



The Trinitarian

*Trinity welcomes all to a community in Christ;
serving others, growing in faith,
living in hope, and reaching out in love.*

The Waters of Easter

Lent is our journey to and through the water. We are reminded of the dark, deadly, watery chaos that God transformed into the bright, lively, watery order of creation. So, during Lent, we are reminded of the terrible flood that destroyed humanity and the ship that saved Noah and his family until the waters subsided. We are reminded of the liberation of God's chosen people out of slavery in Egypt and their passage through the water to arrive safely on the other side. We are reminded, again and again, how God brings us out of the dark and deadly water into the bright and orderly life restored.

Every time we walk in or out of worship we pass through the baptistry with two walls of water in stained glass on either side to remind us that God has also brought us through the dark and deadly waters of Baptism into light and life of love and service to God and all our neighbors. But Baptism is a life-long journey, not a one time event. As Luther says in the *Small Catechism*, Baptism is a daily drowning of sin and a daily rising to newness of life.

Lent is over and the feast begins, but our need to have our course altered or sometimes completely reoriented is not over. We may have given up chocolate for Lent, but the message of Easter calls us to give up fear. We may have become more prayerful during Lent, but Easter calls us to carry the love of God to all people. We may have given up television for Lent, but the risen Lord calls us to give up the belief that death has the last word. What we decide to do for Lent is easy in comparison to what God has decided to do in the Easter life. Having received Christ's resurrection as our own in Baptism, Christian faith is no longer an idea. It is now a reality that gives

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HOLY WEEK
MAUNDY THURSDAY
29. March
12:10 pm HOLY COMMUNION
40 minutes and spoken

7:30 pm HOLY COMMUNION
with Stripping of the Altar

30. March
The Seven Last
Words of Christ
Noon to 3:00 pm
Emmanuel Lutheran
Church
Bethesda, MD



*come for all or part of the service
led by several pastors of the
Montgomery County area*

7:30 pm TENEBRAE SERVICE
at Trinity Lutheran Church
a service of psalms and shadows



HOLY SATURDAY
31. March 7:30 pm
The Great
Vigil of Easter
with reception
of new members

EASTER SUNDAY
1. April 2018
8:15 am Festival
HOLY COMMUNION
with choirs, organ, trumpet, & timpani
9:30 am Easter Brunch & Egg
Hunt
10:45 am Festival
HOLY COMMUNION
with choirs, organ, trumpet, & timpani

Attention Bread Bakers!

We need volunteers to sign up to bake Communion bread for a specific Sunday during the Easter season (seven in all). We provide the recipes; you provide the labor of love. The two loaves may be dropped off before the early service, or left in the church refrigerator the day before. Look for the poster in the Social Hall or contact Carol B to sign up for Sundays 1. April - 13. May. Copies of the approved recipes are located in the Altar Guild Mailbox in the copier/mail room. Please contact Carol B with any questions.



First Communion!

First Communion Sunday is 20. May, with classes beginning on Sunday 29. April. Please talk with Anita or Pastor Berner if your child would like to receive First Communion.



Pledging for Mission

as of
25. March



BIGGER than a Building! – 66 families have pledged \$479,040 to our 3 year mission appeal. Total amount received to date for BTAB! is \$398,530.50.

Thank you for your generous support.

Each person represents \$35,000 toward our goal of \$700,000.

Holy Baptism



What does Baptism mean for daily living?

It means that our sinful self, with all its evil deeds and desires, should be drowned through daily repentance; and that day after day a new self should arise to live with God in righteousness and purity forever.

St. Paul writes in Romans 6:

"We were buried therefore with him by Baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life."

Lesson Colossians 3:1-17

Prayer

Holy God, who calls us to daily repentance, we claim our inheritance with all those who have been drowned to the past and resurrected for the future. Make our daily living reflect your grace, attracting others to the font from which flows life eternal. In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Welcome New Members

Paul and Joyce D

Paul and Joyce are originally from New Jersey. Paul worked as a chemist for Union Carbide and for a French chemical company. Joyce taught music and served as choir director in several Lutheran churches. Their daughter and son-in-law (also musicians) live in Kensington, MD. Joyce and Paul are now delighted to be close by so they can help out caring for their 18 month-old grandchild. Welcome Joyce and Paul!



Easter Message from the Presiding Bishop

It all started with such promise – the angel announcing to Mary that the child she would bear would be called Son of the Most High; the conviction of Mary that this child would be the embodiment of God’s promised justice, that the hungry would be filled with good things and the rich sent away empty; angels announcing his birth; thousands being fed; the sick healed; the dead raised.

