
Trinity Tidings

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Newport News, VA

January 2015



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From the Pastor's Desk . . .

From the Pastor's Desk,
Epiphany Begins With One
Conversation!

Epiphany is the season for missions. The wise men returned to their homelands, informing their neighbors about the birth of the Christ child. Think of Epiphany this way. When Jesus was born, the world was comprised of Mary and Joseph and some animals in the stall. When the shepherds arrived and then returned to their home villages, the world was comprised of the local inhabitants. When the wise men returned home, nations heard of the birth. It was like a pebble thrown into a pond. The initial splash was the divine birth, then the first ripples were the village and eventually the ripples spread out and touched the shore; the feet of the world.

This may indicate how God uses people to tell others about Himself. First, there is a person to person conversation about one's faith. Then, a person is overheard telling another and then two or more talk and a community is formed. It begins with a name, Jesus, and eventually the world shares the word.

Epiphany is the season when we give thanks to the Lord for His name spreading to the four corners of the earth. It all begins when one person tells another. It can begin in a family like the birth for Mary and Joseph. It moves outwards and continues until it returns after fulfilling its mission, to capture the hearts and minds of the world. It is how Love lives!

Who told you? Who have you told? Has the Word returned to you? It only takes one person talking with another. Through the years, I have heard parents tell me that they will not be responsible for their child's faith. They will wait until the child grows to the point that he or she can hear for him or herself and then decide what to do with what is heard. I think we have a responsibility as practicing Christians to tell our children and involve them in the conversation. Then, when they reach an age that

is considered free for them to decide, they can, but we have told them and they can decide from what they have heard. If they have not heard, they have no starting point from which to discern God in their lives! They are thrown into a buffet of religion that fills the world and they have no orientation on how to proceed. We as parents have an obligation to launch them on their journey and then they can navigate life with some semblance of starting instead of wandering helpless in the wilderness. This is how Moses led Israel from slavery into freedom! They started with the Word of God.

I am not sure where I would be if it had not been for my family that used every opportunity to support and reinforce faith at the beginning. I give thanks to the Lord for them and how they helped see me on my way. I rebelled some, but always knew that I was grounded in some kind of relationship with God. Maybe that is what was meant when Moses revealed the Ten Commandments on Sinai: "Honor thy father and thy mother." They are the people who will inaugurate our lives in the faith by the grace of God.

Epiphany is the time for parents to take a long look at how we educate and raise up our children in the faith. It is the time when we answer the question put to us by the Biblical scholar, Water Brueggemann, "Will our faith have children?"

Your fellow servant in Christ,

Pastor Guy



Funeral Announcement

Celebration of the Resurrected Life of

John Thomas Ross

September 30, 1944-January 5, 2015

**Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
Newport News, Virginia**

Monday, January 12, 2015

11:00 a.m.



Megan Buhmann, the first recipient of the Don Golden Scholarship at Christopher Newport University, visited Trinity on Sunday, December 21st. She shared Daniel Pinkham's Four Marian Antiphons during both worship services. Megan graduated from CNU in December.



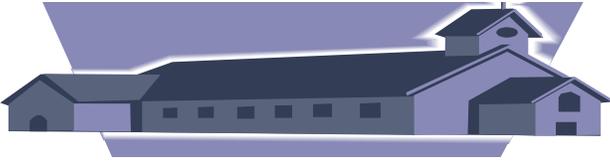
New Member Sunday

Sunday, January 18th is new member Sunday! Trinity welcomes the new members:

1. Mr. Daniel Dell & Mrs. Mary Protich
2. Edward Matz
3. Philip Shook
4. Kathy Johnson

Thank you for choosing Trinity to be your new home in Christ.

Property Report



January 2015

This month the Property Committee did not officially meet but did attend Faith in Action on December 2nd. During Faith in Action we worked with the the Worship and Music committee to plan decorating the Church for Christmas. The Worship and Music committee put together a great checklist for decorating and described in detail what needed to be done by the committees involved. I would like to thank the members of the committee and their spouses for taking the time to help get this completed.

The Property Committee has begun the work on a couple of projects and here are some updates:

The work has begun adding windows to nursery and the Church office doors. The Church office doors are complete and the nursery doors should be completed the week of December 22nd.

We have begun to work on the “bubbling” issue in the nursery by scrapping and sealing a small section. Once we are sure this will fix the issue the rest of the damaged sections will get scrapped, sealed and painted.

We are scheduling the replacement of the rest of the copper the gutter downspouts for late December or early January.

Finally, Diane Roselius and Jack Kowalski have been working on the plan to anchor the outdoor benches to the ground.

The Property Committee meets on the first Tuesday of the month. The next meeting is on Tuesday, January 6th at 7:00 PM for anyone interested in attending.

Bill Mulvey
Property Committee Chair

Deadline:

Articles for the January Tidings are due December 15, 2014. 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

Council Retreat

The January Council meeting will be held in conjunction with the annual retreat on January 10th at the Mulberry Inn in Newport News. If you would like to address the council, please contact the Church office for specific times of the meeting.



Thank You Trinity

Hi All,

Thanks so much Trinity kids also thanks to your supporters. We were delighted with your caroling. You sounded great. All of you were certainly doing God's work. Basket of fruit was delicious.

The Moesers

Thanks.

