

Trinity 'idings

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Newport News, VA

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Martin Luther and his 95 Theses, 1517



Notae et studio eiusdem veritatis: hoc subscripta disputationibus Wittenbergensibus. In diebus Martini Lutheri, Thesibus et Theologiae Magistro: cuiusdemque ibidem lectore: Dominico. Idcirco perit: qui non potuit verbum penitentiae nobiscum discipulis: agant in libro absentia. In nomine nostri diebus Christi. Amen.

- 1 Dominus et magister noster Iesus Christus docendo. Penitentiam agit. et omne vitium radicali penitentiam esse voluit.
- 2 Quod verbum de penitentia dixerunt: id est confessio et satisfactio que sacerdotum ministerio celebrantur: non potest intelligi. recte: variis carnis mortificationibus.
- 3 Non nisi solum intendit interius: immo interius nulla est. nisi forte opere.
- 4 Quod interius itaque penitentia dicitur: id est confessio vera immo scilicet ad interius regni caelorum.
- 5 Quod papa non potest remittere: nisi culpa nisi declarando et approbando remissionem a deo. Sicut certe remittendo casus reservatos sibi: quibus praeter culpam poenitentia remittitur.
- 6 Nulla poenitentia remittit venia: nisi simul et satisfactio: humilitas in omnibus: sacerdoti suo vicario.
- 7 Canonice penitentiae solida vincula sunt: impositio: multas mortuos sine eis non debet imponi.
- 8 Unde si nobis facit ipsi: in papa. recipiendo in suis decretis spem articuli mortis et necessitatis.
- 9 Indecore et male facit sacerdos: in qui mortuos poenitentiam in purgatorio non remittit.
- 10 Quis illa de mandato papa canonice in penam purgatorij: videlicet certe documentibus episcopi firmata.
- 11 Quis poenitentiam non possit ante abolitionem imponere: tanquam remissionem et contritionem.
- 12 Quod interius: morte omnia solvantur. et legibus canonum mortui iam sunt habituros iure eorum relaxationem.
- 13 Impuncta sanctorum poenitentia: mortuos necesse est fecerit magni timorem: tanto maiorem quanto minus fuerit ipsa.
- 14 Nec timor: et deus factus esse: solo: et alicuius: facere penam purgatorij: cum sit poenitentia de peccatis.
- 15 Quod interius: purgatorium: scilicet differre: sicut desperatio: prope desperatio: scilicet remissionem.
- 16 Necessarii videlicet alij: in purgatorio: sicut minus bonorum: ita augeri charitatem.
- 17 Nec poenitentia videlicet: aut remissionem: aut scripturam: quae extra scripturam non fuerit: agende charitatem.
- 18 Nec hoc: scriptura esse videlicet: in sua veritate: certe et sicure: facte esse: ad nos certissimum firmum.
- 19 Quod papa per remissionem plenam omnem poenam: non simpliciter omnino remissionem: sed poenitentiam imponit.
- 20 Quod interius: in sua deo: et parochia: licet: autem poenitentia: non potest: nisi in bac vita: debeat fieri: canonice solvere.
- 21 Quod remissio: vili omni: poenitentia: potest: alicui: dari: certe: est: et non nisi per scripturam: a papa: scripturam: dari.
- 22 Sicut ob id: necesse est: maiore parte: populi: per indifferenter illa: et magis: quae non poenitentia: remissionem.
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From the Editor . . .

I must express my sincere apologies. I had every intention to prepare a summer issue of the Tidings. Obviously, that did not happen. July slipped by and then August disappeared before I knew it. Now, we are deep into September and I can finally claim success as witnessed by the copy you are reading. The Pastor kept her end of the deal by submitting articles for each month. Since I didn't keep my end of the bargain, you get to read all of them in this issue. Even without publishing an issue, we still had many

From the Pastor's Desk . . .



I'll be honest and say that going to the dentist is just not one of my favorite things to do. However, I'm come to appreciate it for the simple fact that sometimes all that time to sit there and think allows for the odd theological reflection to creep in and catch me off guard. God speaks to some people through nature, God speaks to some people when they're asleep, apparently God gets me when I'm in the dental chair. Maybe it's God's way of distracting me from the fact that I'm not in the most comfortable of places at that precise moment.

