
Trinity Tidings

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Newport News, VA

October 2015



God's Work, Our Hands! National Youth Gathering 2015, Detroit, Michigan

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From the Pastor's Desk . . .



Dear Friends,

Since coming to Trinity on Sept. 1, I would call the first chapter of our time together, "Getting to Know You." There have been a series of "firsts." First time to meet the staff; first council meeting, first chapel with the

school and first funeral (Bo Lindfors). I would love to think that in these months ahead, you will continue to speak your name when I see you and invite me to have a conversation with you, AM or PM as you might call and arrange a time. I hope to do some visiting two nights a week and can see anyone here at church in the morning or afternoons. I would like to hear your life story and thoughts about the ministry here. The church has provided a cell phone also, especially for direct calls. The number is 757-634-2419.

Personally, I think you have read or heard some of my bio. I am a retired pastor, married to a pastor and we retired in March in Williamsburg. Judy and I served together in Grand Rapids, MI, Norfolk, VA and Towson, MD and additionally I served in Annapolis, MD, Fredericksburg, VA and on the staff of Gettysburg Seminary. We have two adult sons, one is a nurse on a fixed wing aircraft outfitted as an ER room and he is a JMU grad, based in Greenville, SC. Our second son is a graduate of Univ. of MD and William and Mary Law and is a litigator with a firm near Washington, DC. Now, I am referred to as an "interim or transition pastor," serving Trinity and hoping to prepare the congregation for the eventual search and call of a new pastor, in the meantime, it's me! (Doing some evaluation, planning and reflection). I will try to do my best to lead worship, teach confirmation, provide pastoral care to the members, visit, and assist staff and committees as I can. I will need your help, your patience and your prayers. Through the years, I have known all

of your pastors since Elmer Bosserman and that connection with your history is wonderful. Trinity has been a faithful congregation over the years and needs all energies focused on the mission and ministry to serve as Christ gives us opportunity. Every pastor needs that partnership in the faith.

Having the first funeral here gives me an opportunity to speak about funerals and your important part in this worship. Often I have heard that if someone doesn't know the deceased, they have no reason to attend. I would urge that all who can attend do so because we are the CHURCH together and that is much beyond our personal knowing or not knowing someone. We are related to one another because of our baptism where we are united with all the saints in God's kingdom. Even if we don't know the person, the church (including you) gathers to support the family and friends in a time of grief. We are present together, we sing hymns, pray prayers and recite our creed and commend the loved one to the Lord. For that, we will always ask your presence and participation. And every Sunday is this family's "reunion." It's a miracle that God uses a bath, a word and a meal to call us, gather us, strengthen us and send us forth each week with those dismissal words, "Go in peace, serve the Lord!" How's your serving? Thanks be to God for this congregation and all that you are together in the faith.

Blessings,

Pastor Jim Cobb

2015 Pictorial Directory

The pictorial directory has been delivered. To save postage, copies are available in the library for all families that had their picture taken. Each copy is labeled so be sure to take your copy so we can track who has received a copy or not. Extra copies are available by request in the church office.

T.E.A.M. Dotation Requests

It is that time of year again! I apologize for the fact that the distribution of the Trinity Endowment and Ministries donation from last year has not yet been decided. Due to some personal matters on my part and a busy summer, I was unable to get a committee together to disperse the funds. Please be assured that I have all of the requests for last year's donation and a committee will be meeting this fall to decide last year's and this year's distribution (the total amount available for distribution is just over \$12,000). Please think about some charities or organizations you feel could benefit and submit them either by email to either the church office or myself

at moye.jessica7@gmail.com or by submitting a form (available on the church bulletin board). Deadline for recommendations is November 1, 2015.

*Thank you,
Jessica Moye*

Editor's note: The basic guidelines are that the funds cannot be used within the church and cannot be given to an individual. Charitable organizations locally, nationally, and internationally are allowed. The more information you can provide about the charity, the easier it will be for the committee to make a decision.

Oktoberfest 2015

The Congregational Life Committee sponsored a wonderful OKTOBERFEST 2015 on October 3rd. 53 members and guests came to celebrate the great Bavarian/German festival with good food, good people, and good times. The children played an assortment of games with seasonally related music playing in the background.



Happy Birthday to our Special Senior Saints

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

- Millie Christensen..... October 6th 91
- Maureen Sallade.....October 21st..... 83
- Arlene Stone..... October 27th 87

Property Report

The Property Committee meets on the first Tuesday of each month. In September we met via email due to multiple schedule conflicts. Here is an update on our current projects:

Library – We are working to get the cold water faucet fixed.

Entrance lights - We will clean out and repair the lights around the exterior building doors.

Church Van – We are continuing to investigate an issue with the van floor and undercarriage.

Social Hall – We continue to work on covering the sealed floor.