My sincere thanks to the Trinity carolers who came to sing at Mennowood on Sunday, Dec. 21 and to everyone from the church who sent me cards and remembrances for the Christmas season !

In Christ, Betty Hasel

Dec. 29, 2014:

Thank you so much for bringing the youth to our home. We enjoyed the singing. Your visit meant a great deal.

Sincerely Yours,

Cliff and Alberta Fricke

Dec. 31, 2014:

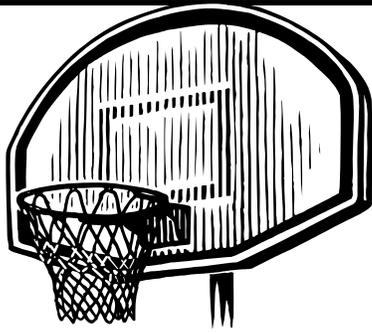
Thank you so much for coming and signing the Christmas carols for me. I thoroughly enjoyed them and it was good to see all of you. Your group is quite large and from what Kelly tells me you are having some real good times. Keep up the good work! Thanks again for remembering me!

Love to All,

Effie Rex



Big Thank you to Anne Evans, Fred Ardis and Sue Moeslein for all of their amazing hard work headlining PORT! All of your time and effort given is much appreciated and needed. Thank you to all of those to volunteered and donated towards PORT as well.



Church/School Basketball

Starting Wednesday January 7th from 7:30 to 9:00p.m. Trinity church and school will play basketball pick-up games in the Gym. Running through march, here is a chance to get some exercise and have some fun! For information or questions the point of contact is: Jon May 757-356-1226 or j.may1@charter.net



Hand bell Choir

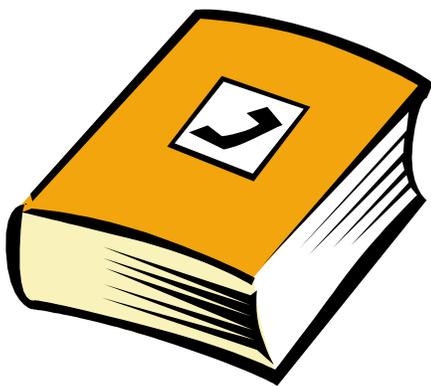
Interested in Ringing Handbells?

Trinity is considering establishing a new handbell ensemble. If you are interested in ringing, please contact Rob by phone or email before the end of January. Thank you!
music@trinitynn.org

Valentine's Day Luncheon



The Witness committee is throwing the Annual Valentines Day Luncheon on Sunday, February, 15, 2015 following 11:00a.m. service in the Social Hall.



2015 Directory

The 2015 Directory will be out by the end of January. Now is the time to notify Maya Shelton or the Church Office if you have any updates to include as well as if you are not receiving any emails, phone calls, etc. Call 757-245-7861 or email the office at admin@trinitynn.org

Faith In Action Fellowship



Come one, come all to the Faith In Action Fellowship on December 2nd. 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 December 2nd.

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



It's COLD outside! Must be time for PORT! People Offering Resources Together (PORT) is an outreach ministry and Trinity Lutheran Church will open our doors on two separate weeks: Dec 24-31 and January 28-Feb 4.

How PORT works: Our church is the "Host Church" and we have partner churches that sign up and are responsible for providing volunteers for the various duties on their night and following morning: check in, dinner, overnight staffing, breakfast and cleanup. Because we are the host church, we provide a Trinity representative any time that the PORT guests are in our church. This includes the overnight shift. For the week in December, we also have our "own" day that we will provide all of the volunteers. During the overnight stay, there is always a Newport News sheriff all night. We also provide the volunteers to receive all the bedding for the week and load it up at the end of the week.

LINK will provide the volunteers and the lunch for the PORT guests, but because the church will be open all day, we will need to provide a Trinity member to be present – we have broken up the commitment to 2 hour increments beginning at 6a until 6p.

"Looking for shelter, many are homeless, longing for warmth, many are cold.

Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone.

Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong. Let us be servants, to one another, signs of your kingdom come."

These words are from the hymnal song, "Christ Be Our Light" – let's keep our light shining bright in service to others!

If you have questions, please contact Anne Evans, Fred Ardis or Sue Moeslein.



De-Greening of the Church

Decorations around the church for the Christmas season will be removed on Sunday, January 4th after the 11:00 service. We need just as many helpers taking down decorations as we needed to put them up. Please stay after service and lend a helping hand!

Women of Trinity

Please join 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.

Ushers, Lectors and Presenters for January

Service	Ushers	Lectors	Presenters
8:30 AM	Pete Mizelle, Jim & Shirley Fulton, James & Susan Deagle, Pete & Joan Johnston and Rock Moeslein	Al Lebold	Steve & Astrid Quist
11:00 AM	David & Judy Hunt, Louis & Kristen Turnage, Harry Savage and Jon May	Dave Roselius	Erick & Kelly Rummel



Happy Birthday to our Special Senior Saints

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

James Fulton

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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

January 8th at 11:45a.m.

Steve's

Formally know as Artie & Toni's Steakhouse



Looking Ahead



Jan 10– Council Retreat

Jan 11– Baptisms

Jan 16– Chili Cook Off

Jan 18– New member Sunday

Feb 14– Valentine's Day

Feb 15– Valentine's Day Luncheon

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

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Treasurer (treasurer@trinitynn.org)

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