

Trinity Tidings

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Newport News, Virginia

May 2015



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From the Pastor's Desk ...

We Cannot Manipulate Easter!

I marvel at the many ways we have commercialized Christmas. It appears that the celebration of Christmas is easy to manipulate into moneymaking endeavors. Take note of the Christmas trees, Christmas cards, Christmas gifts, Christmas parties, Christmas music, Christmas advertisements, Christmas novelties, and on and on. The birth of the Christ child has captured our wallets as well as our hearts! We are always creating new ways to celebrate Christmas even to the point that when that holy day arrives, we are exhausted! We begin singing Christmas carols after we have devoured the turkey on Thanksgiving Day. We wind down about the moment Jesus cries in the manger! Pastors try to put the brakes on the singing and festivities by emphasizing the importance of Advent as the time to anticipate and prepare, but we cannot keep the airwaves from saturating our minds on the way to work and home. And, if the radio blasts do not disturb our reverie, the department stores move us along the aisles with the sound of the old favorites. We are in the mood to purchase!

Please know that I am not jaded about Christmas, but I have become concerned that we have filled a faith event with fixations and fatigue. There is a saying that has become so prevalent that we overlook what it states: **THE REASON FOR THE SEASON**. I like that, but we have seen it so much that it is part of the wallpaper.

Is it not amazing that Easter is not as commercialized! It appears that the celebration of the Resurrection cannot be manipulated as well as the Incarnation. Yes, there are Easter bunnies, Easter eggs, butterflies from chrysalis, and some cards, but not to the degree and depth as Christmas. It is as though those involved in commercial endeavors have not been able to handle Easter as an enterprise! How do we handle Easter? Even in the Church we are not sure how to handle it. Christmas is Jesus born in a stable and placed in a manger. Shepherds visit and then magi. But, a tomb opened, the resurrected Christ, walking in the world, pointing the way to Galilee where it all began. How does someone turn that into a moneymaker?

Easter was meant to be the purpose of Christmas. Christmas points to Easter and beyond. Easter is the culmination of the celebration and it cannot be manipulated in heart or mind. We can make a facsimile of a birth in a manger and held in the light of a star, but how do we make a facsimile of an open tomb, a walk in the garden, and a Lord who is on the move? Remember that Easter was the original celebration of the Church; it was the date to which all other dates gravitated. The apex of the year is the Resurrection of Our Lord and Savior; all time was reserved to reflect on the impact of this signal event in the life of the Christian community. Only much later, did the Church began inquiring about the birth of the Lord raised from the dead. Raised to eternal life was not enough for inquiring minds; they wanted to know how it all began. It is like the little girl who approached me in the narthex on Easter morning with the question, "Who made God?" I am not going to share with you what Martin Luther thought about such questions, but only to say that God was in the beginning period.

Some years ago, I read an Easter story to the children during a Christmas Eve worship service. A father approached me following worship, irate that I had read an Easter story on Christmas Eve. I tried to explain, but he went home, fuming. The following Sunday, he approached and apologized. His two daughters have set him straight. They explained that Christmas and Easter are inseparable and very connected. They had sat him down and explained the two. Thanks for confirmation!

I, for one, am glad to know that Easter cannot be manipulated like Christmas. The resurrection stays intact even though we cannot explain it; it continues to be the mystery that God meant it to be. It continues to be free of commercials and freeing to our faith. I do not want it captured. I want it to grasp me.

*Your fellow
servant in
Christ,
**Pastor
Guy***



Vacation Bible School



“God’s Love In Action”

July 13-17, 2015

Registration Deadline is June 29th

<http://2015.cokesburyvbs.com/hiltonchurches2015>

Mark your calendars and prepare to experience God's unstoppable love and discover how to fuel up and move in and through life with God!

NOW RECRUITING VOLUNTEERS!

Please contact the Church office if you would like to help in any way to make this a fun week. Full details will be in the June Tidings.

