

Trinity Tidings

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Newport News, VA

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Youth and volunteers decorate the trees (photo by Michelle Carpenter)

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From the Pastor's Desk . . .



Dear Friends,

I love energy around the church! I have experienced the Spirit's energy recently in these venues:

--the transition committee is a group of eight people who are helpers to me and the congregation in preparing the

"mission site profile" that Council will consider, reflect upon at its January retreat, and forward to the synod for consideration by candidates who might consider a call to serve Trinity church. Whenever ideas begin to pop around hopes and dreams about "mission" and "vision," this group energizes each other with new and fresh possibilities for Trinity's future. We are outlining a series of programs for additional surveys for congregational input and the Wednesday dinners and devotions in Lent will focus on the congregation's input and reflection. (Heads up: Ash Wednesday is Feb. 10), then Wednesday dinner, devotion and reflections will be Feb. 17, 24, and March 2, 9, 16). Plan to come. What energy in this group of folks!

--second, I was so impressed with the "greening of the church," a truly inter-generational event where so many children thru elders turned out like a "well-oiled machine" preparing the sanctuary; then youth had gifts for homebound and went caroling to these folks for special visits! What energy on that day!

--Trinity Lutheran School is such a ministry place for the community of teachers, staff, students and families who form an energy center in Wednesday chapels and in their special worship with Lessons and Carols. What energies we see in lives receptive to God's good news.

--Trinity Sunday School is an energy center....did you see the Trinity Troupers' production of "Miracle on Main Street?" The energy and joy of our children/youth engagement with music, story and faith

formation is amazing! How thankful we are for all the efforts of teachers and helpers in child and adult learnings on Sunday mornings.

Stepping into this ministry/energy field is a question for each person at Trinity. In the new year, will you serve with your presence, your prayers, your offerings? Will you say "yes" to serve with gathering of canned goods, staffing PORT, serving on a committee and the myriad of ways we engage each and every week? God does go searching for a "yes," and delights when we choose to respond with our "yes." There is a new movie sequel out, maybe you're hearing about it, it's called "the force awakens." Expect to hear more about how the "Church Awakens," (one of the transition committee's thoughts about a theme! I told you they are a fun group). May the church awaken to become the mission center we are all called to be, Peace and blessings to you in the new year!

Blessings,

Pastor Jim Cobb

Transition Team Survey #2

The second in a series of surveys from our Transition Team is now available. Please take a few minutes to fill one out and either give it to Pastor Cobb or put it inside one of the brown, free-standing, wooden comment boxes located in the church library or near the wheelchair ramp exit door. If you have any questions, please call the church office or speak with someone on the Transition Team (Suzanne Beckstoffer, Carol Bessom, Anne Evans, Brad Goodman, John Lunsford, Pete Mizelle, Jessica Moye and Todd Recuperero).

The transition team is the first step in the call process for a new Pastor.

Thank you!

Transition Team

Youth News: Winter Activities

SKI TRIP

The annual Trinity Ski Trip will be held February 4-7 at the Seven Springs Resort in Somerset, PA. Since the 1980s, the church has had a relationship with Trinity Lutheran Church in Somerset, PA allowing us to save a great deal of money on this ski trip. This year, we will be heading out to PA at approximately 3 PM on February 4. We will ski February 5 and 6 and return to Newport News on February 7, usually around mid afternoon. We have both skiers and non skiers who have joined in on the fun each year. If you don't ski or even if you do ski, you have the opportunity to enjoy a variety of other activities at the resort which include but are not limited to the following: shopping, dining, bowling, indoor putt putt, pool, splash zone, hot tubs, roller rink, and snow tubing. We usually have snow on the ground when we head up to PA which is very exciting for our southern children. This usually means building snow men, snow ball fights, and sledding. The ski trip has turned into a family event over the years, and many of us look forward to it annually. Specifics regarding packing and costs can be found on the youth group bulletin board. If you are interested in attending this winter get away, all participants need to sign up on the youth group bulletin board and indicate how many are in your party. Also note if you will be driving your own vehicle, so we can figure out our caravanning. This a great trip for all ages! Contact Kelly Rummel if you have any questions about this event.



er for an overnight event with other youth their age from around the Synod. We will depart at 7 AM on March 5 from the Rummel household, and we will return to the area on March 6. This is a great introduction for our youth to the Synod as a whole, and it is a "one of a kind" event amongst Lutheran churches in the United States. The VA Synod is known for these events, and many of the young adults in the congregation have very fond memories of their own Youth Synod Events. If you are interested, please pick up a registration form on the youth group bulletin board and sign up on the sign up sheet. The cost of the event is \$115 and checks should be made out to Trinity Lutheran Church as we send one check to the Synod for payment. All registration forms and payments are due to Kelly Rummel by February 1, 2015. If you have any questions, please contact Kelly Rummel at 757 652-8097.

YARD SALE

The annual Yard Sale for our Trinity Youth Group will return this July! I know that many of you are as excited as we are for the return of the yard sale. The youth room is already loaded up with goodies and treasures to sell. If you are doing some winter/spring cleaning, and you find treasures of your own that you would like to donate to this very worthy cause, please take them to the youth room for safe keeping until we complete final preparations for the sale. What items do we take? Everything except for lingerie and swim suits! Thank you in advance for your donations. All money received goes directly to assisting youth in raising funds for the 2018 National Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas.