Sanctuary – We have begun to scrap, seal and paint the water damaged area of the sanctuary. This was a larger project than expected and will take a while to complete.

The next meeting is on Tuesday, October 6th at 6:00 PM during the Faith-In-Action fellowship. The members of the property committee are Jack Kowalski, Diane Roselius, Pete Johnston, Joan Johnston and Earl Dunn (TILS).

Bill Mulvey

Property Committee Chair

Rally Day, Go Light Your World!

Rally Day was a success! Linda, Donna, and I were thrilled to see so many members in attendance. We wanted to piggyback on the children's winter musical with the continuing theme of "Go Light Your World." For us this was in finding ways the children and our church members could give back to our own and others in our community. The children and church will be hosting a Sock Hop party for children with special needs. We felt this was a fun, hands on way for the Sunday School children to experience stewardship. The Sock Hop will be coming this fall. I also would like to thank every one who wrote messages to our shut-ins and signed cards for our members in the military. We are looking forward to delivering them. The children are looking forward to starting rehearsal on the new musical "Miracle on Main" which will be premiering after the 8:30 service on December 20th. The Advent Workshop will be on November 15th. If anyone is interested in helping out contact Jessica Moye.

The Help Wanted board has been moved to the library. Please, we are still greatly in need of some new volunteers to help serve on committees. We hope the energy from Rally Day will help fuel you all

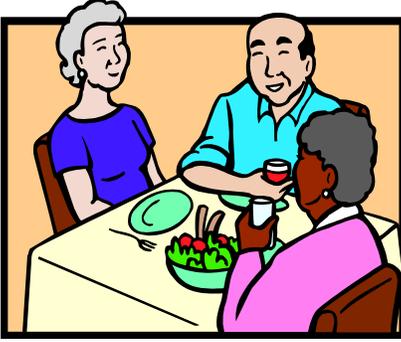
to consider giving some time. Several members have graciously served many years on committees or helped in many ways throughout the church. It is always nice to have new energy come into a group to reinvigorate our purpose. Joining a committee may seem daunting or time consuming but in fact actually only takes an hour or two a month. If you would like to help but are unsure of committing to a committee then please consider the following: **Altar Guild, ushering, being a greeter, nursery assistants, helping at an upcoming event or reception, or joining the church choir.** Please take some time to check out the board and fill out a contact form. And if you would like to test drive some committees then join us for the next Faith in Action Night on October 6th at 6pm. It's a great opportunity for wonderful food and fellowship!

Jessica Moye

Christian Education Committee

Note: Pictures of the event are on page 6 and the church website (trinitylutheran-nn.com).

Faith In Action Fellowship



Come one, come all to the Faith In Action Fellowship on October 6th. 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. We begin on October 6th. The next Faith In Action after that will be December 2nd.

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



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.

Social Ministry

PORT Plans are Underway!

Please mark your calendars now as we look towards ONE week of hosting PORT (People Offering Resources Together) at Trinity!

When? January 27 to February 3, 2016!

As you may remember, we hosted PORT for two weeks last year, one of which was during Christmas week. If you have never been a part of this ministry to the homeless during the frigid time of the year, please consider participating this coming year as there are many ways to share your gift of time – through unloading/loading bedding, checking in, assisting with serving dinner, or the popular overnight vigil (4 hour increments only). Guaranteed to uplift you in a truly unique way!

More information will be posted in the Tidings; we just wanted to let you know so you can start planning now!



REFORMATION
Sunday

Sunday, October 25th

Reception between services

Please bring your favorite
hors d'oeuvre to share.

Upcoming Concerts

Trinity has a long tradition of music excellence, an important part of our ministry in the community. This month we are hosting two concerts at the church that have become a tradition at Trinity. These concerts have admission fees, so please check

their respective websites or call for more information. Members and staff of Trinity have been or are part of these wonderful vocal organizations. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Virginia Chorale



Friday, October 9, 2015, 8:00 PM, Trinity Lutheran Church

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For more information: <http://www.vachorale.org> or (757) 627-8375

Virginia Choral Society



Saturday, October 10, 2015, 7:30 PM, Trinity Lutheran Church

Ease on Down the Road

For more information: <http://www.vachoralsociety.org/> or (757) 851-9114



Building Foundations for Life

TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Trinity Lutheran Community,

Thank you for the warm welcome. I already feel at home at Trinity Lutheran School and within the larger Trinity Lutheran community. My goal as the new Head of School is to learn even more about the Trinity community and expand upon the impressive offerings and reputation that TLS already has in the area.

Feel free to contact me if you have any suggestions to offer or wish to share good news about our TLS students.

Kevin Goetz, Ed.S.
Head of School
Trinity Lutheran School
kgoetz@trinitynn.com



NEWS FLASH!

