

# Trinity Tidings

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Newport News, VA

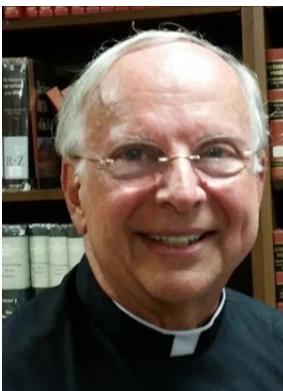
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# *From the Pastor's Desk . . .*



Dear Friends,

Items from Virginia Synod Assembly: meeting at Roanoke College, June 10-12.

Trinity was represented by Pastor Cobb and Judy and David Hunt.

Bishop Mauney retires next year after 18 years of service to the synod and a new Bishop will be elected.

"Forwarding Faith" campaign will give congregations, in 2017, opportunity to give special gifts to form a permanent endowment for youth ministry and faith formation in the Virginia Synod. The goal will be \$2.5 million dollars. At present, from a major gift, lead gifts and rostered leaders, \$1,539,000. has already been given! Wonderful! Ask

any of our youth who attend synod events/retreats and you'll hear that it is life-changing for many.

Heard in the candidacy committee report, the following from the chair, Ned Wisnfske: "for over 15 years, William Solomon served as chair of the VA Synod Candidacy Committee. In December, he resigned that position but was persuaded to remain as a member of the committee. We hope the synod will join our committee in thanksgiving for his excellence in service to the church and his dedicated support of candidates." We add our congratulations Bill.

Our E.L.C.A. facts, you may not know: we are a church of over 9300 congregations in the U.S. and we worship in 42 languages in this country! Wonderful and diverse we are.

Good things to share. Blessings,

*Pastor Cobb*

**Rally Day Fair**  
God's Work Our Hands

Sunday September 11th, 2016  
in the Social Hall  
9:15am

Activities  
Crafts  
Food  
and fun for all!

We will be dedicating the social hall floor!

Please bring a baked good to donate to our local police and first responders!

Visit our Reformation 500 Book Fair!

**COME ONE, COME ALL TO THE RALLY DAY FAIR**

**SEPTEMBER 11th, 9:15 AM, CHURCH SOCIAL HALL**

**COME ONE, COME ALL TO THE RALLY DAY FAIR**



Lutheran  
World  
Relief      Personal Care Kits:

- Bath size bars of soap in original packaging
- Adult size toothbrushes
- Sturdy combs (no picks or fine toothed)
- Metal nail clippers
- Light weight bath towel (20"x40" or 52"x27")



Donate baked goods for police and first responders in disposable packaging

**Reformation 500**

Learn about Martin Luther's writings & the impact of the Reformation  
Get up to 50% off + free shipping!

Donations for Sunday School:

- Crayons
- Washable markers
- Construction paper
- Glue (bottles and sticks)
- Scissors
- Pens
- Colored pencils

# **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

Trinity's Worship and Music Committee recommended and Congregational Council has approved the following Sunday worship schedule beginning 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*

## ***Social Hall Upgrades***

The month of August was a busy one for the property committee and a large contingent of volunteers. Preparations were made for the installation of the new floating floor. This required the need for a work day on the last Saturday of July and another work day on August 20th. First, the custodial crew took down the large room divider and started clearing the floor of furniture, etc. Volunteers then disposed of the divider and finished clearing the floor. Doors and radiator covers were removed from around the room and the walls were prepped and painted. The window valences were taken down, cleaned, pressed, and replaced. The windows, blinds, and radiator covers were cleaned. All the doors were trimmed and reinstalled. New rubber feet were installed on most of the chairs to protect the floor from scratches. While there are a few more things to work on, the room was ready for the start of school. Several members volunteered to take some of the items home to be cleaned and/or returned at other convenient times to help get the work done.

With the age of the building starting to show, there will have to be more work days to keep up with the maintenance. In addition, look for an announcement this October, as we will need to do some landscaping work outside.

I would like to thank the following people for helping out: John Lunsford, Brad Goodman, Harry Lee, Grant Owens, Diane and David Roselius, Dan Jungkuntz, Patricia McClelland, Kathleen Johnson, Harry and Jessica Savage, Ed Matz, Phillip Shook, Cliff and Anne Obara, Rock and Sue Moeslein, Mark Madler, Sounthone Mynoymany, Allen and Charlotte Duff, Brian McWithey, James Deagle, and Jon May. If I forgot someone, I sincerely apologize.

