

Trinity Tidings

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Newport News, VA

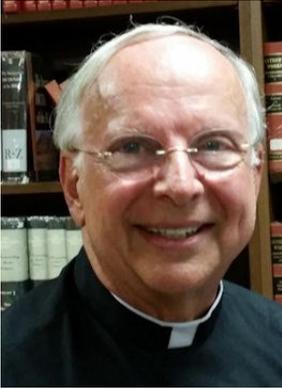
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Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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From the Pastor's Desk . . .



Dear Friends,

In every Sunday bulletin, there are a series of announcements giving so much weekly information about the life and opportunities at Trinity. If you missed the listing of the call committee, these are the

ones elected by congregational council: Suzanne Beckstoffer, Mark Madler, John Savage, Kelly Rummel, Connie Hoover, Bill Solomon (chair). Please, keep this group constantly in your prayers as they begin the important task of interviews, etc. Prayers are needed as they go on their way!

On Wednesday, March 23, the Trinity School breakfast was held in the gym and there were three speakers (Katherine "Page" Davis, an alumnus (Connie Hoover's daughter); Ms. Lindsey Carney, attorney and School Board Vice-Chair and Mr. Frank Roach, CEO of Ferguson Enterprises as the

keynote speaker. These were very fine talks, well received and they fit together so well about the values of school and business. Mr. Roach had one sentence about business that was very interesting: "we fear the status quo more than we fear change." Implication: change is that reality which is open as a future dynamic, always adapting and on-the-move. Think about that with regard to Trinity's future. I believe it was Yale theologian Jaroslav Peliken who said something to the effect, "traditionalism is the dead faith of the living; tradition is the living faith of the dead." There is a tension between preserving and living! The Church is guided by a living, active, dynamic Spirit of God "blowing where it wills." Tradition, yes, change and new life, yes! How will both gifts form Trinity's future? Think on these things; pray that out of such tensions, the true guiding of our God will be discerned and followed.

Peace to you,
Pastor Jim Cobb

Seder Meal and Passover Observance

The members of Congregation Emet v'Or have invited the members of Trinity to share the Seder meal as part of the observance of the first day of Passover, on **Friday, April 22 at 6:00 pm** in the Social Hall. Join us for this wonderful opportunity for fellowship with our Jewish sisters and brothers and to learn about this tradition. Cost is \$10 for adults; \$5 for children 5-12, and free for children under 5. Laura Davis will be available in the library on April 3 and

10 between services to take your reservation and payment.

Laura Davis
Worship & Music Chair



Call Committee

The Church Council has appointed a Call Committee for the purpose of calling a new pastor. Bill Solomon is chairman; other members are Suzanne Beckstoffer, Connie Hoover, Mark Madler, Kelly Rummel, and John Savage. The committee has met with the bishop's representative Rev. Chris Price to review the synod's call process. They also participated in the weekly Lenten Wednesday suppers and will include the church's survey results in their deliberations. In addition, a congregational ministry site profile was prepared by the transition committee and the church council and is on file with the synod for prospective candidates. The committee asks for your support and prayers as they begin the call process.

Thanks,
Suzanne Beckstoffer

Trinity's Got Talent



Back by popular demand, Trinity Lutheran School presents "Trinity's Got Talent." The dinner and performances will be held on Friday, April 15th. The dinner will start at 5:30 PM in the school gym, followed by the talent show at 7:00 PM in the social hall. There is a fee for the dinner. Please contact the school office at 245-2576 or check for updates on the school and/or church websites: trinitytynn.com or trinitylutheran-nn.com.



Yard Sale Information

Our annual Trinity Youth Yard Sale will be held this year. Thanks to members, our youth room is already filling up fast with yard sale donations. Smaller items are currently being collected in the youth room. If you have items that you need to remove from your house immediately and/or you have large items that you will need help with moving, please contact Kathy Stevens or Kelly Rummel. If you can hold onto the items until the June timeframe that would help with storage. Information regarding the yard sale dates will be coming soon.



Kelly Rummel and Kathy Stevens

Virginia Chorale Concert



The Virginia Chorale journeys to northern Europe for its first-ever salute to the choral traditions of the Baltic and Nordic states, with radiant music by Sven-David Sandström (Sweden), Arvo Pärt (Estonia), Ola Gjeilo (Norway), and Ēriks Ešņvalds (Latvia), whose *Northern Lights* was a hit with our audiences in 2014 and which, by popular demand, we'll reprise on this concert. The concert will be held at Trinity on **Friday, April 29th at 8:00 pm**. Tickets are available by visiting the website: <http://www.vachorale.org/northern-lights.html>.

Virginia Choral Society



Concert: "Everyday Miracles"

The Virginia Choral Society will present its spring concert on **Sunday, May 1st at a 4:00 pm** matinee show at Trinity. More information about tickets for this concert are available at: <http://www.vachoralsociety.org/index.html>.

Synod Assembly

The Synod Assembly of the Virginia Synod, ELCA will be held **June 10-12, 2016**. Our congregation is allowed two lay members to attend the synod assembly, preferably one male and one female delegate, and one youth delegate to go to the youth assembly. Please notify the pastor or the church council president if you are interested in attending. This is a wonderful opportunity to see first hand how the Synod operates and to meet other delegates from around the state.

TEAM Donation Distribution

The ad-hoc committee for the distribution of the Trinity Endowment and Ministries Foundation (TEAM) donation for 2014 and 2015 funds has finalized the list of charitable organizations that will receive a donation from Trinity.