September 29, 2015 – Trinity Lutheran School (TLS) is very proud to be recognized as a **2015 Department of Education Blue Ribbon School**. This distinguished award from the United States Department of Education highlights TLS as being an exemplary, high-performing school with student achievement in the top 15% nationwide in math and reading.

The Department of Education invites National Blue Ribbon School nominations from the top education official in every state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, the Department of Defense Education Activity, and the Bureau of Indian Education. The Council for American Private Education (CAPE) nominates private schools. A total of 420 schools nationwide may be nominated, with allocations determined by the numbers of K-12 students and schools in each jurisdiction. The U.S. Secretary of Education invites nominated schools to

submit an application for possible recognition as a National Blue Ribbon School.

“This award is a shining example of the high-achieving students, talented and hard-working teachers, and supportive families at TLS,” said Kevin Goetz, Head of School at TLS. “This prestigious award coupled with our distinction of being the only private school in Hampton Roads to offer the International Baccalaureate (IB) program further cements Trinity Lutheran School’s stellar academic credentials as a leader not only across the state, but across the nation.”

The Blue Ribbon recognition is added to TLS’s growing list of accreditations and affiliations:

- AdvancEd – the world’s largest education community accredited TLS in 2014
- International Baccalaureate (IB) – May 2013 saw TLS receive authorization as an IB World school offering the Primary Years Programme
- Preschool Partners of Virginia – TLS’s preschool has a consistent 4-star rating
- Hampton Roads Magazine – “Best of the 757” winner

Dr. Jacob Wessler, Chair of the Board of Trustees at TLS, echoed Mr. Goetz’s comments saying “we are so lucky to have such a strong faculty and staff at Trinity. It is their hard work and dedication that led to this national recognition. I cannot wait to see where Trinity goes from here.”



Youth Group News

If you are in the 5th- 12th grades, you are eligible to participate in the Trinity Youth Group Program this year. Our 5th-8th graders are in JELLO (Junior Evangelical Luther League Organization) and our 9th-12th graders are in Luther League. Due to our numbers, both groups will be doing a lot of activities together this year. During the Sunday School hour, the youth group will meet (after play practice) to play games, sing favorite Synod songs, and plan for the upcoming year. If you are interested in participating in youth group, please come during the Sunday School hour to the youth group room. Also make sure that you have filled out all medical and release forms which are located on the youth group bulletin board. If you have any questions about youth group, please speak to one of the advisors Kelly Rummel, Erik Rummel, or Kathy Stevens. Looking forward to a great year!

National Youth Gathering

Well.... we survived! Three youth and three advisors have returned from a wonderful experience at the National Youth Gathering in Detroit, Michigan. We joined with over 30,000 Lutherans from across the United States to “Rise Up” and spread the good news of our Lord. What does 30,000 Lutherans in one city look like? One person noted that it looked like a bag of skittles exploded all over the city. That was just our very colorful shirts and bandanas, but when you have a group of orange shirts, a group of blue shirts, and a group of pink shirts, I guess we did resemble skittles from a bird’s eye view. The entire experience was amazing, tiring, and overwhelming all at the same time. As you moved around the city you would hear “Hey, where are you from.” When you answered “Virginia,” you would have thought the questioner had won the lottery as they howled out “Virginia ... Woo Hoo!” As you passed folks on the sidewalk, you had better have your hand up ready for a high five or else you would get smacked in the face by an overexcited Lutheran teen. Did we enjoy it? Every minute of it. We were moved by the

Sunday worship service, we listened intently to all the speakers and the empowering messages that they spoke, and most of the kids lost their hearing temporarily in the dome due to the crowds and musicians. We learned about the city of Detroit and the problems that the government and communities there have faced since their bankruptcy several years ago. We also learned about poverty and hunger in other areas. We joined in with the Walk for Water Campaign that the ELCA is sponsoring, and we learned about the shortage of clean water in other countries. If you ask the kids what the most memorable experience was, what will they say? The Motown Music performance, the Detroit style pizza and goodies, the hot dogs that “snapped” as you bit into them, the epic game of slam can that we most skillfully played, the service we performed in the interaction center, or Kelly and Laura jumping off a platform onto a huge bag of air??? No, the kids will most readily tell you about God’s Work, Our Hands! We, along with other congregations from Minnesota and North Dakota carefully cleaned up trash in neighborhoods, cleaned out weeds in lots, boarded up houses, and painted them so other taggers wouldn’t come in and do the same. You see, after we painted the boards on the houses, we decorated them with our own hands, our scripture, and our love for God. Everyone at Trinity should be more than proud of the support, prayers, love, and financial donations they gave to the youth for this trip. We can’t thank every member of Trinity enough for allowing our youth to have this experience in Detroit, Michigan. On our last day in the dome, the gathering crew revealed that in 2018, the Lutheran youth have been charged with serving a new city ... Houston, TX. The response of our very exhausted youth Pure joy! See you in Houston!