Comment Box

Anyone who would like to leave a question, comment or concern for the council please use the white box next to the sacristy kitchen. Use the index cards to write out your comments and place them in the brown envelope. Comments will be collected once a week.



Faith In Action Night - May 5th

All are welcome to join fellow members for dinner and meetings to learn about what is going on in the Church. The date is May 5th in the social hall. Dinner starts at 6:00 PM, followed by committee meetings and a group debrief.

Memorial Garden

Three names were recently added to the Memorial Wall in the Memorial Garden and Columbarium:

Thelma (Tede) Day Johnson
November 3, 1928—October 17, 2014

Bernice Alston Pierce
November 12, 1928—March 29, 2015

Catherine McKay Wall
July 2, 1926—April 1, 2015

We remember these, our Sisters in Christ, with grateful hearts for their faithfulness and joyful service to this congregation. Thanks be to God for their lives among us.

Bill Solomon

Acolyte Corps

We welcome Lina Recupero, Emma Recupero, and Nathan Rummel into the Trinity Acolyte Corps. These three young people completed acolyte training during Lent; we are looking forward to their service in this congregation.

Thanks to those acolytes who served so beautifully during Holy Week, Easter Sunday, and the Sundays of Easter. You very quietly add a dignified and reverent dimension to our services. Special thanks to Chip Nassau who shrouded the cross for Lent and Good Friday, and draped the cross for the Easter Season.

Bill Solomon

Acolyte Coordinator

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



Trinity Concert Series

Trinity's Concert Series kicks off Friday, June 5th at 7pm. We are pleased to announce our first performer is Alex Bosworth. Please join us for a night of great music and fellowship. There will be a reception during intermission. Donations to benefit the Don Golden Scholarship, Trinity Lutheran School music program, and the Church will be accepted.



The Artist

Alex has led her group at many of New Orleans' finest music venues, including the grand opening of the State of Louisiana Jazz Museum and the New Orleans French Quarter Festival. Alex performs regularly in New York City and abroad. She was a featured artist at the Prague PROMS Jazz Festival, has been part of the Cannon Club Music Series in Old San Juan, Puerto Rico, and has recently played shows in Barcelona, Munich and Rotterdam. She is currently working on tours on the East and West coasts for summer of 2015.

"There's no reason Alex Bosworth couldn't go as far as she wants in the music industry. Her persona is warm and accessible, and her voice follows suit—it combines the sultry languor of Norah Jones with Sarah MacLachlan's angelic reassurance, a touch of Paula Cole's lonesome high end coupled with Alison Krauss' well-water clarity." - *Offbeat Magazine*

Bradley Fielding Concerts

Bradley Fielding has a busy schedule with several performances this month and in May. He would be honored if any of his Church family could attend. He will sing the role of Figaro in the *The Marriage of Figaro*, which is a delightful and fun opera (and it will be sung in English). The Governor's School website is www.gsarts.org. There's a link to showtix4u.com where you can buy tickets online; tickets are also available at the door. Bradley has also been selected to sing in the Sundays at Four Terrific Teen Talent concert on August 2 in Smithfield. Tidewater Opera Initiative selected him again to be on their roster. He will be a cast member of their 2015 professional production of *The Marriage of Figaro*. He is scheduled to sing the role of Antonio and cover the role of Figaro. Check the Calendar for exact dates, times and locations.

Church Pictorial Directory



Sign ups for portrait sittings are still available. Please check the link on the church website or contact the church office to sign up. Portrait sittings are scheduled for May 13-14 (3-8pm). The photographers are willing to work with pets and various family posses. All families will receive a free 8x10 picture and a directory. There is no obligation to purchase. These are the last scheduled dates so please sign up now. It would be a shame to not have every member's smiling face in the directory!

TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL
Annual Golf Classic



8th-Annual Trinity Golf Classic at Kiskiack Golf Club

www.trinitynn.com/golfclassic

Friday, May 15, 2015
Shotgun Start @ 1 PM
(Rain Date TBA)



\$100/Single Player or \$400/Foursome*

**Foursome fee increases to \$425 after May 1*

Fee includes unlimited range balls, lunch, gift bags, beverages, awards and more!