Kelly Rummel

SEVENTH DAY

If you currently have a youth in the 5th or 6th grades, you are eligible for the 7th Day Synod Event held at Eagle Eyrie. Youth and their advisors will gath-

7th Day

"And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done."
-Genesis 2:2

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Social Ministry: PORT

'Presents' or 'Presence'? What will be your choice this season?

On Dec. 6th, Pastor Cobb taught our children about Bishop St. Nicholas and his start of the tradition of giving presents to the needy.

Fast forward to 2016: January 27th (Wednesday) to February 3rd (Wednesday), Trinity Lutheran Church members will have this same opportunity – will it be **'Presents'** (donation or funds or articles to PORT) or your **'Presence'** (helping with the various tasks) or perhaps both? Make no mistake – there is something for everyone!

What is PORT? In the colder months of the year, area churches host "People Offering Resources Together" – opening their churches for a week at a time for an overnight safe haven for the homeless. A hot dinner and breakfast are also served and the guests are provided a mat with a cover and a blanket. Each guest has their own bedding for a week; the linens are cleaned each week and the bedding is transferred to the next host church. It is a Wednesday to Wednesday event and while a church may be the place providing shelter for the week, partner churches provide the help for check in, meals and overnight stay.

Trinity has been a host church for many years; our open social hall is very convenient to house male guests and we have several classrooms which work well for families and female guests.

What will we need?

This year, our volunteer commitment is heavily front loaded to the first day of the week as we will be the 'host' for Wednesday. Then, each night following, we will need two volunteers from Trinity each night to split the 8:30pm-6:00am shift (that means one person for 8:30pm-1:30am and one person for 1:30am to 6am). This means that you are not required to spend the entire night, but you are expected to stay awake for your part of the shift.

There are also many other ways to offer your help which are summarized next.

And there is always the welcome acceptance of donations, either in a monetary or needed items way. There are limitless ways to show your support and all are most appreciated!

Here are the tasks/ number of volunteers:

Unload trucks of bedding and supplies: (6) – pretty self-explanatory; will be a good workout! Morning of January 27th only.

Check in guests: (5-6): our Trinity day for this will be Jan 27th.

Dinner/Clean-up: (6) – Wednesday the 27th only

Overnight: (4) volunteers **FOR THE FIRST NIGHT ONLY**; (2) volunteers all other nights

Breakfast/Cleanup: (4) – Thursday the 28th only

Check-out/Cleanup: (5) – Thursday the 28th only

Load trucks of bedding and supplies: (6) - morning of February 3rd only

What to expect in the coming days?

Signup sheets will be posted in the Narthex; Sue Moeslein will create information lists to send out to volunteers and main contact will be by email (or your preference); at least two days prior to your volunteer day you will be contacted as a reminder.

If something unexpected comes up, there will be a list of last minute helpers – you will need to find a replacement and let us know who will be taking your place.

We've had wonderful support from our Trinity family and look forward to another year of helping in this important community ministry.

For any additional questions, you are always welcome to email me at susan_moeslein@bshsi.org.

Sue Moeslein

Trinity Troupers: Miracle on Main Street



Performance held December 20th, Photos by Kelly Rummel and Michelle Carpenter

Celebrates and More

The weekly 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.



BLOOD DRIVE



January 18th, 1:30 PM to 6:00 PM at St. Andrews Epsicopal Church
(visit redcrossblood.org, use sponsor code HiltonAC)

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-Not’s” 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.

Happy Birthday to our Special Senior Saints

Here is the list of our special senior members’ birthday celebrations for the month of January:

Marjorie Zender	97	January 8
Roy “Sonny” Long	93	January 10
Jim Fulton	83	January 13
Mickey Neubaum.....	83	January 13



COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

Thanks

Dear Trinity Youth and Youth Advisors,
Thank you for your caroling visit. Christmas music is my favorite and THREE presents! Each is hanging somewhere. The plaque is hanging on the door and will continue to hang there up into the new year for all my friends to see. From small to tall, blessings always.

God Bless you!

Betty Hasel

Trinity Hosts PORT

Wednesday, January 27th
through
Wednesday, February 3rd
Please volunteer!



Cora Miller Circle Luncheon

Thursday, January 14, 2016
Yannas Taverna, Newport News
(Warwick Blvd. near Maxwell Lane)
11:45 am

Christian Education

To keep expenses down, the Christian Education committee is looking for donations of the following supplies for Sunday School:

Colored paper / card stock

Sharpies

Washable markers

Crayons

Colored pencils

Pencils

Pens

Staplers

Staples

Tape

Scissors (adult and kids)

Glue (bottles & sticks)

Hot glue gun and sticks



If you have any items you wish to donate that are not on the above list please contact Jessica Moye first at 757-849-9239 or Moye.jessica7@gmail.com. Thank you for your help.

Jessica Moye

Council Retreat

Saturday, January 23rd,
9:00 AM—3:00 PM
Hidenwood Presbyterian Church
Newport News

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

6812 River Road, Newport News, Virginia 23607

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)

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