Kelly, Erik, Kathy

A few pictures of the National Youth Gathering appear on page 6 and the church website.

SERVICE VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER 2015

Service Role	October 4th	October 11th	October 18th	October 25th
8:30 AM Services (Choir sings on October 4th, 18th, and 25th)				
Crucifer	S. Mynoymany	Shawn Murphy	Chip Nassau	Shawn Murphy
Acolyte	M. Mynoymany	Alex Murphy	Stephen McWithey	Alex Murphy
Acolyte	Melissa Quist	Samuel Molina	Thomas McWithey	Samuel Molina
Communion Assistant	Melissa Quist	Chip Nassau	Brad Goodman	Chip Nassau
Bible Bearer	N/A	N/A	N/A	Chip Nassau
Torchbearer	N/A	N/A	N/A	Stephen McWithey
Torchbearer	N/A	N/A	N/A	Thomas McWithey
Clergy Cross	N/A	N/A	N/A	Brad Goodman
Usher Captain	Kenny Shultz	Kenny Shultz	Kenny Shultz	Kenny Shultz
Greeter/Usher	Anne Shultz	Anne Shultz	Anne Shultz	Anne Shultz
Greeter/Usher	Ben Darnley	Ben Darnley	Pete Mizelle	Ben Darnley
Usher	Joann Darnley	Joann Darnley	Harry Savage	Joann Darnley
Usher at rail	Jim Gribble	Pete Mizelle	Bill Mulvey	Bill Mulvey
Presenter	Al Lebold	Al Lebold	Al Lebold	Al Lebold
Presenter	Lucille Lebold	Lucille Lebold	Lucille Lebold	Lucille Lebold
11:00 AM Service (Choir sings on October 11th and 25th)				
Crucifer	John Savage	Mark Madler	John Savage	John Savage
Acolyte	Reagan Belote	Laura Madler	Lina Recupero	Emma Recupero
Acolyte	Nathan Rummel	Stephen McWithey	Emma Recupero	Nathan Rummel
Communion Assistant	Reagan Belote	John Savage	Mark Madler	Brad Goodman
Bible Bearer	N/A	N/A	N/A	Laura Madler
Torchbearer	N/A	N/A	N/A	Stephen McWithey
Torchbearer	N/A	N/A	N/A	Reagan Belote
Clergy Cross	N/A	N/A	N/A	Brad Goodman
Usher Captain	Clifford Obara	Harry Savage	Dave Roselius	Dave Roselius
Greeter/Usher	Terri Hoffeditz	Bill Kump	Diane Roselius	Diane Roselius
Greeter/Usher	Anne Evans	Anne Evans	Harlan Hamby	Anne Evans
Usher	Jarvis Edwards	Jerry Cobb	Anne Obara	Jerry Cobb
Usher at Rail	Harry Lee	Jarvis Edwards	Clifford Obara	Don Sniady
Presenter	Daniel Dell	Daniel Dell	Daniel Dell	Daniel Dell
Presenter	Mary Dell	Mary Dell	Mary Dell	Mary Dell
Building Lockup	Clifford Obara	Dick Davis	Clifford Obara	Dick Davis

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

We've gone BLUE!



TRINITY
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is a 2015 U.S. Department of Education
National Blue Ribbon School!

Great Job Trinity Lutheran School !!!



Cora Miller Circle Luncheon

Thursday, October 9, 2014

Cheddar's Restaurant

11:30 a.m.

Looking Ahead

- Oct 6 Faith in Action Night
- Oct 8 Cora Miller Circle Luncheon
- Oct 9 Virginia Chorale Concert
- Oct 10 Virginia Choral Society Concert
- Oct 12 Office closed for Columbus Day
- Oct 18 VA Synod Peninsula Conference
- Oct 25 Reformation Sunday (reception)
- Nov 1 All Saints Day
- Nov 20 VA Synod Lost and Found
- Nov 30 Advent begins
- Dec 2 Faith in Action Night
- Dec 4 Virginia Chorale Concert
- Dec 17 TLS Lessons and Carols
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- Dec 19 Virginia Choral Society Concert
- Dec 20 Virginia Choral Society Concert
- Dec 20 Trinity Troopers Musical
- Dec 24 Christmas Eve Services

HELP WANTED!!!

As posted at the Rally Day event, nearly all Church committees are looking for new faces to help keep the church running and support our various ministries. Starting next month, the Tidings editor will profile each committee, so you can get an idea as to where you may want to help. Please don't wait though to get involved. Attend the Faith-In-Action events to learn more and enjoy fellowship with other members. You can also contact any council member to talk about opportunities and ways you can share your talents within the church.

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

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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)

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

Treasurer: Carol Bessom (treasurer@trinitynn.org)

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

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

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church is a Stephen Ministry Congregation.