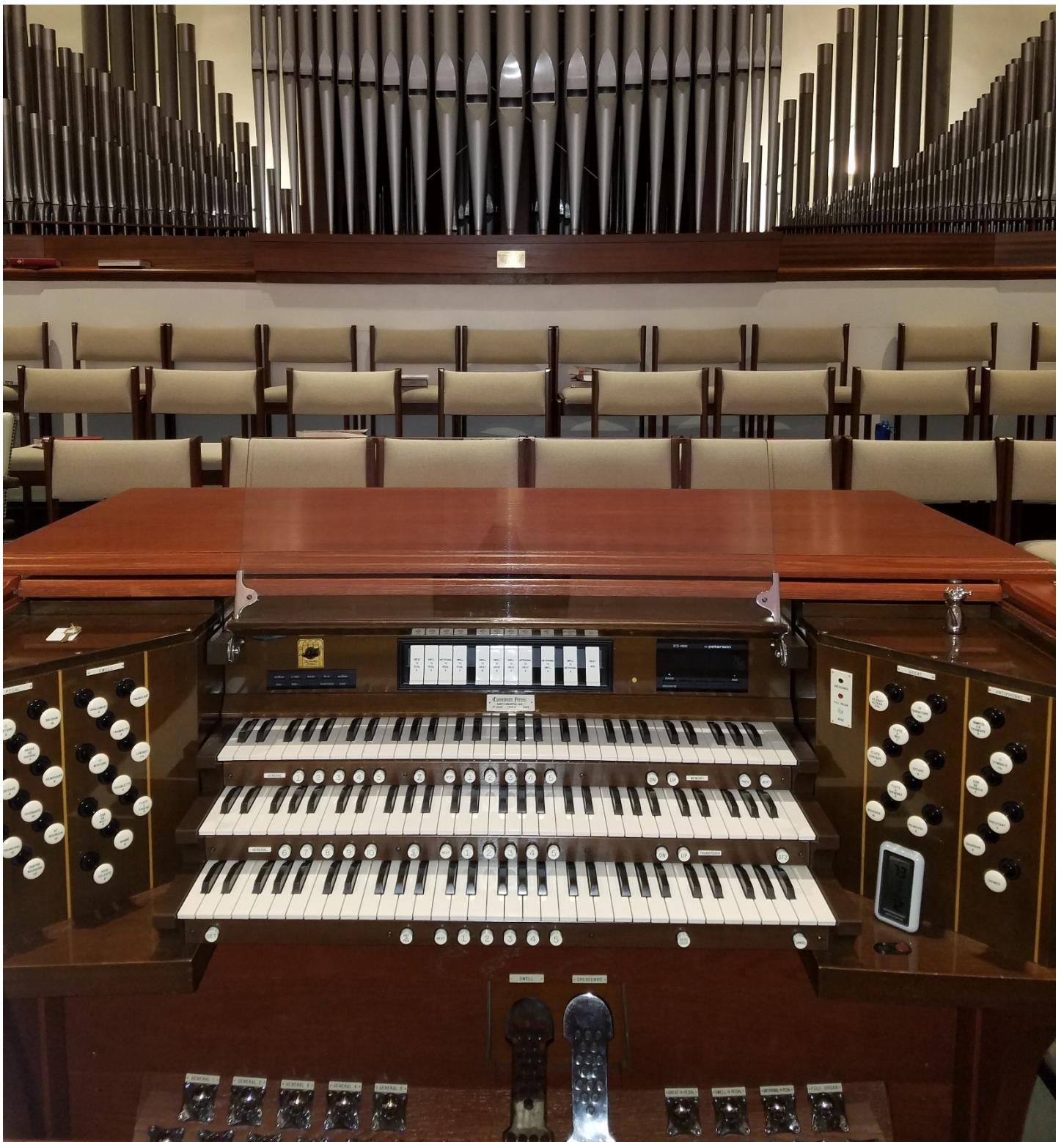


Trinity Tidings

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Newport News, VA

March 2018



From the Pastor's Desk . . .



I don't know about you, but we spent a good portion of our evenings in February riveted to our television screen, fascinated by all things Winter Olympics. Whenever the Olympics roll around, winter or summer, this seems to happen; we

think that we'll tune in, off and on, check out a few of the big events, and then before we know it we're overly invested in how the German women did in biathlon. It's hard not to get caught up in it, the excitement, the tension, the stories that are yet to be written, the history that is potentially being made, the young kids becoming stars, the stars who are giving it one last go, there's always something that can pull you in, whether you want to be pulled in or not. However, there's one thing that always remains consistent for me through the Olympics, and that is my propensity to be amazed, fascinated, and somewhat terrified by what these athletes willingly put their bodies through, all for the sake of gold.