I had one of these moments the other day while sitting in the dental chair. I was just laying there, minding my own business, attempting to ignore what was truly going on, when all of the sudden it hit me. I was laying there in, let's face it, one of the least flattering positions one can be in, and I was completely oblivious to/not caring about the fact that someone was looking at me. I mean think about it. Is there anything *less* appealing, *less* put together than laying back in the dental chair with someone pushing your lips back from your gums so they can clean your teeth? No, there isn't. There has to be a reason there aren't mirrors in dental offices, and it's most likely so none of us get

Apologies

senior saints celebrating 80 plus years, so be sure to check out the long list of honorees.

If you would like to submit an article, please send it to the editor at cliffordobara@cox.net. The new deadline for submissions is the 20th of each month. Photographs of Church or School events are always welcome. The children's names will not be included with the picture for privacy reasons.

Cliff, Editor

Beautiful Vulnerability

distracted and embarrassed by how *ridiculous* we look while getting our teeth cleaned, how *strange* we sound attempting to share in conversation in the midst of a having our gums poked at, how *vulnerable* we are laying there, completely at the mercy of our hygienist.

As I was sitting there, I realized that for as much as I dislike going to the dentist, it is one of the few places where at no point in time do I worry about how I look or how I sound or what is going on around me. Think about it...do you ever give a passing thought to "wow, this hygienist is getting a really unflattering image of me right now?" Do you ever think, "man, I look really silly right now?" No, you probably don't, because it's just what happens at the dentist! We are willingly and openly vulnerable and uncaring about how we look and sound and feel because it's just part of what happens in the dental chair.

Now, I know you're probably wondering, where on earth does the God sending you a theological reflection piece come in because right now you're just rambling about the dentist! Here's where it comes in: how often, *if ever*, do we let ourselves be as open and vulnerable with God, with our brothers and sisters, as we are in the dental chair? We don't like to present ourselves to others in anything less than the most flattering of lights. We don't like people to see us when we aren't put together. We don't like people to see us vulnerable, because if they

see us when we're vulnerable, they might just think we're weak, and *GASP* they might realize that we're *human*. Sadly, that mentality tends to extend to our relationship with God too. We don't want God to see us when we're a mess, when we're struggling. We don't want God to witness our uncertainty or our vulnerability, because heaven forbid God see that we don't have it together 110% of the time. There's a very real reason why we emphasize putting on our "Sunday best;" we want to dress up and look *good* for God, and if we're honest probably a bit for our brothers and sisters. But here's the thing, are all of us on a Sunday morning at our best? No. We aren't. And that's ok. In all honesty, what better time to come to church, to be surrounded by grace and the love of God, then those mornings when everything feels hard and awful, and you just want to stay in bed in your sweatpants and cry? Guess what? God loves you in your sweatpants too! God loves you, your church family loves you when you don't feel like putting on makeup or tying your tie. God loves you, your church family loves you when you're

From the Pastor's Desk . . .

So, once the August newsletter is out, I'll be about a week away from hopping a plane to Italy. Now, to most people that sentence should be filled with more excitement and anticipation than is conceivable. To me, while the excitement is there, it's also written with a modicum of fear, because, well...as I've shared before, I don't fly well. I try my best to not let fear dictate my life, I seek to try new things and see where it takes me, but man, planes just sometimes get the best of me.

We all have these things in our lives, those things that when faced with them we want to turn in the other direction and say, "No sir, no ma'am, no way, no thank you." Ask some grown adults to get on a roller coaster and they will adamantly say, NO WAY. Ask others to hold a snake or a spider or any other such slimy, slithery creature and they turn tail in the other direction. I vividly remember my mom staying put on the first floor of the Empire State Building while we all went up to the top to get a beautiful

falling apart and when it feels like you're heart is broken. God is able to hold our vulnerability. We are able to hold each other's vulnerability. If only we were willing to show it every now and then.

Vulnerability and an amazing sense of not caring how ridiculous you look doesn't have to be limited to every six months when you lay back in that dental chair. Vulnerability with God, with each other? It is an immensely beautiful thing. It's ok to look ridiculous. It's ok to not be put together all the time. It's ok to admit that yeah, sometimes you feel like everything just stinks. It's ok to be open and vulnerable. It's ok to be human. We need that reminder sometimes. Me? I got it in a dentist's chair on an unbelievably hot and disgustingly humid Tuesday afternoon. May that reminder find your heart today, wherever you may be, however you may be feeling. You are you, and that is beautiful. God loves you, sweatpants, vulnerability, and all.