Raffle, contest & player prizes GALORE!

POWER *in the* BLOOD

You can put the power of faith into action and help save a life.



Hilton Area Churches Blood Drive

At First United Methodist Church
10246 Warwick Blvd., Newport News

Tuesday, May 19th
2:00 pm – 6:00 pm

For an appointment, visit redcrossblood.org
Sponsor Code: **HiltonAC**

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Tidings Deadline: Articles for the June Tidings are due May 15, 2015. The office administrator will prepare the newsletter so please send your articles to admin@trinitynn.org. Use the word TIDINGS in the subject line for easy reference. Articles for the Annual Report are due May 31, 2015.

From the Lenten Lecture/Discussion Series: Holy Space

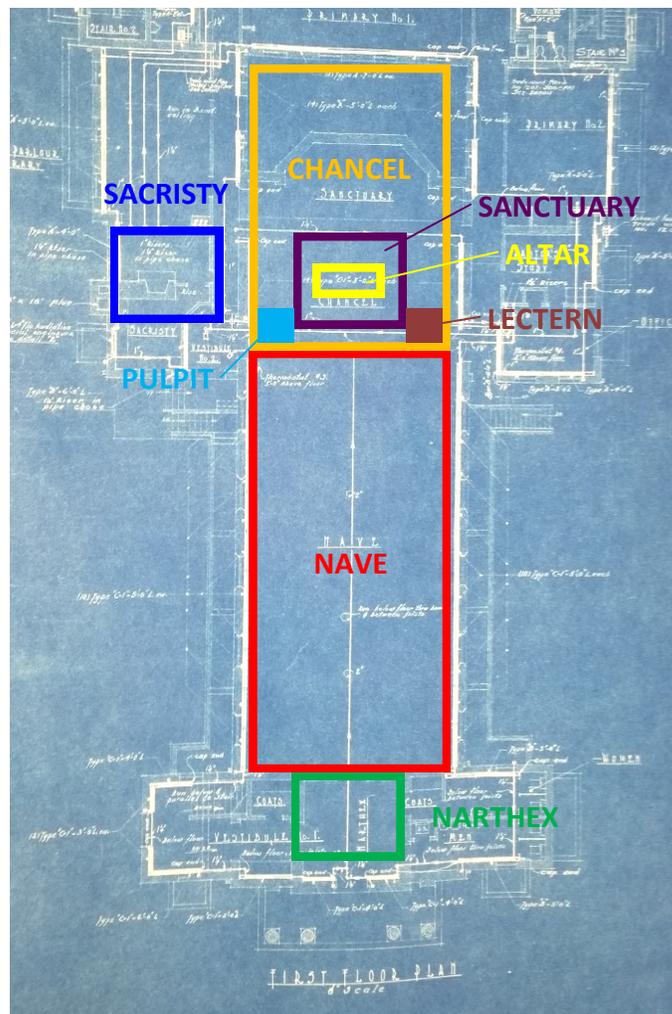
Editors Note: This article and several to follow in future Tidings are from the Lenten lecture series that Pastor Guy gave following the Lenten meals. Each lecture includes some readings from the Bible or from the Worship book. Those that were able to attend the lectures enjoyed them and were able to participate in the discussion.

If the Priestly creation story is "time oriented," the Yahwist is "space oriented." Names are given for spaces within the relationships; there is an emphasis on "place." When a scriptural passage is studied, it is highly recommended to check the background of the place names. Often, the place names are significant to the narrative. They carry the freight of contextual meaning for an event! Return to Jacob's Dream in Genesis 28:10ff. How does Jacob respond to the dream of the ladder from heaven? Read 28:16ff. This is God sanctifying "space." In the New Testament, there is an emphasis on each place that Jesus visited. These places have become "sacred spaces." Today, pilgrims still walk the road of sacred spaces that Jesus was purported to have walked.

