

# Trinity Tidings

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Newport News, VA

October 2016



*The Union Chapel, which became part of the first permanent church for Trinity*

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## *From the Pastor's Desk . . .*



Dear Friends,

3 things:

**Welcoming:** Why wear a nametag? “Because it is a sign of hospitality, communicating to others (and guests and new members): “we care about you and we’re glad you are

here today. We are not a closed community where we already know everyone who matters. We want you to know us, and we want to get to know you. Thanks for wearing your nametag.” (I saw this in another church’s bulletin). It is a good rationale. We have become lax. Please pick yours up and wear it. The library still has nametags that have not been picked up. Call the church office, if you need one.

**Tweaking:** the spoken liturgy and worship format for the early service is still being adjusted, hoping that we can engage in worship that is a bit more simple, casual, and open to flexibility for the future. I do appreciate some feedback from early worshippers so that opinions and comments can continue to feed into staff and worship and music

committee considerations. Please continue to be patient, see the worship as both “historic” and yet “in process” as we try to fine tune what is offered. Thanks for your patience.

**Pledging:** at its September Council meeting, the Council approved a stewardship emphasis this fall that will ask every member to consider both a time/talent inventory of service and a financial commitment to strengthen the resources for this congregation’s ministry. Christians are called to be about “growing generosity” as we look to expand and increase our giving to and through Trinity congregation. In October, each member will receive an envelope with a cover letter, a time/talent inventory, a pledge card and a homework assignment. These will be returned and dedicated on **Oct. 30**, the date of our Reformation festival that begins a year-long observance of the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Lutheran heritage.

Pray always for the things listed above, and for the hospitalized and homebound, for Trinity’s ministries and for the call committee and its work!

Blessings,  
*Pastor Cobb*

### ***Trinity’s “Back to School,” opening prayer:***

O God, we ask your blessing on this school, its students, teachers, staff and families who together, form a community of learning and caring. Within these walls, nurture a sense of adventure in learning, a sense of friendship in the classes, a challenge to minds and imaginations as each child grows in understanding and wisdom, integrity and courage. Let there be singing and praise of you when we worship; let there be laughter and humor sprinkled everywhere; let the noise and sounds of life fill this place as signs of praise of you, our God. Bless the classrooms, the lunch room, church pews, athletic fields, the gym and playground, as we give thanks for these special moments of life graced by you, our God. With thankful hearts and lives, let the people of God say, Amen. Amen.



# ***New Worship Schedule***

- 8:15 A.M. Service of Holy Communion with spoken liturgy  
9:15 A.M. Faith formation (Sunday School) for children and adults  
10:15 A.M. Fellowship time in the library  
10:45 A.M. Chief Worship Service with Holy Communion and sung liturgy

*Ed. Note: This information is being reprinted from last month. The Worship and Music committee is evolving these services based on feedback from the congregation.*

Trinity's Worship and Music Committee recommended and Congregational Council has approved the following Sunday worship schedule which began on Sept. 11, 2016:

8:15 A.M. Service of Holy Communion with spoken liturgy including hymns, sermon, children's chat.

9:15-10:15: Faith Formation for children and adults

10:15-10:45: Fellowship Time (greeting one another, refreshments, etc.)

10:45: Chief worship service for the day with Holy Communion, full sung liturgy, sermon, chancel choir, servers, children's chat, etc.

Process getting us to these changes: we asked the congregation for two surveys and opinions in December and January; many hoped for one worship service similar to our summer format; others desired that two worship options be maintained. A Lenten series on Wednesday nights summarized these survey findings for all in

attendance. Two open forums were held on June 5 and 12 with much discussion/reflection. Notes were kept about the discussions. Worship and Music Committee deliberated on four possible options and chose the one listed above.

Some rationales: the earlier service will be more casual and informal (and with a spoken liturgy, it will be shorter); it is increasingly difficult to find numbers of servers, ushers and worship assistants for two services. The choir will stay with the "chief service of the day" (at 10:45), also, the 10:15-10:45 fellowship time will allow classes some time to "wrap up" the lessons; it will also be a choir prep time, while parishioners, following Sunday School, will be invited into a fellowship time (often with refreshments) to promote community building, invite visitors, etc. into this gathering. With each worship beginning 15 minutes earlier than before, the Sunday schedule will end earlier in both services. Our Council believes this schedule will serve us well. Thanks to everyone for prayers, opinions, reflections and decisions as we move forward with what hopefully "is best for the church!"



## ***Music Update for the 500th Anniversary***

The new program year promises to be filled with a great variety of beautiful music as we prepare for the 500th anniversary of Luther's reformation in 2017. At the heart of our musical praise is our chancel choir. Trinity is blessed to have a dedicated group of persons who lead our assembly's song each week. The new year means new opportunity, and we hope to add one or two (or three...) to our

ranks. Are you the person we're looking for? Consider this the gentle nudge you may need to walk through our choir room doors on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm. I'm always available to answer your questions. Even better, ask one of our current singers! There are wonderful voices and musicians in our congregation, and it's time that a few of those take their rightful place in Trinity's choir.