*Peace it Together,
Pastor Tina*

Fear, Fear, and More Fear

view of the city, not because she was afraid of heights, but because she was afraid of elevators. (Someday, ask her how much she enjoyed us making her ride Tower of Terror at Disney J) There is no shortage of things that we can be afraid of, heights, swimming, loss, the future, the unknown. Wherever you turn there is SOMETHING to fear. As much as we seek to not let our lives be dictated by fear, it's hard, especially when everyday there is a different voice in our ear telling us the new and latest thing that should inspire fear and terror in our hearts.

As much as we like to think that this trend is a product of our current time and age, a product of 24-hour news media, social media, and wider communication circles, the reality is, the world has always been like this, inundated by fear. Need proof? The most common command in the Bible? "Do not be afraid." 70 times. 70 times! God tells us, "Do not be afraid," and that doesn't even take into consideration different iterations like, "fear not," or "do not

fear.” It seems from the beginning of creation, from the moment that humans walked this earth, fear has been a problem, and from the beginning God has been there with the same word of assurance over and over, Do not be afraid.

Whatever your thing is, whatever it is that plagues your heart and makes it beat a little bit faster, makes your skin heat, and makes you feel a bit faint, let those things hear these words:

“I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1.9

“But Moses said to the people, ‘Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today.’” Exodus 14.13

“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.” Luke 12.32

“Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.” Psalm 46.2

From the Pastor’s Desk . . .

After a long day of walking and walking and walking and climbing more stairs than should ever be climbed, of course the logical thing for us to do was to walk from our hotel, across the entire city of Florence, simply to walk up the highest hill in the city all for the sake of a church and a view. Alas, it’s vacation and it doesn’t matter how much your feet hurt or how tired you are, these are just the things you do! So, after a day of an early wake up call, a train to Pisa, a long hike up the Leaning Tower, and another train ride, we headed up to the Piazzale Michelangelo because numb feet never really hurt anyone anyway.

The Piazzale boasts the best view of Florence from anywhere in the city. Set further afield from the chaos of the city center, you walk up essentially a mountainside in order to reach the peak and look out on the sweeping views that take in the city, the moun-

“Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid, for the Lord God is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.” Isaiah 12.2

“But the angel said to the women, ‘Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified.’” Matthew 28.5

“But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people.’” Luke 2.10

I could go on and on, but I’m guessing you get the point. My prayer for you (and for myself!) is that when those moments seize our hearts, when fear seems to be in control, we remember this command of God, this command that is repeated over and over and over, do not be afraid. Wherever you are, God is there too. Whatever you are feeling, God is with you in that feeling. Whatever you are afraid of, God is stronger. God is stronger. God is stronger. Fear does not get to win. Fear does not get control. God does, always and forever. Be not afraid...may we all...be not afraid.

*Peace it Together,
Pastor Tina*

Some Things are Universal

tains, and miles and miles beyond that. It is quiet, calm, and so blissfully peaceful that you realize all those stairs, all those inclines were absolutely worth it. Given the restful nature of the area, it makes complete sense that set right into the peak of this height is the San Miniato Church and its accompanying monastery. The inside of the church reflects the environment outside of it, quiet, peaceful, restful, a place to calm your soul (and your heartbeat from the climb!), and take a view minutes to simply breathe in a little bit of ease. As you walk towards the front of the church, you are faced with a staircase that heads down into what seems more like a crypt than anything else, and is was down that staircase that Ben and I found ourselves smack dab in the middle of early evening mass. It was cool and dark in that tiny space, with only a few pews, and so we decided here we would stay and rest, and even if we couldn’t quite

understand the words, we would worship. For most of the service, we resided with the rest of the very small tourist crowd, sitting on the stairs behind the pews, rather than fully in the midst of the worshipping congregation, until the communion liturgy began and we moved forward in order to kneel and pray with the rest of the members. Now, one thing to note, not only was this worship service in Italian, it was also using a liturgy that was a little bit pre-advances by the Catholic church, so it was a little old school, with things in different places than we were used to. Thus, after what we could tell were the Words of Institution, we were a little perplexed when people stood up and started milling around. It took us maybe five seconds to realize what was happening. I looked at Ben and said, "Oh...so now we pass the peace."