Also, thanks to David Hunt who has been taking care of the church van by getting it inspected and repaired.

Ed Matz has agreed to chair the property committee and has already been getting acclimated to the job.

*Clifford Obara, Property Liaison*



# ***Archives***

The archives have moved (again). We are now located in the room beside the church library that used to be Carol Bessom's office. Materials are now better organized, but we have lots of records that still need to be filed. If you have extra time on your hands, Sandy Cobb works almost every Monday from 10 AM to 1 PM. She always welcomes volunteers to help. Please call the church to make sure she will be there.

The Archives committee needs your help in other ways as well. We are looking for any of the following items that would add to the history of the Church:

- Wedding bulletins or articles (such as newspaper clippings), either original or copies, for all brides and grooms who were married at the church or married by one of the pastors.
- Funeral bulletins or obituaries from all funerals before the year 2000.

- Pictures of activities, such as congregational life events, first communion and confirmation classes, Sunday school. Please identify the people in the picture on a post-it note attached to the back of the picture. Please do not write on the picture itself.
- Program of acitivities (six page brochure of activities for the year). We are missing 2002-03, 2003-04, 2205-06, 2006-07, 2009-10.
- Directory of members (not the pictorial version) for 1980, 1984, 1986, 1988, and 2014.

Please contact the church office or Sandy Cobb if you would like access to any of the materials that form the history of the Church.



## ***Indoor Cookout for the Start of School***

On August 24th, the school held an indoor cookout for the staff, students, and parents to kick off the start of the 2016-2017 school year. The cookout

was held in the newly renovated social hall with plenty of hamburgers, hot dogs, salads, and drinks for all.



# ***Christian Education: “God’s Work. Our Hands.”***

**Sunday, September 11, 2016**

The ELCA day of service is the same day as Rally Day for Trinity. For the second year we will be having a Rally Day for the whole church, not just the kids. This is a great time for all of us to come together after the Summer months to renew our energy as a church and this year let's all help to make a difference with some group service projects. Over the Summer please take some time to think about the following projects and buying some supplies to donate.

## **Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits:**

Lutheran World Relief will distribute these kits to those in need. They ask that all items be new. This shows great care and respect for the dignity of the recipient. Each personal care kits contains:

2-3 bath size bars of soap (no mini or hotel size bars) in original packaging

1 adult size toothbrush in original packaging (multi packs may be used by sealing individual toothbrushes in a business size envelope)

1 sturdy comb (no picks or fine tooth combs)

1 metal nail clipper

One lightweight bath size towel (20" x 40" or 52" x 27") dark colors recommended (Walmart sells the 52" x 27" towels for \$2.74)

## **Care Baskets for Local Emergency First Responders, Firefighters, EMTs, and Police:**

This year, the ELCA day of service will also mark the 15 year anniversary of the September 11<sup>th</sup> terrorist attacks. The ELCA Presiding Bishop, Elizabeth A. Eaton said it best when she said, “The world can be a dangerous place. But there are some who, when disaster strikes, run toward the danger. These are the first responders, firefighters, police, and EMTs, who live out their baptismal vocation in service to their communities in times of intense need. They do God’s work with their hands.” They help so many and deserve a big thank you for their service. Please consider bringing in treats and drinks that we can place in some baskets to deliver to local stations. Hand drawn pictures from our children would be great.

In addition to these two service projects, we will have additional activities downstairs for the whole congregation. No age group will be left out. Please consider contributing some items. Place a reminder on your calendar and/or phone. I know from experience how easy it is to forget to bring in the donations. I personally rely on my phone to beep at me and remind myself about important things. Items can be brought in anytime during the Summer as well as September 11<sup>th</sup>. There will be a box in the library for donations.

Thank You!

*The Christian Education Committee*



**Evangelical  
Lutheran  
Church in America**

**God’s work.  
Our hands.**

# ***From the Virginia Synod and ELCA***

## **Week of Service:**

During September 4-11, 2016, the Virginia Synod and the Virginia Lutheran Partners in Mission encourage congregations to participate in a service project during the Week of Service. Our Virginia Week of Service will take place between Labor Day and the ELCA's "God's Work, Our Hands" Sunday on September, 11 2016.