Every Olympic cycle, I am blown over again and again by the things that people have convinced their bodies, their minds to do, because sometimes it doesn't seem possible, let alone sane or safe. I mean look at something like...the skeleton. Number one, who wants to participate in a sport named after bones? Number two, who thinks it's even remotely safe to hurl yourself down an icy hill, head first, with nothing but your own feet for brakes? At one point, when one of our racers skidded a bit on her run, I yelled, full on, out loud *yelped*. The same goes for ski jumping. When your husband looks at you and says, "It sounds like a jet taking off when they go down the hill," that doesn't seem like a sport you want to participate in! Don't even get me started on the slopestyle snowboarding and skiing. They were my favorite competitions this year, but you could not pay me to hurl myself up in the air and see how many times I can twist my body around and somehow land safely on my feet (sometimes

God, Trust, and the Olympics

backwards!). It takes an immense amount of training to do these things, but it also takes an immense amount of trust, of faith, for our athletes to go out there and put it all out on the ice and the snow, with little assurance that it will be ok, beyond their own skills and the weather conditions.

As I was watching this year, it got me thinking... what if we put into our faith the same kind of trust that our athletes put into their sports? And no, I'm not saying that this means we should go hurtling down hills at insane speeds all with the blind trust that God has got our backs; what I'm saying is, the life of faith that God calls us to is in some ways just as scary, just as frightening as a skeleton track. God calls us to go out into the world and *love* people, all people. God calls us to lead lives that are counter-cultural, seeking to focus on the good of others, to not live with hearts full of judgment, prejudice, and fear, to strive for the good of all rather than just the good of ourselves, and let's face it, that is no easy task. Far too often, I think one of the things that gets in the way of our leading fully authentic lives of faith is fear. Fear of the unknown, fear of uncertainty, fear of failure, fear of getting our hearts broken, fear of making others upset, fear, fear, fear.

Fear is not what is going to bring the kingdom of God to earth. Fear of our neighbor, fear of saying the unpopular thing, that isn't going to help us live into the greatest commandment that we have, to love our neighbor as God loves us. Is it possible that what we need in order to live into this earthly kingdom of heaven is a little bit of Olympic athlete trust? Is it possible that what we need to live out our faith is a little bit of Olympic insanity that says, yup, I'm going to hurl myself down that hill? Does it mean that everything will go smoothly? Does it mean that every chance on faith that we take will be a gold medal run? No. There are no such guarantees in life, even in a life of faith, however, does it mean that we will know that we gave it our all in trying to help God's kingdom come? Does it mean that we will know that at the end of the day we

gave more love than apathy? That we trusted more than we feared? That we strove for peace more than division? That we sought God's kingdom more than our own? I think it would.

We have a few more weeks of Lent left to go and I pray that those weeks might be characterized for you by a little bit of Olympic oomph. That you might

look at your faith, your life with God, and decide that it's time to go down that hill, as fast as you can, because, well, isn't it worth taking that chance?

*Peace it Together,
Pastor Tina*

Join Your Brothers & Sisters in Christ for Lent

This year for our midweek Lenten services, we will be joining together with the other local Hilton churches for a joint study on spiritual gifts. Spiritual gifts are those unique and incredible things which God has blessed each of us with in order that we might serve the gospel and our neighbor in our corner of the world. During our time together we will talk about what spiritual gifts are and examine what gifts are in our lives.

Our evenings together will be on Thursday nights throughout Lent, rotating among the five different churches, with a different pastor leading our discussion each week. The schedule for the evenings will be:

6:00-6:30 Dinner (soup, salad, bread)

6:30-7:15 Discussion/Conversation time

7:15-7:30 Closing worship

The dates and locations are as follows:

February 22nd Hilton Baptist

March 1st.....St. Andrew's Episcopal

March 8th.....Hilton Presbyterian

March 15th.....First United Methodist

March 22nd.....Trinity Lutheran

Vacation Bible School Registration

Registration is now open for both volunteers and children who want to attend the Hilton Area Church's Vacation Bible School. Visit the following website to sign up. Please sign up early so the folks planning the event are better prepared. Experience the ride of a lifetime with God!

