec 22 Virginia Choral Society Concert
- Dec 24 Christmas Eve Services and PORT begins and runs through the 31st

Values

Greatest Handicap Fear
Best Day Today
Greatest Mistake Giving Up
Easiest To Do Find Fault
Greatest Stumbling Block Ego
Top Comfort Work Well Done
Greatest Need Common Sense
Best Gift Forgiveness
Greatest Knowledge God

Author Unknown, taken from Trinity Tidings, 1960.

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Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship (May 4—June 15, 2015): 8:30 A.M. and 11:00 A.M.

Faith Walk (Sunday School) Between Services: 9:45 A.M.

Sunday Worship (June 22—August 27, 2015): 10:00 A.M.

Holy Communion is celebrated weekly

A Nursery is Provided during worship

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