

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

April Monthly Announcement Sheet

OFFICE HOURS AND INFORMATION

The church office is open Monday-Thursday from 9-3.

Sunday School for youth and adults: 8:45am

Sunday Services: 10am

Bell choir practice: after service on Sundays as scheduled

Bible study: Tuesdays at 10:30

Choir practice: Wednesdays at 7:00

RED FOOD BOX UPDATE

Please don't forget to bring in items for our Little Red Food Box! We're looking for items that are nutritious and taste well but that are also easily accessible. Examples would be the envelopes of variously-flavored tuna and chicken items, six packs of fruit (applesauce works best and does not draw "critters"), crackers or chips, peanut butter cups, potted meat cans, Vienna sausage cans, etc. Nothing wrong with an occasional sweet "treat," either! Also, water bottles are welcome, and various kinds of nutritious drinks, as long as they're well-packaged and don't leak.

Be creative! What would *you* like to munch on your way down the street or home from work?!

Please do NOT bring large cans, items that must be heated or otherwise prepared, or cans that require a can opener. Those items are welcome in the Thrive food basket!

Thank you for helping to brighten the lives of our siblings in Christ!

RECONCILING IN CHRIST

There are comment/question boxes in the Narthex, lobby, and Sacristy hallway. We like hearing from you! All are welcome to join; you do not have to be part of the core group.

BIBLE STUDY

Bible study will meet Tuesdays at 10:30 AM in Library or on Zoom while the parlor is under renovation.

CANNED GOODS FOR THRIVE

When you go to the grocery store, please remember our neighbors being helped by Thrive. All canned goods as well as personal care items can be left in the basket in the narthex. These items will be given to those in our community who are in need. The food will be delivered to Thrive. Please do not leave clothing and other items for the homeless. THRIVE will not take them. They would need to go either in the yard sale or taken to LINK who will accept them.

Thrive is no longer accepting donations of shoes at their new location until further notice. You may donate wearable shoes to the 2025 youth yard sale. Just leave them in the green room downstairs.

FRESH FOOD DONATIONS

For all our gardeners out there... if you have an overabundance of fresh produce from your gardens and you want to donate it to Thrive, please drop off the produce in the cooler located in the narthex. We will run the produce up to Thrive for you, along with the produce we are growing here at Trinity.

CARDS FOR HOMEBOUND

We are renewing the cards for homebound members effort. If you find cards in the Narthex, please feel free to sign them and share a happy message. We will mail them to our members who can't be with us in person.

A NOTE FROM FINANCE COMMITTEE

Thank you to all the members of Trinity who are generously responding to the approval of the 2023-2024 Ministry Spending Plan by increasing their regular offerings to the general fund. Growing support of our financial goals helps Trinity become a powerful force for good in our community and world, a living example of "God's Work – Our Hands."

As you prayerfully consider your own ability to increase your financial response, please remember that the amount of increase doesn't matter. What matters is the desire to contribute time, talent, and treasure to grow in our service to God and to our siblings, both in our community and in a world where our love and support are desperately needed.

YOUTH CORNER

Vacation Bible School: Hometown Nazareth Where Jesus Was a Kid

Last summer's revival of Hilton Vacation Bible School was a great success. Before it ended, many participants were already looking forward to this year's session. This summer, the Hilton area churches will again be hosting VBS --**HOMETOWN NAZARETH WHERE JESUS WAS A KID.**

The VBS Steering Committee is hard at work planning for an exciting four-night program July 29-August 1 (Monday through Thursday) at 5-8 p.m.

This is a marvelous outreach opportunity to bring the Good News to families in our churches and community and to cultivate a lifetime faith for the participants. There will be numerous volunteer opportunities for kitchen staff to help prepare and serve simple dinners, shepherds to lead the

groups to their activities, as well as leaders and helpers in crafts, recreation, and music.

Please consider your talents and how you can contribute to a successful VBS. When we have a volunteer roster, we'll know the number of students we can accept. We're hoping to accept more kids this year!

VIRGINIA CHORAL SOCIETY

The Virginia Choral Society presents its Spring concerts on April 20 and 21. We will sing some Duruflé motets and then sing the Duruflé *Requiem* with orchestra and guest soloists. Two of Trinity's choir members, Trish Fielding and Heather Guilfoyle, will sing in this Virginia Choral Society concert. Group rates available. Tickets and concert information:

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all the servers and volunteers who helped make our Easter celebration this year a very special one! To Pastor Tina, who continues to work so diligently and so faithfully to lead our church family deeper and more meaningfully into our faith – thank you! To our wonderful choir and organist-choirmaster, for the extra hours of practice and for the beautiful, faith-enhancing music that resulted – thank you! To our guest musicians, who add such beauty to our music program – thank you! To the volunteers who work so quietly and so faithfully "behind the scenes" to ensure that candles are oiled, brass is polished, communion is prepared reverently, paraments are changed appropriately and floral gifts displayed for the glory of God – thank you! To our servers – crucifers, acolytes, torchbearers, Bible bearers, kite flyers- who lead our services with great reverence – thank you! To our lectors – thank you for sharing with us the Word of God! To our ushers for their faithful service – thank you! To our livestream and camera people – thank you for allowing us to share our services with those who cannot attend in person!

To the faithful members of the Counting Committee, who work each week to ensure that our offerings are accounted for correctly and that our gifts are given as intended – thank you! To our IT manager and Facilities director, who helps in so many ways beyond the call of technology and property oversight – thank you! To our Head Custodian for all his diligent work – thank you! To our new Assistant Administrator, who worked *long* hours producing bulletins for our Holy Week and Easter services and for additional services, who learned quickly to “swim in the deep end of the administrative pool” – thank you! For former and substitute administrators, who were “on call” to help if needed – thank you! For our Reception Committee, for Charlotte Duff especially for the wonderful cakes, and for all the volunteers who bring goodies to share and who help with set up and clean up – thank you!

This note of appreciation now includes almost everyone in our congregation! How wonderful that so many members of the Trinity family are working hard to ensure that Trinity remains a faithful and active and loving house of God! Thank you to all members of the Trinity faith community!

“He is not here! He is risen! Alleluia!”

Music

Upcoming Concerts

On April 21 at 3pm, Trinity's Director of Music Ministries Geoffrey Bell will be joined by Mike Daniels, principal cellist of the Virginia Symphony, to present a concert of music for organ and cello. This concert is part of the Tidewater Chapter of the American Guild of Organists' Organ Swell concert series, which features organists paired with symphony players in concerts throughout Hampton Roads during the months of April and May.

On May 5 at 3pm, our sanctuary will be filled with the sound of joyous bell-ringing, as the Virginia Handbell Consort presents their spring concert "Metamorphosis." More info will be available in the coming weeks!