Some Biblical scholars have made the point that in the Holy Scriptures there is a marriage of time and space. Each is in relationship with the other throughout the entire Bible. You are invited to locate the points of relationship. How do time and space relate? Now, let us take a tour of the worship space in the church and discuss how the Church has organized the space of holiness: narthex, nave, baptistery, chancel, sanctuary, lectern, pulpit, and sacristy.

The diagram to the right is the original architect's drawing with the spaces of the Church superimposed on top. (Note: you will need to see the online version of the Tidings in order to see the different colors representing each space.)

As you pass through the front doors of the Church, you enter the narthex. This is essentially the lobby or entrance to the Church. The narthex is where one prepares for worship. Using the baptismal font, we do the sign of the cross, slow down our thoughts and begin our prayers.



Architectural drawing of the Church with specific areas of holiness outlined in color.

From there, you pass through another set of double doors into what most people call the sanctuary. In reality, it is called the nave. It is the central part of the Church which accommodates the congregation, hence the rows of pews. The nave represents Heaven on earth.

The steps along the front of the nave lead us up to the chancel part of the Church. In our case, the chancel includes the choir loft area. It does not include the area within the railing along the communion kneelers. On the left side (viewed from the nave) is the pulpit. This is derived from the Latin word *pulpitum*, which means raised platform. From here the gospel is read and the sermon is preached. To the right is the lectern (from the Latin

lectus, which is the past participle of legere, which means to read), which typically is a slanted desk placed on a stand. From here the scriptures are read by either the Pastor or lay people.

For our Church, the sanctuary is the area within the kneelers and railing, where we take communion. Strictly speaking, only the clergy are allowed in this area and those to whom they give a blessing to be there also. The sanctuary is the sacred part of the Church. Within the sanctuary there is the altar table. The altar is the focal point of the celebration of the Eucharist, which is where the bread and wine are placed in preparation for consecration (literally, “Great Blessing”).

While in ancient times baptisteries were usually separate structures from the Church and baptisms were full immersions, the modern Church typically uses a baptismal font for the admission and adoption into the Church. The use of eight sides to

the font recalls the eighth day when Christ rose to loosen the bondage of death and receive the dead from their graves.

The final area of the Church to discuss is the sacristy or as we call it, the sacristy kitchen. This is where the sacred vessels and vestments are stored. The sacristy is also used to store and prepare the materials used for the service, such as the candles and the seasonal altar, pulpit, and lectern cloths. In some cases, the priest and attendants will vest and prepare for the service in the sacristy.

Please take the time to walk through the Church and take in the meaning and use of the various sacred spaces in the Church.

Sources: wikipedia.org, ask.com, worship.calvin.edu, merrimam-webster.com

Pastor Guy
Ed. Clifford Obara

Special Thanks!

Dear Trinity Family,

Betty, Ken, Kathy, David and I, as well as the rest of the family, would like to thank you so much for your care and support of us and especially of Mom during some difficult days. You have been a family to us in so many ways.

We will always miss our Mom/Grandmother, but it helps to know that so many of you cared about her and that her love lives on in all of you!

*God's blessing to all,
Carol, Kathy, David, Betty, Ken and the rest of the family*

Dear Trinity,

I would like to thank everyone who sent cards and attended Carol's Celebration of Life service. The support and prayers of the Church members added to the life and legacy of Carol.

*God bless you,
Slim Hawkins*

Recycling our Easter Lilies

Diane Roselius, TLS First Grade Teacher Carol Miles, and her students recently planted all of our remaining Easter lilies in the back of the church, along the sidewalk. In addition, they “deadheaded” and worked the bedding in that area. We will be able to reap the benefits of blooming lilies this time next year. Many thanks to Diane, Carol and the TLS first grade students.