<https://rrr.cokesburyvbs.com/hiltonchurches2018>



Holy Week Worship Schedule



Palm Sunday Sunday, March 25

Worship with Holy Communion at 8:15 and 10:45 AM

Processional gospel will be read outside in front of the church, followed by a palm branch processional into the sanctuary.

Maundy Thursday Thursday, March 29

Worship with Holy Communion and a Service of Footwashing at 7:00 PM

Join us for worship Thursday evening as we remember Jesus' celebration of the Last Supper with the disciples and as we gather around the communion table with our church family. We will also have a period of footwashing during the service in which families will be invited to come up and wash each other's feet or individuals may come up to the pastor's station for footwashing. This is optional, but a wonderful way to remember how our Lord knelt before the feet of his disciples to prepare them for service after his death.

Good Friday Friday, March 30

Worship with the Passion Story and The Seven Last Words at 7:00 PM

Easter Sunday Sunday, April 1

Sunrise Worship at 6:45 AM

Worship with Holy Communion will begin in the columbarium, as we welcome the resurrection dawn.

Easter Breakfast at 8:00 AM

All are welcome for an Easter morning potluck as we celebrate our Lord and Savior's resurrection around a family meal together

Easter Egg Hunt at 9:15 AM

Festival Worship at 10:00 AM

Worship with Holy Communion and guest musicians

Reformation Concert Series: Christopher Young in Recital

Christopher Young is Professor of Music at the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music, Bloomington, Indiana. He teaches applied organ and several graduate organ literature history courses for the organ department. Dr. Young, a native of New England, was the winner of the 1988 National Young Artists Competition of The American Guild of Organists as well as of the 1988 Arthur Poister Competition (Syracuse University). He was also recognized by Musical America as one of their outstanding Young Artists of 1989. His concert career was begun under the auspices of a special young artist program provided by Karen McFarlane Artists, and continued under the Young Organists Cooperative, of which he was a co-director until 1993. Dr. Young has been a featured artist at national and regional conventions of the American Guild of Organists. He has also been heard on Minnesota Public Radio's "Pipedreams," a program broadcast on National Public Radio, and has appeared in concert with the Rochester (MN) Chamber Chorale, the Minneapolis Chamber Symphony and with his wife, violinist Brenda Brenner. His compact disc *To Thee All Angels Cry Aloud* was recorded on the Pro Organo label. In addition to concertizing, Dr. Young presents master classes, workshops and lectures. He has given classes and performances at several church music clinics, including the Montreat Conference on Music and Worship, the St. Olaf Conference on Music and Theology, and the national convention of the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians. He has also presented at several National Pedagogy Conferences, as well national and regional conventions of the AGO. Several presentations have focused on electronic media, including a virtual tour of North German Organs, interactive analyses of organ music, and the theo-

retical underpinnings to the organ music of Messiaen. Dr. Young serves as organist of First Presbyterian Church, Bloomington. Dr. Young began organ lessons under the tutelage of Marion Anderson while a freshman at Bates College in Lewiston, ME, where, in 1982 he graduated Phi Beta Kappa with High Honors in Music. A graduate of The Eastman School of Music, he earned the MM and DMA degrees, and the prestigious Performer's Certificate under David Craighead and Russell Saunders.



Christopher Young in Recital

4 pm • Sunday, March 11, 2018
Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
6812 River Road • Newport News

Organ Photo
by JoAnne Rawls

Blast From the Past

Can you help identify the people in these four pictures?

The Archives Committee is working on old photographs and it would be helpful to know the members or guests that are in the pictures and if you can help identify the activity and year that it took place.

Please contact Sandy Cobb, Dee Klapperich, or Judy Hunt if you have any information. The committee usually meets on Monday mornings, if you want to stop by.



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Thank You . . .

To the MANY people who helped to make our week of hosting PORT at Trinity Lutheran Church a success: thank you for sharing your time, your talents and your hearts with us; I hope that it was an experience that, although difficult at times due to lack of sleep, stepping out of our 'comfort zone' and seeing firsthand the raw effects of poverty and homelessness with families of young children and people with a variety of mental and physical disabilities, that you know how much your help was needed and appreciated by myself, Anne Evans and Fred Ardis.

Next week, Anne, Fred and I will recap the week to look for ways we can make the experience better for next year and I welcome any suggestions you may have.

Enjoy the warm weather, hug your family and thank you for your gifts.

Sue Moeslein

Youth Group Activities

Easter Egg Hunt:

The youth group will meet on March 25 between services to stuff our Easter Eggs for the annual Easter Egg Hunt. Bring a bag of individually wrapped candy with you for the event. Also mark your calendars for Easter Sunday, April 1 when we will hide those eggs starting at 8:45 AM on Easter Sunday morning.

