
Trinity Tidings

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Newport News, VA

February 2015



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From the Pastor's Desk . . .

The Word of God: Intrusive and Unpredictable

Remember what I preached on Sunday, February 1? About the uncontrollable and untamed

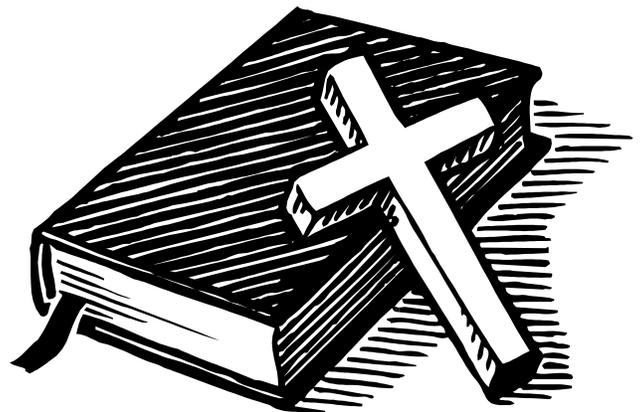
Word of God? Friel and I began discussing our futures last summer. She decided that at the end of this school year, she would retire. She began teaching in 1970 and has taught, assisted in teaching, and participated in child care for 45 years and decided that it was time to close one chapter and begin another... with grandchildren. We have a step granddaughter in the first grade in Cornelius, North Carolina and Friel wanted to spend time with Mackenzie. Well, on the evening of February 3rd, Friel called me during PORT to tell me... that I will be a grandfather. She had just learned from our oldest son that his wife discovered during a physical check-up that she was pregnant. This was a total surprise to them and the entire family! Projection: the baby will be born in late September. We plan to move to the Charlotte area during August. My mother is wondering how I planned this! Or, we have to admit that the Lord had a hand in this decision. Friel will be present for the birth of her first grandchild. Now, you have to understand that this son and daughter-in-law had not planned to be pregnant and the news came out of the blue... or pink, whichever your preference as an expecting grandparent. We will arrive about a month before the birth of this child -- just enough time to acclimate ourselves to the new surroundings and take a deep breath before we become active grandmamma and grandpapa.

Hearing about the birth of a child when there was no warning is truly the uncontrollable and untamed Word of God! Who would have ever predicted this? And, the timing. It is totally uncanny how this is playing out in our lives. As someone recently commented, "it was meant to be." The Lord has His own plan for us and we can make all the plans we want, but we have to allow for God's plans to inter-

rupt. This is the ultimate expression of God: His divine and intrusive Word. Remember the words from Isaiah 55.11: **"...so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, it shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it."** God speaks His Word into our lives each and every day; that Word is the Lord's mission for us and it will continue to work in us and lead us toward God's purpose. Yes, we have free will, but when it comes to the Word of God, we have to put on our seatbelts and prepare ourselves for the ride of our lives!

Reflecting on my life, I have to admit that all of the major decisions, those life changing decisions, were really a response to God's Word: leaving a comfortable parish, arriving at a new parish with uncertainty and trepidation, responding to the call to serve as an ordained pastor, starting a family, marrying Friel, attending college, befriending others. The Lord, in His often subtle way, was leading me along this particular path so that His purpose would be realized in me.

I invite you to reflect on your path, where you responded to the Lord's direction and where His Word was forming and shaping your life. Thinking back, stop at the junctures and give thanks. Talk with Him about those transitions in your life and ask Him where His Word accomplished His purpose in you.



One of my heroes of the faith is Bishop Oscar Romero of El Salvador. He began as a bookish scholar insulated from the masses behind the walls of his room and library. He would step into the sanctuary to lead worship and then return behind closed doors. But, the Word of God intruded in his life at the murder of his best friend, a fellow priest, and Oscar responded to the death by serving the living people of God. He stepped out from behind the bookcases and entered into the bodegas and barrios of his country and began to serve others in all honesty and with all integrity in the name of the Christ. He was changed, transformed into the priest of the people. He began to step outside of worship into the streets and back roads of the nation and witness to the Lord for all of His flock. Looking back, he witnessed how the Lord had spoken His Word into his life and God succeeded in working His purpose in him.

I would be remiss if I did not share the following verse in the Isaiah scripture. "For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Isaiah 55.12."

Pastor Guy



Shrove Tuesday Pancake

Supper

Tuesday, February 17, 2015

5:30-7:30p.m.