May Usher, Greeter, and Presenter Schedule

8:30 A.M. Service					
Service Role	May 3 (Choir at 11:00)	May 10 (Choir at 8:30)	May 17 (Choir at 11:00)	May 24 (Choir at both)	May 31 (Choir at 8:30)
Captain/Greeter/ Usher	Dale Goodman	Pete Johnston	Dale Goodman	Pete Johnston	Pete Johnston
Greeter/Usher	Beverly Goodman	Joan Johnston	Beverly Goodman	Joan Johnston	Joan Johnston
Usher	Dee Klapperich	Dee Klapperich	Dee Klapperich	Dee Klapperich	Dee Klapperich
Usher	Butch Klapperich	Butch Klapperich	Butch Klapperich	Butch Klapperich	Butch Klapperich
Usher @ Rail	Pete Mizelle	Harry Savage	TBD	Pete Mizelle	Harry Savage
Presenter	Chip Nassau	Chip Nassau	Chip Nassau	Chip Nassau	Chip Nassau
Presenter	Bonnie Nassau	Bonnie Nassau	Bonnie Nassau	Bonnie Nassau	Bonnie Nassau
11:00 A.M. Service					
Captain/Greeter/ Usher	Dave Roselius	Dave Roselius	Dave Roselius	Dave Roselius	TBD
Greeter/Usher	Diane Roselius	Diane Roselius	Diane Roselius	Diane Roselius	TBD
Usher	Anne Evans	Dave Hunt	Anne Evans	Anne Evans	Dave Hunt
Usher	Jarvis Edwards	Judy Hunt	Jarvis Edwards	Jarvis Edwards	Judy Hunt
Usher @ Rail	Harlan Hamby	Harlan Hamby	Harlan Hamby	Harlan Hamby	Harlan Hamby
Presenter	Jon May	Jon May	Jon May	Jon May	Jon May
Presenter	Beckie Belote	Beckie Belote	Beckie Belote	Beckie Belote	Beckie Belote
Church Lockup	Dick Davis	Dick Davis	Dick Davis	Dick Davis	Dick Davis

If you are available for serving or need to make changes to the schedule listed above please contact Richard E. (Dick) Davis, TLC Ushering Coordinator, 757-595-7474 or richard.e.davis@earthlink.net.

Thank you for your service!

Dick Davis

Property

Here is an update on our current projects:

- Nave – The replacement chandelier light bulbs have been received and any lights that are burnt out will be replaced.
- Library – We are working to get the cold water faucet fixed.
- Music/Sunday School Room – There was a leak in the room this week and we are checking into the cause.
- Entrance lights - We will clean out and repair the lights around the exterior building doors.
- Landscaping – The benches are installed and I would like to thank Diane Roselius for leading this project. I would also like to thank Pete Johnston, Cliff Obara and Dave Roselius for their time and effort prepping and installing the benches. We also have relocated the dogwood tree to a new location further away from the Church.
- Old Archives Closet - The water heater will be replaced this summer.
- Social Hall – We are continuing to work with our contractor to get a price for the project. Since the meeting was during spring break I was not able to get an update from Earl Dunn who has been working to fix an engine in the boiler room that



may allow us to use the heaters along the side walls in the Social Hall instead of the radiant heating system below the floor.

- Church Van – The inspection is due and this will get taken care of in May.

The Property Committee meets on the first Tuesday of the month. The next meeting is on Tuesday, May 5th at 6:45 PM (dinner is at 6:00 PM) in the Social Hall during Faith in Action night. The members of the property committee are Jack Kowalski, Diane Roselius, Pete Johnston, Joan Johnston, Lynne Fritzinger (TILS) and Earl Dunn (TILS).

Bill Mulvey
Property Committee Chair



Women of Trinity

Please join the 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.