It was the weirdest, most amazing thing. We wished each other peace and then turned to our fellow worshippers and I'm not sure I will ever forget shaking hands, with a very tall, Italian man who looked at me with a smile on his face and simply said, "Pace." I don't speak a lick of Italian. My Italian is basically whatever of my French sounds like Italian, but that word? That word I knew. "Pace." It didn't matter that we were thousands of miles from home, it didn't matter that we weren't in our home church, it didn't matter that I was in the midst of another denomination's worship service, nothing mattered except for that extension of Christ's peace one child of God to another. Language didn't matter, denomination didn't matter, because at the end of the day, Christ's peace is simple and utterly and completely universal. In that moment, in that joining of hands we knew

exactly what we were wishing each other. Peace. Peace for our souls. Peace for our hearts as we worshipped our Lord who died and rose for both of us equally.

As we left worship, we wandered over to the monastery's gift shop, filled with items that the brothers had handmade, and there I found a small plaque with a simple phrase painted on it, "Pace e Bene." Again, my shoddy Italian could figure that one out. "Peace and All Good." I googled the phrase and found that it has its source from St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi who used this phrase as a form of greeting, and that it was meant to encapsulate so much more than just what those few words said. What it truly meant was this: "May you have the fullness of well-being, may you be secure and happy; may you not want; may your dignity be respected; may the goodness in your inmost being flourish; may the world in which we live know this deep peace." That is a wish that extends beyond language, denomination, ethnicity, nationality, beyond any of the teeny tiny lines that we draw in the sand to distinguish us from one another. Peace and all good. It's not a wish that is limited to a couple of monks on a hillside in Florence, it's not a wish confined to a tiny congregation with a few pews, it's not a wish that can be contained, because at the end of the day, those four words are God's wish for all of God's people, and they should be the wish that each of us have for each other, no matter what we look like, sound like, speak like. Peace and all good. Pace e Bene. Some blessings are worth climbing a hill for.

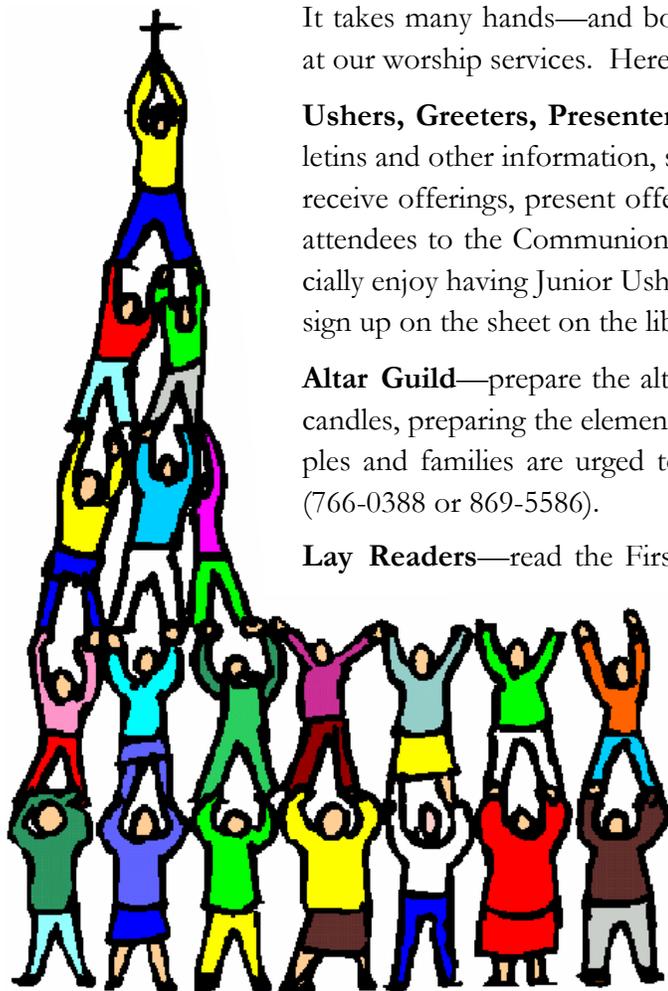
*Peace (Pace) it Together,
Pastor Tina*



Lift Up Your Voices and SING!!