Kairos:

If you are a current 8th - 11th grader, you are eligible to attend the VA Synod ELCA week long summer youth event at Roanoke College in Roanoke, VA from July 22 -27. This is a wonderful faith forming opportunity for youth. If you are interested in attending this event, forms are on the youth group bul-

letin board. Please submit completed forms with full payments (checks written out to Trinity Lutheran Church) by April 1.

Lock In:

Trinity is hosting a joint lock in event for the youth groups of Trinity, St. Paul's, and St. Stephen's Lutheran churches on April 13. This will be a night of fun and games while getting to know the youth of these congregations. All NYG youth are especially encouraged to attend as you can meet the kids and other adults that will be traveling with us to Houston, TX. Remember to bring PJs, sleeping bag, pillow, a snack to share, and a flashlight for Sardines. Sign up on the youth group bulletin board if you can attend.

Organ Dedication

The refurbished and upgraded organ will be dedicated during the worship services on March 11th. The contractor was able to match the original stain to perfection. There are a few new components as well which will make it easier for multiple players to adjust the organ to their playing preferences. Be sure to attend the dedication and remember that there is an organ concert that same afternoon at 4:00 PM by Christopher Young. Offerings will be collected to benefit the Don Golden Scholarship at Christopher Newport University.



Lenten Flowers

During Lent, we will substitute the traditional chancel flowers with an arrangement to reflect the solemnity of the season. The flowers have been chosen specifically to represent different aspects of what we reflect on during Lent, and we pray that they will help deepen your reflections during this season. Please take time to notice the arrangement and the following representations:

Hosta: Devotion
Dutch Iris: Sorrow
Dogwood: Penitence
Rose: Victory
Lavender Statice: Penitence
Thistle: Suffering

Purple and Lavender are the colors for Lent. White represents the promise of Easter and the resurrection.

We thank Diane Roselius for her time and talent in making and sharing these arrangements.



Church Executive, Council, and Committees



At the January Council Retreat, the following Council members were elected to serve as the Executive Committee: Jessica Moye, President; Todd Recupero, Vice-President, and Sue Moeslein, Secretary. Charlotte Paschal was elected to serve as Chaplain.

The other members of council, including those newly elected include: Don Sniady, John Savage, Laura Davis, Bill Solomon, Charlotte Paschal, Patricia McClelland, Amy Robinson, Sounthone Mynoymany, Dave Roselius, Michelle Carpenter, Phil Shook, and Rich Huebner.

The Church Trustees are Dee Klapperich, Judy Hunt, and John Lunsford.

Church Committees:

In an effort to make sure that all members of our church family are informed about the committees of our congregation, we wanted to provide you with a list of members for our various committees. If you have any questions about that particular committee, you can know who you can get in touch with regarding your questions.

Memorial Garden: Bill Solomon (Chair), Dee Klapperich, Diane Roselius

Youth Ministry: Kelly Rummel (Chair), Erik Rummel, Ashleigh Ardis

Congregational Life: Dave Carlson (Chair), Todd Recupero (Liaison)

Social Ministry: Anne Evans, Sue Moeslein, Fred Ardis

Property: Ed Matz (Chair), Phil Shook (Liaison), Earl Dunn, Kevin Goetz, Diane Roselius

Archives: Sandy Cobb (Chair), Dee Klapperich, Judy Hunt

Witness: Sandy Sniady (chair), Don Sniady, Judy Hunt, Cliff Obara, Charlotte Paschal (Liaison)

Finance: Cliff Obara (Chair), Carol Bessom (ex officio), Brad Goodman, David Hunt, Patricia McClelland (Liaison), Dan Jungkuntz

Worship and Music: Laura Davis (Chair), Rob Keene (ex officio), Dick Davis, Don Sniady, Karoline Ardis, Terri Hoffeditz, Dan Jungkuntz, Dee Klapperich, Patricia McClelland, Amy Robinson, Bill Solomon

Personnel: Amy Robinson (Chair), Tricia Wessler, Dick Davis, Wendy Mynoymany, Susan Deagle, Grant Owens, Dale Goodman

Christian Education (Committee and Sunday School Coordinators): Jessica Moye (Chair), Karoline Ardis, Ashleigh Ardis, Dan Jungkuntz, Patricia McClelland

As you can see, many committees have thin ranks and have been run by the same folks for many years. Please consider volunteering to serve on one of the committees as a way to serve your Church.