The TEAM foundation had donated a two year total of \$13,691 to distribute. Members of the congregation suggested beneficiaries in the categories of international, national and local missions. On March 8th, the congregational council approved the following:

- \$500 United Campus Ministry (ecumenical campus ministry at Christopher Newport University)
- \$1440 Rwanda School Project (project with our ELCA global missionary, Robin Strickler)
- \$1751 ELCA “Fund for Leaders in Mission” (building a fund for tuition free scholarships for seminarians)
- \$1500 Circle of Compassion (Newport News Mayor’s initiative for youth intervention/development)
- \$500 Thrive Peninsula (our food bank collection for hunger needs and financial guidance in our Peninsula area)

- \$1000 Peninsula Pastoral Counseling Center (referrals for counseling sessions)
- \$1000 Lutheran Family Services (essential services and foster care for children)
- \$500 Caroline Furnace Camp (Virginia Synod outdoor ministry site for children/youth)
- \$1000 ELCA “walk for water” campaign (special emphasis from National Lutheran Youth Gathering)
- \$500 VA Peninsula Food Bank (additional local food ministry)
- \$1500 Lutheran Disaster Response (our church’s response to immediate disasters)
- \$1000 Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (global refugee needs)
- \$1500 Don Golden Music Scholarship Fund (benefits a CNU student)

HOW GRATEFUL WE ARE TO BE ABLE TO USE ENDOWMENT PROCEEDS FOR SPECIAL MINISTRIES!



Scenes from Easter



Scholarships Available



The Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church Scholarship Fund established in honor of Anne Engelhard, Ruth Folkmann, Musa Richardson, and Brent Thomas is a well honored tradition at Trinity. Applications for this scholarship fund are available on the Youth Group bulletin board, at the church office, and through Chairman Kathy Stevens.

Applications will be accepted through May 1, 2016, and the winners will be announced at the annual congregational meeting held in June. Scholarships are available to all members of Trinity who are or will be attending college, trade school, or graduate school. Recipients may reapply three times for the award. Applicants should be active members of Trinity, have a good academic record, be a person of good character, be involved in both the church and the community, and have been accepted into a college, trade school, or graduate school. All applicants must complete the application in full which includes a newly written essay on their educational and life goals and 3 recent letters of recommendation. If you have any questions about the application process, please get in touch with Kathy Stevens.

Easter Egg Hunt



Youth and youth advisors prepare for the annual Easter egg hunt.

So the weather did not cooperate and the Easter egg hunt had to be moved from the playground to the sanctuary. None-the-less, all the children had a great time hunting down the treasured plastic eggs filled with special treats. Thanks to all those members that donated the candy and eggs.

Kathy, Kelly, and Erik

Volunteers Needed!!!

Nearly every aspect of the Church is in need of some help. Every committee is running shorthanded and by the same people year after year. Have you thought about what gifts you can provide to your Church and your community besides your offering? Please prayerfully consider volunteering to help out. Even a few hours every month would be welcomed. Some of the help can be done from the comfort of your own home. You can contact any Church Council member, committee chair, the Office Administrator, or the Pastor to get more information on where you can share your talents and make a difference. There is no better way to create new friendships and get to know your Church family better.



Celebrates and More

The weekly scriptural readings provided in print form called the Celebrate are available in the Narthex. Please feel free to take a copy to read at your leisure.

Other ELCA reading booklets are available in the library or at the location where the weekly bulletin is in the side hallways.

Free Thrivent calendars for 2016 are available in the church library.

Before rushing out of the church following the service please visit with your church family and stop by the main bulletin board for upcoming events and pick up church materials from the library.



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.



Happy Birthday to our Special Senior Saints

There are no 80+ birthdays to celebrate this month.

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.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

Kitty Austin

Mother of former pastor Chip Austin died on Tuesday, March 15th in Roanoke, Virginia. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, April 16th at 11:00 AM at Christ Lutheran Church, Roanoke. Chip's address is 512 Malvern Hill Circle, Hampton, VA 23663 if you would like to contact him.

Save the Date

Picnic in the
Park
August 21, 2016



Cora Miller Circle Luncheon

Thursday, April 14, 2016
11:45 AM at Port Arthur

Upcoming Events

- Apr 14 Cora Miller Circle Lunch
- Apr 15 Trinity's Got Talent Show
- Apr 22 Seder Meal, Passover Obs.
- Apr 22 Peninsula Pastoral Banquet
- Apr 29 Virginia Chorale Concert
- May 1 Virginia Choral Society
- May 3 Faith in Action Meeting
- May 22 Trinity Troupers Musical
- June 10 VA Synod Assembly
- June 26 Congregation Mtg.
- July ? Youth Yard Sale
- Aug 21 Picnic in the Park



Trinity Lutheran
School's

Trinity's Got Talent Show

Friday, April 15th, Dinner at
5:30 PM, Show at 7:00 PM

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Phone: (757) 245-7861



Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship: 8:30 A.M. and 11:00 A.M.

Faith Walk (Sunday School) Between Services: 9:45 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)

Website: <http://www.trinitylutheran-nn.com>

A congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Virginia Synod

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church is a covenant partner with:

*Peninsula Pastoral Counseling Center, Habitat for Humanity, Newport News Link,
and Thrive Peninsula (formerly Denbigh United Christian Outreach).*

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