And then, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” It was over. The world hadn’t changed. Might still made right. How ridiculously naïve to believe that any reversal of the old order could come about. Hope is for the gullible. Looking at this man hanging utterly helpless, naked and broken on a cross, the powers and principalities, earthly and spiritual, death and the devil must have said, “You fool.”

This, as St. Paul reminds us, is the wisdom of the world. The world can present plenty of hard evidence that it is right: children killing children in horrific school shootings, 60 million displaced people – all of this supported by our rebellion against God, our idolatrous claim that we are in control and the world is ours. In all of the suffering others cause and we cause others, we, too, might cry out, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

Jesus’ crucifixion is the death of our death. His innocent suffering has reconciled all of creation to God. He has done it. We stake our lives on this. We shall have come through the Lenten desert to the Easter garden. We shall say, “Alleluia! Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!” We shall confess this and live this in the face of worldly wisdom that is based on death. Life wins. Love wins.

Bishop Elizabeth Eaton

Trinity Men’s Group Meeting – April

Wednesday 11. April, at 1:00 PM
at Jim V’s home in Leisure World.



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us the freedom to rejoice in God’s victory over death and to proclaim it to all. For the Christian who has been raised from the dead with Jesus, faith can no longer be something set in stone or held back by a stone – it is the loving reality of the living Lord Jesus always calling us to him for new adventures of witness and service.

Roger L. Seiner
Pastor

The Platter Party is Back!

Trinity will be hosting its second annual Platter Party on Saturday 21. April at 6 pm. DJs will be spinning your favorite oldie 45 rpm records at the Social Hall Malt Shoppe.



Be there or be square!

An update on our Afghan family

Our family has been very busy. Aziz, the father, passed his driving test and is looking for employment; he hopes to secure work in his field of civil engineering. Three volunteers are tutoring his wife Sediqa in English, and Hina, their 6-year-old daughter, is very happy in her kindergarten class. Thanks to the very generous donation of a Trinity family, Aziz and his family will soon have a 2004 Chevy Malibu to make work, shopping, and outings much easier.

As spring approaches, we hope to provide some social opportunities for the family, such as visiting the National Zoo and going to local parks and sites of interest. We have scheduled a potluck at Trinity for Saturday evening, June 23, so the congregation will have a chance to meet the family. Please see future *Trinitarians* or check with Lynn B, Nalini A, or Kathy T for more information.

Kathy T



Jr. Youth Group - 7. April - 2-4 PM - All youth grades 1-5 are invited to come over to Trinity for an afternoon of preparing for Youth Sunday on April 8! Please RSVP to Anita before 5. April.

Youth Sunday - The youth will be leading worship on 8. April. If you are interested in helping lead worship, please let Anita know!

Youth Group - 8. April - 6 - 7:30 PM - All youth grades 6-12 are invited to come and play. We will be having dinner (provided by Tamara & Matthew), and then we will be heading outside to play with Diet Coke and Mentos. Be prepared to get messy!

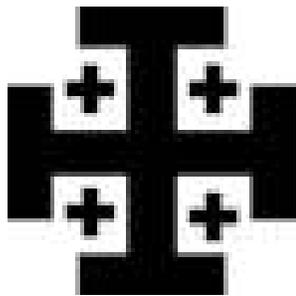


Looking Ahead:

- 5. May - Jr. Youth Group - 2-4 pm
- 20. May - Youth Group End of the Year Party
- 10. June - Sunday School Picnic
- 27. June - 1. July - ELCA National Youth Gathering
- 29. July - 3. August - Mission Trip

Attention Graduates

We will recognize graduates from High School, College, and Graduate School on 3. June. Please let Anita know where you are graduating from and where your adventures are leading you!



Birthdays

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| 1 Rebecca B | 15 Anjali A |
| 2 Taylor M | Margaret F |
| 3 Charles B | Scott M |
| Joe C | 17 Jim V |
| Jay D | 18 Susan K |
| 6 Steven R | 19 Sean M |
| 7 Tom K | Caila N |
| 8 Larry J | 21 Dan S |
| 9 Carine N | 22 Diana M |
| 12 Judy D | Kevin M |
| 13 Isabela F | 24 Anusha A |
| Philip S | June L |
| Claudette V | Bjorn S |
| Michael V | 25 Leslie C |
| 14 Benjamin N | Warren M |
| | 28 Joshua B |
| | 29 Alarich L |

Wedding Anniversaries

- 1 Margaret & Greg F
- 16 Noralyn & Philip D
- 18 Cristina & Rich G
- 24 Marilyn & Bob C
- 26 Matthew & Tamara C
- 30 Jane R & Eric S