*Rob Keene*

# *Christian Education*

A big thank you for all the generous donations provided during the Rally Day Fair!

Shown are two delivery pictures from the seven deliveries total. The Carlsons delivered to three fire stations, the Harrys delivered to one police and one fire station, Eric Rummel brought some to his police station, and Michaela and I brought some to the Newport News police station. Officers Walker and Hinton are in the picture with Michaela.

There is also picture of what we have gathered so far for the personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief which included the following items:

- 25 towels
- 107 toothbrushes
- 100 combs
- 41 nail clippers
- 134 bars of soap (2 per kit so 67 kits)

We are still in need of more towels and nail clippers.

I would like to thank everyone for all the Sunday School supply donations! We are most definitely set for the year!

*Jessica Moye*



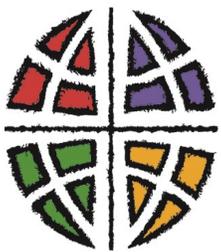
## ***Reformation Book Store***

**Our church is having a Reformation 500 Bookstore!**

The 500th anniversary of the Reformation is fast approaching! Do you want to learn more about Martin Luther, his writings, and their impact on Christianity? Do you want to reflect on the ongoing impact of the Reformation today? Stop by our Reformation 500 Bookstore to shop for engaging books on the Reformation for readers of all ages and interests! Save up to 50% plus receive free shipping on all Bookstore titles.

Stop by the Church Library to get fascinating books on the Reformation for you and your family. The last day to get a book is October 2nd.

Our Bookstore is sponsored by Augsburg Fortress, the publishing ministry of the ELCA. The books will include bestselling biographies like *Luther the Reformer* as well as an atlas of the European Reformations, a graphic novel for young readers, and primary sources from The Annotated Luther series.



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# God's work. Our hands.

### ***Sunday School Theme for 2016-2017***

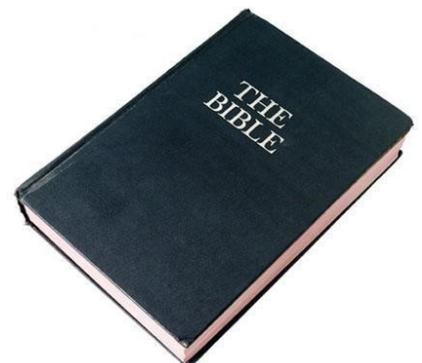
For the younger students we will be using the theme "The Bible in 50 Words." They are as follows:

God made  
Adam bit  
Noah arked  
Abraham split  
Joseph ruled  
Jacob fooled  
Bush talked  
Moses balked  
Pharaoh plagued

People walked  
Sea divided  
Tablets guided  
Promise landed  
Saul freaked  
David peeked  
Prophets warned  
Jesus born  
God walked

Love talked  
Anger crucified  
Hope died  
Love rose  
Spirit flamed  
Word spread  
God remained.

*Source Unknown*



# *Rally Day Fair in Pictures*



**God's work.  
Our hands.**



*... by Michelle Carpenter*



## ***Oktoberfest ... Origins***

Crown Prince Ludwig, later to become King Ludwig I, was married to Princess Therese of Saxony-Hildburghausen on 12th October 1810. The citizens of Munich were invited to attend the festivities held on the fields in front of the city gates to celebrate the happy royal event. It has now turned into a world-wide “Volkfest”, ( fun fair/party/beer fest), which is now attended by millions of people everywhere in very different ways.

The Congregational Life Committee would like you to join Trinity’s celebration of Oktoberfest, Saturday October 1st at 5:30 pm in the fellowship hall. Bring your family, a friend, and a American/German side dish to share with all. We will provide everything else, including brats, dogs, roast pork, drinks, games, and music.

*Richard Anderson*



**Saturday, October 1st, 5:30 to 8:00 PM**

### ***Happy Birthday to our Special Senior Saints***

The following person was overlooked last month:

Ted Behrmann ..... September 27 ..... 81

#### October Birthdays

Millie Christensen..... October 6th .....92

Maureen Sallade.....October 21st..... 84

Arlene Stone..... October 27th .....88



# ***Opportunities for Families in TLC's Worship Services***

This summer, TLC's Worship and Music Committee began recruiting more ushers, and building more participation of families in the Greeting, Ushering and Presenting activities within TLC's Worship Services.

Several junior family members took part in Trinity's worship services this summer I would like to recognize their service at this time.