We had SO MANY hymn requests that we want to spend a whole afternoon singing together!! Please join us on **Sunday, September 24 at 3:00 PM** for a congregational hymn sing through the liturgical year. We will start with some of our most beloved Advent hymns and move right on through to hymns requested for Christ the King Sunday. We will sing and pray and explore the Word of God as it moves with us through the liturgical year.

From the Worship and Music Committee



It takes many hands—and bodies—to make things go smoothly here at Trinity, especially at our worship services. Here are a few way in which you can help.

Ushers, Greeters, Presenters—greet parishioners and guests as they arrive, distribute bulletins and other information, show visitors to a pew and have them sign the Guest Register, receive offerings, present offering plates and communion elements at the Altar, and direct attendees to the Communion Rail. Couples and families are urged to volunteer; we especially enjoy having Junior Ushers. For more information, contact Dick Davis (595-7474) or sign up on the sheet on the library bulletin board.

Altar Guild—prepare the altar for worship services, including changing paraments, filling candles, preparing the elements for Holy Communion, and cleaning up after services. Couples and families are urged to volunteer. For more information, contact Karoline Ardis (766-0388 or 869-5586).

Lay Readers—read the First and Second Lessons at Sunday services. For more information, contact Kathy Stevens (532-6228) for the 8:15 service or Laura Davis (595-7474) for the 10:45 service.

Assisting Ministers—assist the pastor by leading the Prayer of the Church at worship services. For more information, contact Pastor Tina.

Crucifers and Communion Assistants—lead the processional at worship and assist with the administration of the elements at the Eucharist. For more information, contact Bill Solomon (249-1590).

Happy Birthday to our Special Senior Saints



July, August, and September Birthdays

Susan Hall.....	91.....	July 5
Alan Bobbe.....	92.....	July 11
Virginia Hamby.....	84.....	July 12
Edith Naurath	91.....	July 24
Rudi Naurath.....	93.....	July 24
Charlotte Paschall	81.....	August 4
Harry Lee.....	84.....	August 8
Richard Sallade.....	88.....	August 16
Buddy Schultz	89.....	August 8
Calvin Scougal.....	90.....	September 9
Louise Mozingo	85.....	September 17
Matilda Schultz.....	87.....	September 21

Reformation 500 Musical Events at Trinity



October 31, 2017, marks the 500th Anniversary of Martin Luther's posting of his 95 Theses on the doors of the church in Wittenberg, Germany, and the beginning of our Lutheran church. We will be celebrating our

Lutheran musical heritage with a series of special services and concerts all throughout this anniversary year.

Generous donations from members and friends of Trinity have made these events possible, and we are excited to share this program with you. Please mark your calendars for these very special occasions.

We would especially like to thank our Director of Music, Rob Keene, for his inspiration and efforts in making this celebration of our Lutheran musical heritage a reality.

Laura Davis
Worship and Music Chairman

Event List:

Tuesday, October 31, 2017 (7 pm)

We explore our own origin story as Pastor Tina leads worship according to Luther's 1523 Order of Service. The finest composers in the generations before Bach will be featured, including Hassler, Praetorius, Scheidemann, Scheidt, Tunder, Weckmann, and Luther's primary musical collaborator, Johann Walter. Polyphony will be performed by members of the commonwealth's premier professional choral ensemble, the Virginia Chorale.

Sunday, November 5, 2017 (10:45 am)

Seven members of the Virginia Symphony Orchestra will accompany Trinity's chancel choir in a performance of Sebastian Bach's funeral motet O Jesu Christ, meus Lebens Licht, BWV 118. The VSO's Matthew Umlauf, viola, will perform Paul Hinde-

mith's Trauermusik and, in a nod to beloved music of our time, Jay Ungar's Ashokan Farewell.

Thursday, November 9, 2017 (7 pm)

Trinity will host Hampton Roads' Lutheran and Jewish congregations in an evening of remembrance and reconciliation. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's official statement regarding Luther's anti-Semitism and the use of his writings by the Nazi party will be read. Choral music and congregational singing will draw from Lutheran and Jewish traditions.

Sunday, December 24, 2017 (7:30 pm)

Eight members of the Virginia Chorale will join with Trinity's chancel choir in beloved music of the season. Samuel Scheidt's setting of "In dulci júbilo," "Glory to God" from Handel's Messiah, and Hugo Distler's rarely-heard variations on "Es ist ein Ros entsprungen" will be shared.