Social Hall

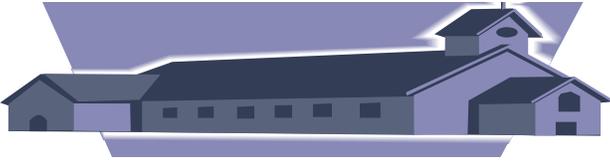


The Congregational Life Committee is looking to see if people are interested in a ZUMBA class at our church.

Sign-up sheets have been posted, please spread the word to all. We have an interested leader and now we need

interested students. Come and dance your life into shape and good health.

Property Report



This month the Property Committee met on Tuesday, March, February 3rd. During our meeting

we discussed what was complete, in process and needed to be completed. Here is an update on our current projects:

- Sacristy kitchen - The light bulbs have been replaced and the light fixtures cleaned. The blinds are scheduled to be replaced.

- Church Office - Window kits have been installed in all of the office doors.

- Church nursery - Scrapping and sealing the damaged wall is complete. The old speaker wires will be removed and the room will get painted. The window kits have been installed in 2 of the nursery doors.

- Gutter replacement - We have received a quote of \$1,870.00 from Acelution to replace the remaining copper downspouts. We will be able to sell the old copper downspouts to make back some of the money. This work should be scheduled and completed by early March.

- Outdoor benches - We are continuing work to install the outdoor benches.

- Parsonage - We are checking for possible plumbing issues at the Parsonage to determine if any repairs need to be done.

- Entrance lights - We are cleaning out and repairing the lights around the exterior building doors.

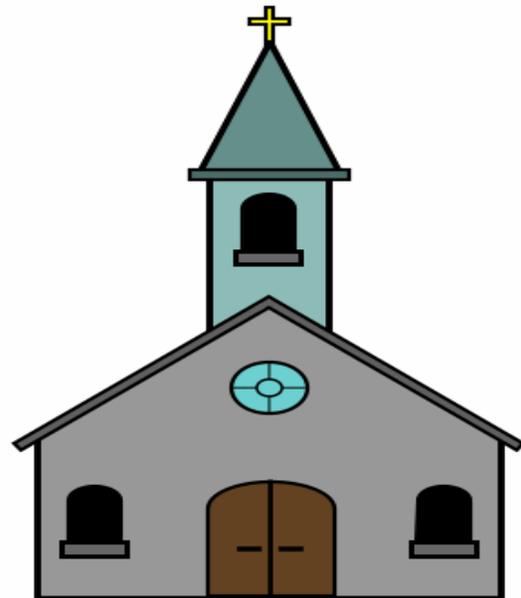
- Landscaping - We will begin landscaping work in

March.

The Property Committee meets on the first Tuesday of the month. The next meeting is on Tuesday, March 3rd at 7:00 PM for anyone interested in attending.

Bill Mulvey

Property Committee Chair



Deadline:

Articles for the March Tidings are due February 15, 2015. 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

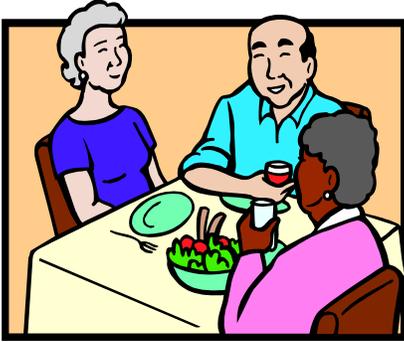
Valentine's Day Luncheon



Photos provided by Anne Obara 2011

A SPECIAL VALENTINE EVENT.
Trinity's Witness Committee is having its annual pot luck Valentine luncheon after the 11 a.m. service on February 15. Bring a dish to share. There will be fun and fellowship for all ages with music by Steve Dowd and desserts by Mike Rapier. Sign up on the board outside the library.

Faith In Action Fellowship



Come one, come all to the Faith In Action Fellowship on March 3rd. 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. The next Faith In Action will be

March 3rd. Let the church know if you need a ride and we will make the necessary arrangements.



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



Social Ministry

LINK NEEDS:

Needed for veterans ASAP

Over 100 vets have been or will be housed by the end of January

We are desperate for cooking utensils pots pans beds couches chairs table and chairs Blankets sheets towels.

Please contact Marlon 2915574 or drop by the LINK office 10413 Warwick Blvd NN 23601.

This is an amazing community effort and LINK is partnering with the community and the Veterans Administration!!

Thanks in advance for even the smallest items you are able to help us with!