- Mackenzie Anderson (with Alan Anderson)
- Dale Anderson (with Richard Anderson)
- Brianna and Savannah Beauvais (with Jarvis Edwards)
- Mikayla Behlmar (with Jim Gribble)
- Karina and Elena Stevens, (with Carol Bessom and Kathy Stevens)
- Carson Turnage (with Kristen Turnage)

If I have overlooked anyone, please let me know.

We encourage more families to take part in this activity and encourage their children's participation

year-round. The children enjoy and take pride in being able to participate in the worship service in this way.

We need volunteers for both the 8:15AM and 10:45 AM services. You can serve any number of Sundays that you want. We seek Greeters to help welcome our members and visitors and hand them bulletins; Ushers to help take up the offerings and help people find seats; and Presenters, to help carry the Communion elements up the aisle. May I suggest you try one service one Sunday-give it a try? We think you'll like it.

If you are interested, please contact me at 595-7474 or at [richard.e.davis@earthlink.net](mailto:richard.e.davis@earthlink.net). We have very simple instructions which will allow you to begin service right away.

*Thank You!*

*Richard E. (Dick) Davis*

*Ushering Coordinator*

*Worship and Music Committee*

## ***Attention Scrapbookers!***

Are you looking for a place to scrapbook without the commitment of a full weekend crop (always fun, but we often don't have the time)?

Do you wish you could count on getting a few pages done before your child becomes a parent themselves?

Do you want to spend time sharing, laughing and enjoying the company of other scrapbookers?

Are you new to scrapbooking and want to learn more about the techniques and tools available?

Then join us on Saturday, October 8th from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM in the Church social hall.

Help us get a new Trinity scrapbooking group together that will meet once a month (the second Saturday of the month). For more information and

to reserve a spot please call Terri Hoffeditz at (C) 757 871 1182 or (H) 757 766 2646.

*Please note: this is not a sales sponsored event. Just plain scrapbooking!*



# *Bits and Pieces of Useful Information*

## ***Reformation Reception***

There will be a reception between services on Sunday, October 30th (no Sunday School classes). Please join us as we begin to celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the start of the Lutheran Church. You are invited to bring a hors d'oeuvres to share during this time of fellowship.



**Reformation Day**

## ***Tidings Inputs***

***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.

## ***Constant Contact***

Constant Contact is our church email system for special announcements and Friday "Forget-Me-Nots" as needed. This is our most efficient and timely method to getting



Church information out to the congregation. If you are not receiving the church messages, please notify the church office at **245-7861** or by e-mail at **admin@trinitynn.org**. We must have your permission stating that you wish to accept these emails from the church. If you are receiving the emails, but wish to change email addresses or add an address, please notify the church office as well.

Also, please advise the office administrator of any mailing address or phone number changes as soon as possible.

***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.



## ***Service Volunteer Schedule***

The service volunteer schedule is now located on the back of the monthly calendar. The print version will be as up to date as possible at press time. Whenever possible, both the calendar and the volunteer schedule will be updated and placed on the Church website. We are also trying to list all the volunteers needed for the services.

# COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

## ADVENT EVENT

Sunday, November 20th

Your help is needed! Canopies (easy up style) are needed for the Advent event. Please bring yours to loan the Church before November 11th. The Christian Education committee will be transforming the social hall into ancient Jerusalem. If you can help with the setup and/or tear down as

well, please contact Jessica Moye.



## Upcoming Events

Oct 1	Oktoberfest
Oct 8	Scrapbooking Event
Oct 7-9	VCS concerts
Oct 16	Youth - Howl-O-Scream
Oct 28	LFS Halloween Party
Oct 30	Reformation Reception
Oct 30	TLS Book Fair
Nov 6	All Saints Sunday
Nov 12	Scrapbooking Event
Nov 18-20	Lost and Found, Youth
Nov 20	Advent Event
Dec 9	LFS Christmas Party
Dec 10-11	VCS concerts
Dec 17-18	VCS concerts
Dec. 18	Trinity Troupers Musical
Dec. 20	Lessons and Carols

To all our Trinity friends, we want to thank each of you for your many prayers, cards and calls during this most difficult time in our life.

Thanks to Pastor Cobb for his visits, which are very special, as he is a very caring leader. We miss being able to worship with you, but, I hope to come back someday. Keep Trinity Spirit alive and well for us.

*God Bless All,  
Louise & Roy Mozingo*

## Scrapbooking Event

Beginning in October, on the second Saturday of each month, Terri Hoffeditz will host a scrapbooking day in the church social hall. This event is open to all church members and all TLS parents, teachers and staff (from ages teenage to adult). There will not be any sales pitches. Please mark your calendar for this Trinity Scrappers event.

**Saturday, October 8th  
9:00 AM—3:00 PM**

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## Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship: 8:15 A.M. and 10:45 A.M.

Faith Walk (Sunday School) Between Services: 9:15 A.M.

Holy Communion is celebrated weekly

A Nursery is Provided during worship

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