Baptismal Days

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| 1 Linda H | 15 Joseph B |
| Hagen S | Isabela F |
| Ginger H | Karl M |
| 3 Robyn K | Giovanni S |
| Thor N | 17 Karen T |
| Philip T | 18 Susan K |
| 4 Kevin D | 21 Grayson D |
| Katie J | 22 Addison H |
| 5 Clara M | Michael V |
| 10 Anders S | 26 Eva S |
| 12 Lisbeth D | 27 Scott M |
| 13 Robert P | Sarah M |
| 14 Ross A | 29 Marilyn C |
| Tom K | 30 Vincent M |

Deaths

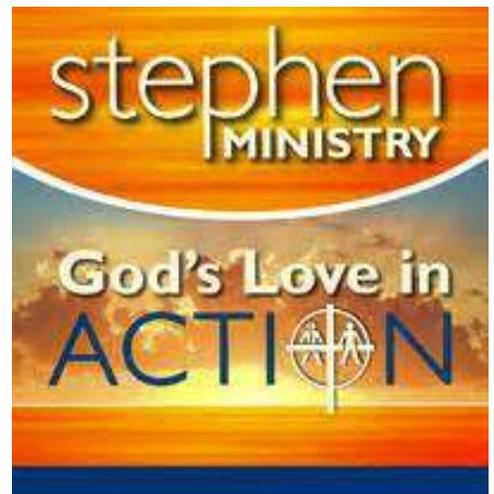
Bruce S
 + 4. March 2018
 funeral at Trinity on Saturday 24. March 2018

Two Stephen Ministers Commissioned Sunday 18. March

Marilyn G and Nathan L were commissioned as Stephen Ministers, after completing 50 hours of instruction in pastoral care. Thank you and welcome: Nathan and Marilyn

What Is Stephen Ministry?

*Bear one another's burdens,
and in this way you will fulfill
the law of Christ.* Galatians 6:2



Stephen Ministry began at Trinity in the year 2000. It is a one-to-one caring ministry that equips and empowers lay caregivers – called Stephen Ministers – to provide Christ-centered, quality, confidential, care to hurting people.

How Stephen Ministry Works

The best way to understand how Stephen Ministry works is to learn about three groups of people involved in this ministry: Stephen Leaders, Stephen Ministers, and Care Receivers.

Stephen Leaders

Direct the overall ministry in the congregation

They recruit and train Stephen Ministers, meet with potential care receivers to assess their needs, match care receivers with Stephen Ministers, and provide Stephen Ministers with ongoing supervision and continuing education. Stephen Leaders attend a one-week Leader's Training Course that introduces the Stephen Ministry resources, develops key skills, and gets people excited to serve. Most congregations begin with 2 - 4 Stephen Leaders, typically including a pastor and/or another church staff person, and one or more lay leaders. Trinity's Stephen Ministry Leaders are: Miriam M and Pr. Berner. Susan S will be attending Stephen Leaders Training this month in St. Louis, Missouri.

Stephen Ministers – *Lay caregivers trained in the congregation by Stephen Leaders*

Stephen Ministers are congregation members trained by Stephen Leaders to offer Christian care to people going through tough times. A Stephen Minister usually provides care to one person at a time, meeting with that person once a week for about an hour. Stephen Ministers also gather with their Stephen Leaders for supervision and continuing education.

Care Receivers – *People going through tough times who are being cared for by Stephen Ministers*

Care receivers may be congregation members or others in the community, who receive care from a Stephen Minister. These are people may be experiencing grief, loneliness, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, or some other crisis.

Some guidelines for this caring relationship protect both the care receiver and the Stephen Minister:

- ✚ The relationship between a care receiver and a Stephen Minister is confidential.
- ✚ Men are matched with men; women with women.
- ✚ When a care receiver's needs exceed what a Stephen Minister can provide, the Stephen Ministry team makes a referral to an appropriate health professional or other community resource.

April Highlights

1. April Festival Holy Communion
with organ, choir, brass, & timpani
8:15 am & 10:45 am
Easter Brunch and Egg Hunt,
9:30 am
8. April Youth Sunday & Teacher
Appreciation Sunday
15. April Music Appreciation Sunday
21. April Platter Party, 6:00 pm
29. April First Communion Class begins
9:30 am

6. May Semi-Annual Congregation
Meeting and Potluck Luncheon,
12:00 pm

Red Geraniums for Pentecost Sunday

20. May 2018

Deadline for ordering
13. May 2018



I wish to order _____ red geraniums @ \$5.00 each

Given by _____

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

You may place your order form and cash or check, made payable to Trinity Lutheran Church, in the flower envelope (which you will find in the card rack in the pews), and place the envelope in the offering plate, mail it to the church.