For more information on "God's Work, Our Hands" Sunday, you can go to: [www.elca.org/dayofservice](http://www.elca.org/dayofservice)

"God's work. Our hands." Sunday is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. The suggested date for the 2016 dedicated day of service is Sunday, Sept. 11. Mark your calendars today! If your congregation cannot participate on this date, please consider another day.

This year's dedicated day of service will also mark the 15-year anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the United States.

As you continue to share God's love with your neighbors, whether it is preparing and delivering

meals to people and families rendered homeless or cleaning your neighborhood parks, consider thanking and holding in prayer the emergency responders in your area as part of your service.

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*ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth A. Eaton*

Service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ – every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life – flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God's grace.

You work every day to make your community a better place. Let us continue doing this work together in 2016! View the video and access resources to guide your congregation's planning, promotion and more.

## ***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 Social Hall September 11<sup>th</sup> or the Church Library September 18th between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> service to get fascinating books on the Reformation for you and your family.

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 Reformation, a graphic novel for young readers, and primary sources from The Annotated Luther series.

# ***Stewardship Service***

Stewardship - You have gifts and talents to share with others!

If you have a few spare hours during the week and are looking for a fulfilling volunteer experience, our community partner, THRIVE Peninsula, has just the job for you! The idea is that when a family is experiencing financial challenges, a Family Advocate Volunteer is available to help them look at their budget and consider changes. Helping folks make financial adjustments is more than an intervention. It offers a path for positive long term financial stability. If you are interested, contact 757-877-6211, press ext. 5. A THRIVE staff member will be happy to answer your questions about this volunteer opportunity!

**POSITION:** Family Advocate Volunteer

**TIME COMMITMENT:** approx. 2 hours on a weekly basis

## **SUMMARY:**

Family Advocates meet face to face with individuals and families applying for emergency aid at the Outreach Center. He/she charts and develops an initial

household budget using documents presented by applicant. The family advocate serves as the liaison between a family and the THRIVE staff. Family Advocates conduct interviews Monday-Thursday during the early afternoon and Tuesday mornings. Training provided.

## **RECOMMENDED SKILLS:**

- Sound foundation in household budgeting principles and practices
- Discretion in working with highly sensitive/confidential client information
- Attention to detail when acquiring personal financial information from clients
- Ability to write pertinent notes assessing financial interview
- Ministry/mission-minded passion
- Interpersonal relational skills

THRIVE Peninsula is located at 13193 Warwick Blvd. #100, Newport News, VA 23601 (Just north of Colony Road across from Pep Boys) Check out their website at <http://thrivepeninsula.org>



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

Here is the list for June through September.

Wilma Johnson.....	96.....	June 4
Viola Kessler .....	93.....	June 12
Gloria Driver.....	85.....	June 29
Doris Moeser.....	84.....	June 29
Alan Bobbe.....	91.....	July 11
Susan Hall.....	90.....	July 5
Virginia Hamby.....	83.....	July 12
Edith Naurath .....	90.....	July 24
Rudy Naurath.....	92.....	July 24

Charlotte Paschall.....	80.....	August 4
William "Buddy" Schultz.....	88.....	August 7
Harry Lee .....	81.....	August 8
Richard "Dick" Sallade .....	87.....	August 16
Cal Scougal .....	89.....	September 9
Louis Mozingo .....	84.....	September 17
Matilda "Tillie" Schultz.....	86.....	September 21
George Hagler.....	86.....	September 27

# **Youth News: Rummage Sale Report**

Dear Trinity Congregation,

On behalf of the youth of our church, the advisors would like to extend the most heartfelt thanks to all of you. This year's rummage sale was one of our most successful yet! We made a grand total of \$5302 and counting! Some sales are still coming in even as I write this note.

Each year that we hold this sale, we are astounded by your generosity. Because it is the only fundraiser we do for the National Youth Gathering, we rely on it heavily. We simply cannot have this sale without you, and you have never let us down! We are humbled and thankful and so very grateful to be part of this most loving church family. We want to share some special thanks to a number of people who helped us out this year.