Sunday, March 11, 2018 (4 pm)

Christopher Young in recital. The Indiana University Jacobs School of Music professor will perform works by Sebastian Bach, Georg Böhm, Bert Matter, Heinrich Reimann, Johann Ulrich Steigleder, and Matthias Weckmann. Admission is free; an offering will be collected for the Don Golden Music Scholarship at Christopher Newport University.

Friday, March 30, 2018 (7 pm)

Heinrich Schütz's Die Sieben Worte Jesu am Kreuze will be the centerpiece of our Good Friday worship. Young musicians from ODU's early music program will accompany Trinity's chancel choir and soloists from the Virginia Chorale.

Sunday, April 1, 2018 (10 am)

Members of the VSO and the Virginia Chorale will join Trinity's chancel choir in a performance of Johann Pachelbel's Easter cantata, Christ lag in Todesbanden. Worship will begin with Pachelbel's most famous work - and one of the most beloved pieces in all of Western music - the Canon in D.

Sunday, April 22, 2018 (10:45 am)

Eight members of the VSO will accompany the Indiana University alumna and Trinity University (San Antonio) Assistant Professor of Music in a performance of Sebastian Bach's cantata Gott soll allein mein Herze haben, BWV 169.

September 23, 2018 (4 pm)

Dongho Lee in recital. The winner of the 2010 American Guild of Organists National Young Artists Competition in Organ Performance and Artist-in-Residence at Providence United Methodist Church (Charlotte) will perform works by Sebastian Bach, Dieterich Buxtehude, Johannes Brahms, Lionel

Rogg, and Robert Schumann. Admission is free; an offering will be collected for the Don Golden Music Scholarship at Christopher Newport University.

Thursday, November 1, 2018 (7 pm)

Charles Woodward, Artistic Director of the Virginia Chorale and Music Director at both St. Paul's Episcopal Church and Ohel Sholom Temple, will conduct a combined church choir Performance of Johannes Brahms's comforting memorial work. The chorus will be joined by Rainelle Krause, soprano, and Jesse Malgieri, baritone. A second performance will occur at Christ and St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Norfolk, with orchestra.

More Than Just an Honor Roll

Trinity Lutheran Church and Trinity Lutheran School Continue Synergy!

Wow! Did you know that Trinity Lutheran School's membership in the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) has more than doubled this year?

Did you know that a Trinity Lutheran Church member is the long-time sponsor of this organization to recognize students beyond the honor roll?

On May 26, Mrs. Carol Bessom led the induction of 20 Middle School students who demonstrate excellence in scholarship, service, leadership, character, and citizenship. The induction was held in the Church Sanctuary, with a candle lit to emphasize each quality; she advised these qualities have been associated with NJHS since 1929. Proud families were in attendance and celebrated afterward at a reception in the School Library.

Student inductees from families at Trinity Lutheran Church included Mikayla Behlmar, who has attended Trinity Lutheran School since Mrs. Charlotte Duff's 3-Year-Old Preschool Class.

Mrs. Bessom, who recently retired from Trinity Lutheran School as a Middle School teacher of English, is quick to recognize the involvement of other church members. In addition to Mrs. Duff, who has a longstanding dedication to getting 3-year-olds off

to a good start, Mrs. Beckie Belote will begin her second year this fall as a Middle School teacher of Math.

There are also church members who serve on the Trinity Lutheran School Board. Two members, Cindy Behlmar and Jacob Wessler, each just completed two terms, and their seats will be filled by Laura Jay and Bob Self on July 1. They will join Connie Hoover, who has been re-elected Vice Chair, and Tricia Fielding, who has been re-elected Secretary.

We are especially blessed, though, by the many church members who participate in various school functions throughout the year. Thank you – whether you volunteer to be “Grandparents for a Day” to kick off Thanksgiving, attend “Lessons and Carols” at Christmas, and/or offer financial contribution at the “Lion's Share Annual Breakfast” – for the special energy that enables both organizations to thrive!