Happy Birthday to our Special Senior Saints

Charles Kessler	89	May 7
John Long	83	May 14
Jeannette Robinson Cantrell.....	90	May 23



May Crucifer/Acolyte Schedule

DATE	SERVICE	CRUCIFER	ACOLYTES	(CA) Communion Assistant (TB) Torchbearer (BB) Bible Bearer (KI) Kite (CC) Clergy Cross (TH) Thurifer
May 3 Easter V	8:30 AM	Christopher Molina	Samuel Molina Matthew Mynoymany	Marie Molina (TB,CA) Melissa Quist (TB)
	11:00 AM	Mark Madler	Lina Recuperero Emma Recuperero	Laura Madler (TB) Thomas McWithey(TB) John Savage (CA)
May 10 Easter VI	8:30 AM	Shawn Murphy	Alex Murphy Melissa Quist	Thomas McWithey (TB) Stephen McWithey (TB) Chip Nassau (CA)
	11:00 AM	John Savage	Nathan Rummel Harris Fischer	Reagan Belote (TB) Laura Madler (TB) Mark Madler (CA)
May 17 Feast of the Ascension	8:30 AM	Chip Nassau	Samuel Molina Matthew Mynoymany	Christopher Molina (TB, CA) Marie Molina (TB)
	11:00 AM	John Savage	Nathan Rummel Emma Recuperero	Thomas McWithey (TB) Stephen McWithey (TB) Mark Madler (CA)
May 24 Pentecost	8:30 AM	Shawn Murphy	Alex Murphy Stephen McWithey	Melissa Quist (TB) Stephanie Quist (TB) Chip Nassau (BB, CA) Bradley Fielding (KI) Brad Goodman (CC)
	11:00 AM	John Savage	Lina Recuperero Nathan Rummel	Sounthone Mynoymany (TB) Reagan Belote (TB) Bradley Fielding (KI, CA) Brad Goodman (CC)
May 31 Trinity Sunday	8:30 AM	Marie Molina	Christopher Molina Samuel Molina	Sounthone Mynoymany (TB,CA) Matthew Mynoymany (TB)
	11:00 AM	John Savage	Laura Madler Reagan Belote	Sounthone Mynoymany (TB.CA) Matthew Mynoymany (TB)

Please keep this schedule, as there will be no weekly reminders. If you cannot serve on the scheduled date, please contact Mr. Bill Solomon, 249-1590, as soon as possible. Thank you for your faithfulness. Servers Please Note: All servers should be robed no later than 8:15 or 10:45 AM. (8:00 or 10:30 AM on Easter Sunday). Expected Attire: Boys: Dark shoes and socks. No sports shoes. Dark, long, trousers. Light colored shirt. Girls: DARK CLOSED SHOES ONLY. NO sports shoes. Dress or skirt should not be longer than robe. Simple, hair barrettes. Black or white scrunches are okay.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

Overseas News

Eric Lindfors, son of Bo and Nancy Lindfors, has been selected to receive a promotion to Captain and ordered to serve as "Chief of Staff" to Commander, Naval Forces Korea. The promotion is expected to become effective on October 1, 2015. *Congratulations, Eric!*



Cora Miller Circle Luncheon

May 14, 2015, 11:45 A.M.
Mike's Place
Newport News, Virginia

Special Thanks

Thanks to Trinity Lutheran School's Mrs. Lauri Nosil for washing a number of the church and school server cassocks and for replacing hundreds of missing buttons!

Address for James Fielding

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BLDG 1737, 8TH STREET
BOX 788253
TWENTYNINE PALMS, CA 92278

BLOOD DRIVE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

After many years of being the Trinity representative for the Hilton Area Church's Blood Drive, Anne Evans is stepping aside. We need a representative from the Church to volunteer for this role. Other volunteers are needed in July as well, when we host the blood drive. Please prayerfully consider giving your time. Details of what the position requires are available from Anne Evans or the Administrative Assistant. The primary function of the representative is to announce the blood drives and coordinate snacks for the blood donors. When Trinity hosts the event, coordination of the gym and volunteers is needed.



The next blood drive is May 19th at First United Methodist Church, 2:00-6:00PM

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

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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 21—August 27, 2015): 10:00 A.M.

Holy Communion is celebrated weekly

A Nursery is Provided during worship

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