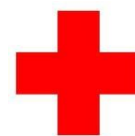


Hilton Area Churches Blood Drive

Tuesday, March 13, 2018, 1:30 PM to 5:30 PM

Hilton Christian Church, 100 James River Drive, Newport News

Register: 1-800-RED CROSS or redcrossblood.org (enter: HiltonAC)



Announcements . . .

Theology on Tap:

We will not meet in March due to the Easter season being under way. The next Theology on Tap will be April 26th.. We meet at 6:30 to come together for a time of casual and open conversation about faith, theology, life in the church, and how we live as Christians in the world. All are welcome!



Trinity School News

You may have noticed an unusual desk in the lobby recently. The desk is there for a reason. The students are learning about saving through a program with BayPort Credit Union. They will learn to run the bank at the same time all students can contribute to their savings account.

Student-Run Credit Union *Coming this Spring!*

During your school journey, you will gain real-life knowledge that you will use throughout your lifetime. One valuable lesson available to you is learning about finance and banking.

Trinity Lutheran School has partnered with BayPort Credit Union to provide an on-campus credit union. You will be able to make deposits and watch your money grow.

Access "Savings Day" on-campus weekly on Monday.
Earn dividends on the money you save.
Promotions, activities, and giveaways for SRCU members.
Have a leg up on your peers when it comes to financial literacy.
Participate in BayPort's Youth Rewards Program.

Certain restrictions apply. Federally insured by NCUA.



Easter Egg Hunt

All youth age birth - 3rd grade are invited to participate in the annual Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday, April 1. Please meet in the church gym at 9:15 AM before the 10:00 AM service to go and hunt Easter eggs. Remember to bring your Easter basket with you to collect the over 1000 eggs that we will hide.



Attention Scrapbookers!

Join us on Saturday, March 10th from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM in the Church social hall. Open to all experienced or beginner Scrapbookers. For more information and to reserve a spot, please call Terri Hoffeditz at (C) 757-871-1182 or (H) 757-766-2646. This is purely scrapbooking with no sales pressures.

Happy Birthday to our Special Senior Saints

March Birthdays

Dan Jungkuntz	82	3/10
James Gribble.....	84	3/13
Shirley Anderson	83	3/18
Ruth White	93	3/20
Barbara Olson	85	3/22
Bobbie McWithey.....	823	3/25
Harry Hartman	80	3/28



COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

Upcoming Events

Lenten Services . . .

- Mar 1 St. Andrew's Episcopal
- Mar 8 Hilton Presbyterian
- Mar 15 First United Methodist
- Mar 22 Trinity Lutheran
- Mar 4 One City Marathon
- Mar 10 Scrapbooking
- Mar 11 Organ Dedication
- Mar 11 Young Recital
- Mar 13 Blood Drive
- Mar 25 Palm Sunday
- Mar 29 Maundy Thursday
- Mar 30 Good Friday
- Apr 1 Easter Sunday
- Apr 26 Theology on Tap
- May 31 Theology on Tap

Easter Candy Needed

The youth group is collecting individually wrapped Easter candy for our annual Easter egg hunt. While you are out and about shopping this spring, grab a bag of candy for this event and leave it in the youth group room. Please leave all donated candy in our youth room by March 25. Thanks in advance for helping out with this event.

TEAM Disbursements

Based on congregation inputs, the ad-hoc committee has made the following recommendations for the disbursement of the Trinity Endowment and Ministries donation (which was been approved by the Church Council):

Natasha House, \$600; YWCA, \$350; Peninsula Rescue Mission, \$600; Circle of Compassion, \$350; Caroline Furnace Camp, \$600; Lutheran Campus Ministry/North Western University, \$600; Luther Manor, \$600; ELCA Fund for Leaders, \$850; Dream Catchers, \$600; and Lutheran Immigration/Refugee Service, \$850. The total disbursed is \$6000, with an additional \$200 to be determined for a local need. More information on TEAM is available in the Annual Report.

Tidings Articles Needed

The editor of the Tidings is asking for articles that can be shared with the congregation. If you are a committee chair or council member, please provide articles for upcoming or past events that your committee is responsible for. Other articles are welcome and will be published upon approval. The soft deadline is the 15th of the month. If you need a few extra days, please contact the editor so space can be reserved. Articles should be submitted to the editor (cliffordobara@cox.net) and to the office administrator (admin@trinitynn.com).

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

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church is a Stephen Ministry Congregation.