After 500 Years: Catholics and Lutherans Together on the Way

The Holy Father, Pope Francis, has written:

“In 2017, Lutheran and Catholic Christians will jointly commemorate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. On that occasion, Lutherans and Catholics around the world will, for the first time, have the opportunity to share the same ecumenical commemoration...as the profession of our common faith in the Triune God....May this commemoration of the Reformation encourage us all to carry out, with God’s help and the support of his Spirit, further steps towards unity and to not just limit ourselves to what we have already achieved!”

In this spirit, St. Bede Catholic Church and St. Stephen Lutheran Church are hosting two presenters who have been working together to lead us in conversation.



- **Dr. Kathryn Johnson**, Director of Ecumenical and Inter-Religious Relations for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.



- **Bishop Denis Madden**, of the Archdiocese of Baltimore, was the Roman Catholic co-chair of the team that produced the joint Roman Catholic-Lutheran document, “Declaration on the Way:

Church, Ministry, and Eucharist.”

Friday, September 29

6:00 PM – All are welcome to a meal *in the Kaplan Parish Hall of St. Bede*. St. Bede will provide the main dish and drinks; St. Stephen folks the side dishes and dessert.

7:00 PM – Session 1: How Far Have We Come?

Saturday, September 30

9:30 AM – Coffee, juice, bagels, etc. *in the Fellowship Hall of St. Stephen*.

10:00 AM – Session 2: Where Could We Be Going?

Church locations:

St. Bede Catholic Church

3686 Ironbound Road
Williamsburg, VA 23188
757-229-3631

St. Stephen Lutheran Church

612 Jamestown Road
Williamsburg, VA 23185
757-229-6688

Trinity Lutheran School

Enrollment continues to climb higher- we are now beyond the enrollment number we ended the 2016-17 school year. This increased enrollment has led us to have open several new sections of grade levels. This growth is exciting!

Earl, James, and Danny (the custodians) have worked very hard this summer painting, cleaning, and improving the entire building. Many thanks to them!

TLS recently received a donation of 140 brand new

lockers (including removal of old lockers and installation of new ones) that look fantastic. In addition, we received another large donation towards new furniture in the Technology Lab. We're hopeful this furniture is installed after the Christmas break.

I'd love to give any church member a tour of the school so you can see all of the wonderful things at TLS! Please call the school or email me (kgoetz@trinitynn.com) to schedule it.

Kevin Goetz, Head of School

Pictures from Rally Day

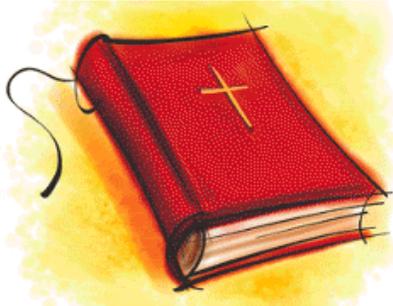
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COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

Bible Study Returns

Tuesday morning Bible study returns!! We will gather once again starting on Tuesday, September 5 at 10:30 to kick off our year of walking through the lectionary together. Any and all are welcome to join us for fellowship and conversation every Tuesday in the parlor.



Thanks!!

I would like to thank all the congregation members who have sent cards, e-mails, called, made treats or food baskets, offers of help, especially those who have kept me in their prayers. Each of your kindnesses are held near and dear to my heart. Thankyou for your continued support as I venture on this long journey.

Anne Obara

Upcoming Events

- Sep 19 Bible Study, Zumba
- Sep 24 Hymn Sing (see pg. 5)
- Sep 26 Bible Study, Zumba
- Sep 29 Conversations: Session 1 (pg. 9)
- Sep 30 Conversations: Session 2 (pg. 9)
- Oct 8 Blessing of the pets service
- Oct 14 Scrapbooking, 9:00 AM
- Oct 29 Oktoberfest
- Oct 31 Luther Mass Worship

Thank You!!

Pete and Joan Johnston would like to thank all the congregation members that have called, sent cards, or kept them in their prayers through the surgery and recovery. They especially want to thank those members that provided meals during the healing process.

Thanks to the Gribble family for donating and painting the outdoor bench next to the wheelchair ramp.

Thanks to Diane Roselius and Jessica Savage for trimming the plants and shrubs in the flower garden along the back parking lot.

Thanks to all those that spruced up the Columbarium area this spring/summer.

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Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship: 8:15 A.M. and 10:45 A.M.

Faith Walk (Sunday School) Between Services: 9:30 A.M.

Holy Communion is celebrated weekly

A Nursery is Provided during worship

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