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**BIG THANK YOU TO FRED ARDIS,
ANNE EVANS AND SUE MOESLEIN
ALONG WITH ALL THE OTHER VOL-
UNTEERS AND PEOPLE WHO
DONATED FOR P.O.R.T.**

Moments of Grace and Thanks: PORT at Trinity Winter of 2014

This year's PORT experience at Trinity was unique; our doors were open during Christmas week and again the end of January and for each week our congregation demonstrated that gifts shared benefit both the giver and the receiver. Hosting families, young people and some returning guests, our church was alive at night with this unique ministry of outreach. Those touched by these gifts will be forever changed. To say thank you seems almost too simple; but each name listed below also stands recognized for the gift of your time and your energy in service to men, women and children who needed shelter from the cold and a comforting, warm meal.

To the Trinity Troopers (the unloaders/loaders who helped start and complete the week in an organized way):

John and Sandy Lundsford	John Savage
Cliff Obara	Anne Evans
Grant Owens	Rock Moeslein
Fred Ardis	Harry Savage
Don Sniady	Rob Keene
Connie Hoover	

To the Christmas Guiding Lights (who came in on Christmas day when we were open all day):

Brad Goodman
Sheree Harper
Jodi Newsome King
Sue Moeslein
Dan Junkuntz and Patricia McClelland
Janet and April Anderson

To the Trinity Night Owls (keeping watch through the night):

Chris Lindemann	Ben Lindemann
Dave Carlson	Bonnie Carlson
Anne Obara	Cliff Obara
Friel Guy	Brad Goodman
Sue Moeslein	Rock Moeslein
Pete Johnston	Karoline Ardis
Rich Hueberger	Jim Smith
Fred Ardis	Terri Hoffeditz
George Fischel	Bill Mulvey
Edward Matz/Kathy Johnson	

To the Greeters/Check in and Check out Crew:

Astrid Quist
Friel Guy
Susan Piland
Harry Savage
Jessica Savage
Dan Junkuntz and Patricia McClelland
Diane Roselius
Dave Roselius
Beckie Belote
Zoe Belote

And to the Meal Preparers/Servers and Cleaners:

Abigail and Patricia Wessler
Donna Owens
Fred Ardis
Richard Sallade
Maureen Sallade
Keith and Cindy Brinkley
The Molinas
Patricia McClelland
Susan Deagle
Dale Goodman
Dolly Hinton

And for those who were ready to be called to fill in if needed:

John and Sandy Lundsford
Harlan Hanby
Sandy and Jerry Cobb
Cliff Obara
Anne Obara
Grant and Donna Owens

It should seem so very clear by this list that Trinity does practice what it preaches. An experience like this requires great commitment from a congregation, and we are so grateful to you for being so reliable, resourceful and cheerful in every task. Thank you again for making this such a successful event; we hope that for those who were able to help, that it was worthwhile and that you would offer to do it again in the future.



2015 Directory

The 2015 Directory is complete! The church office is currently in the editing process or making sure all information is as accurate as possible. The final issue will be coming out before the end of February 2015. Please look out for emails confirming personal information.

Youth Group

The Youth Group is collecting candy for our annual Easter Egg Hunt. We have over 1000 eggs to stuff, so we need lots of candy to fill all those tiny eggs. If you can donate a bag or 2 of candy, please drop it off in the youth room or give it to one of the youth advisors (Kelly Rummel, Erik Rummel, or Kathy Stevens). Remember, all candy should be small enough to fit inside an Easter egg, and please avoid any small hard candy like jaw breakers or mints that might be a choking hazard. If you have any questions, ask Kelly Rummel. Thank you in advance for your support.

Ash Wednesday

Services Wednesday, February 18, 2015

Worship at 12:15 p.m.

Worship at 7:00 p.m.



Happy Birthday to our Special Senior Saints

Here is the list of our special senior members' birthday celebrations for the month of December:

Roy Mozingo	85	2/2
Jeanette Thomas	83	2/2
Robert Piland	82	2/6

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

February 12, 2015

at 11:45a.m.



Looking Ahead



Feb 14– Valentine’s Day

Feb 15– Valentine's Day Luncheon

Feb 18– Ash Wednesday

Feb 22– Lent

March 3– Faith in Action

March 29– Palm Sunday



Church Office Hours

Open from

8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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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

Contact Information

Pastor: The Reverend Frederick P. Guy (pastor@trinitynn.org)

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Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church is a covenant partner with:

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and Thrive Peninsula (formerly Denbigh United Christian Outreach).*

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