First, thanks to Cliff and Anne Obara who arranged advertising for us, coordinated with church and school staff, helped price items, provided a truck and some manpower on bulk pickup day, and provided the clothes hanging stands. Extra thanks to Cliff for being there on Friday morning as well, during the heaviest rush. Anne and Cliff, thank you so much for all you do for us during this sale!

Thanks to our building custodians, Earl, James, and Danny, who brought up tables, laid the mat on the gym floor and helped in many other ways as they always do. Thank you so much!

Thanks to our movers on bulk pickup day, Shu Mynoymany, Shawn Murphy, Cliff Obara, Fred Ardis, and Mark Madler. They helped us get some large and heavy items down to the sale.

We had many other helpers this year! We extend our most gracious thanks to the following people who helped us carry up from the youth room, sort, organize, price, sell, and/or research items this year: Shawn and Debbie Murphy, Melisa Quist, Morgan Lunsford, Sandy Lunsford, David Hunt, Michelle Carpenter, Shu Mynoymany, Todd Recupero, Anne Obara, Cliff Obara, and Diana Belmar. We really appreciate the hours you put in to help us out in so many ways!

Not only do we set up the sale, we must take it down and pack it all up when it's over. Thanks to those who helped with that final day this year: David and Judy Hunt, Shu and Wendy Mynoymany, Todd Recupero, Michelle and Chip Carpenter, Cliff Obara, Shawn and Debbie Murphy, we thank you all!!!

We also want to thank Carol Bessom for keeping track of our money, for bringing us our initial change cash and for many other things she did for us that may seem small but made a huge difference to us! (I especially want to thank her for watching my children every afternoon so they could get away from the sale and relax a little bit, and for feeding the three of us all those days, too! I love you, Mom!)

Thanks to the counting committee for tallying up our almost-final amounts!

Thanks to the school for coordinating with us on the use of the gym and for being supportive of our youth program!

*Kathy Stevens and Kelly Rummel*



# ***Bits and Pieces of Useful Information***

## **Directory**



We tried and tried, proofread and proofread; but we still we made mistakes. Our apologies. The 2016 Trinity directory is not perfect. Please call the church office with corrections so we get it right in 2017. Our biggest error was to delete the names of the Murphy's son and daughter. Please add Alex and Kelly back into your directory. We don't know how that happened.

*Judy Hunt and Anne Obara*



**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.



## **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.

## **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**

## **HILTON AREA BLOOD DRIVE**

Tuesday, September 6,  
From 1:30 to 6:00 PM

**Hilton Baptist Church**

101 Main Street, Newport News  
[redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)

Sponsor Code:

**HiltonAC**

*Free gifts for all  
blood donors!*



Dear Friends at Trinity,

Thank you for all your expressions of sympathy on the death of Effie Rex. Your gifts to the Organ Fund in her memory would please her immensely as she so loved to hear Trinity's organ. We also appreciate your support during her illness and after her death. Thank you to Pastor Cobb, Rob Keene and our ushers (Dick Davis, John Lunsford, and Bill Solomon) for their help with her memorial service and to Carol Besom and all her helpers for the reception after the service. We will miss our family's matriarch but know she is at a better place where she feels no pain, can remember without frustration and can hear every heavenly note from the angel choir.

Sincerely,

*The Hunt, Rummel and Buckley Families*

## **Upcoming Events**

Sep 4-11	Synod Week of Service
Sep 6	Hilton Blood Drive
Sep 11	Rally Day Fair
Sep 18	Sunday school starts (Adults and children)
Oct 1	Oktoberfest
Oct 8	Scrapbooking Event
Oct 7-9	VCS concerts
Nov 6	All Saints Sunday
Nov 18-20	Lost and Found, Youth
Nov 20	Advent Event
Dec 10-11	VCS concerts
Dec 17-18	VCS concerts

## **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**

# Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

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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

## Contact Information

Interim Pastor: The Rev. Dr. James G. Cobb (pastor@trinitynn.org)

Organist and Director of Music: Rob Keene (music@trinitynn.org)

Administrative Assistant: Anne Obara (admin@trinitynn.org)

Treasurer: Carol Bessom (cbessom@trinitynn.com)

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