



The Trinitarian

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

April 2018

Dear People of God,

Words. I love words. When I was in elementary school, I was in the slow readers group. The extra attention I received then was nothing like what can be offered to struggling readers today. But as my 'skill' increased, I never quite understood what the rush was about. Even at a young age, I loved the way a word or a phrase rolled off the tongue. As I got older, I could appreciate the well-turned phrase, the clever play on words, and the wonder of a simple, common word used in an astonishing new way. When our children and later our grandchildren were born, we read to them constantly, not out of any special expectation, but because we loved sharing something we loved ourselves. Some time ago, I heard a writer declare that words are what allow us to think. I don't know if that's a scientific fact, it seems logical that the more words we know, the better we can express ourselves.

We're having a debate in our culture right now on whether or not words matter. Specifically, if something one person says has an impact on what another person does. I suspect persons wiser than I will shed light on the topic, and another time we can have a conversation about free will in the era of social media and the near constant analysis of our decisions by algorithms; but on the face of it I would say, if words don't matter, then why do we use them so much? Jesus went about using words, proclaiming the kingdom, in an effort to change lives. Martin Luther posted a notice on the door of his local church inviting scholars to have a debate, and the course of history began to shift. Churchill and FDR spoke words of inspiration and courage to their nations and the world and inspired unparalleled sacrifice and courage. Martin Luther King, Jr and Archbishop Desmond Tutu plumbed the scriptures for the language of freedom and justice that changed their nations and the world. I don't know how the present debate is going to turn out, but for me, history seems to indicate that words matter, and they matter a lot.

This week, maybe be alert to the language of our worship. The ancient Kyrie. The contemporary prayer of the day. The even more modern prayers of intercession. The latest scripture translation. The rhythm of the hymn and song. The three-fold creed. It's all there... words and more words. And they matter.

Blessings,
Pastor Kern

Lent and Holy Week at Trinity

Wednesdays in Lent (through April 10)

Soup and Bread Supper	6:30 p.m.
Hymn Sing	7:15 p.m.
Evening Prayer	7:30 p.m.

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Trinity Mission Endowment Fund 2019 Awards

In the coming weeks the Mission Endowment Committee will present five awards during Sunday services.

The awards have been decided by the Mission Endowment Committee based on nominations received from the congregation and committee members in accordance with the by-laws. This year, income from the endowment will support \$4,629 to be given in three categories.

The recipients of this year's awards are:

Special Programs of Trinity Church

Heavenly Handbells \$793.00

Boy Scouts Eagle Project \$750.00

Special Community Ministry

Becky's House \$1,543.00

Special Benevolence

United Lutheran Seminary Scholarship Fund \$743.00

A Wider Circle \$800.00

The Mission Endowment Fund was established in 1996 as a means for members to devote gifts and memorials to the continuing outreach of the church. The first year the Fund was able to distribute awards was 2006. Since then, the Mission Endowment Fund has awarded over \$45,000 to Trinity Programs, Community Ministries, and Special Benevolences. Consider giving a gift in honor or in memory of a loved one. Just write: Trinity Mission Endowment Fund on the note section of your check or envelope.

February Food Drive – Thank You!

Thanks to all who contributed to the February food drive to support the efforts of Bethesda Help. This is the third year Trinity has collected specific food needed and then hosted an afternoon for Tilden Middle School Youth to prepare the food for deliveries. Preparations were made for over 50 deliveries. All deliveries are designed to provide a three-day supply of food for families in southern Montgomery County needing emergency assistance.

Not only did Trinity's effort assist in the provision of food to the needy, our effort also helped educate youth about the challenges faced by many so close to home.

Trinity Men's Group

The Men's Group will meet at the home of Len S on Wed, April 10, 1 p.m.
Contact Len for more information.



Youth News

Here is what is coming up!

Please contact Anita if you are interested in helping with Youth Sunday.

Blessing of New Drivers - We will be blessing all new drivers on March 31 at both services.

High School Gathering (9th - 12th Grade) - March 31 We head out to see *Captain Marvel*. Watch your emails and texts as we get closer.

Junior Youth Group (1st - 5th Grade) - April 6 - We will continue working on our Service Project for the Montgomery County Humane Society.

Youth Group (6th - 12th Grade) - April 14 - We will gather at 6 pm for a Cutthroat Kitchen/Chopped Adventure! We need someone to sign up to bring dinner. Please let Anita know if you are able to bring dinner for the evening.

Easter Egg Hunt Preparation - April 20, 10 am - The Easter Bunny called, and she needs our help! She has lots of Easter Eggs to fill, and she can't do it all by herself. Come on over to Trinity, have some candy, and fill some eggs. All the candy will be peanut/tree nut free.

Easter Egg Hunt - April 21 - With the help of the youth and the Easter Bunny, the annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place at 10:15 am on Easter Sunday. Again, all the candy will be peanut/tree nut free. Please invite your friends!

Looking Ahead:

Junior Youth Group - May 4, 1:00 pm

Youth Sunday - May 12

Youth Group - May 19 (ZavaZone)

Junior Youth Group - June 1 (end-of-year party)

Blessing of the Graduates - June 2

Sunday School Picnic - June 9

Youth Ministry Forum - June 16

Rides to Church

Have you missed Trinity events because you lacked transportation? Trinity has missed you too and the following members of the congregation would like to provide you with a ride to Trinity events:



- 20886 Carol B
- 20850 Marilyn C
- 20850 Margaret F
- 20854 Peggy & Dick J
- 20854 Miriam M
- 20853 Nancy N

Zip codes are provided to aid in finding a driver close to you. Do not hesitate to call. If you would like volunteer to drive, call Dick J.

Looking for Volunteers to Serve Shelter Meals

The Social Ministry committee is looking into serving dinners for 35 women at the Interfaith Works Women's Shelter in Rockville every three months. We need additional cooks, servers, and drivers to make this happen. If you're interested, or want more information, please contact Lynn B or Kathy T.



Congregation Council Highlights March 12, 2018

- There was much discussion regarding present and future financial issues facing the church, and many of these issues will be presented at the upcoming Council and Congregation Retreat being planned for Mid-April.
- Hagen S indicated that the Flood Damage Repair is nearly completed and looks good.

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 April 21 – June 2. Copies of the approved recipes are in the Altar Guild mailbox in the copier/mail room. Please contact Carol B with any questions.

The Results Are In! 2019 Annual Trinity Cook-Off

Thanks to everyone that participated in Trinity's annual cook off including those making entries, tasters and voters. The tasty, fun and fellowship event raised over \$300 that will support the youth's mission trip and Manna Food Center. The 2019 Trinity Top Chefs are **Lenore C** who entered delicious Italian Meatballs and **Nancy M** who entered decadent Salted Caramel, Chocolate & Peanut Cracker Stack Bars. While Nancy and Lenore took home the prize aprons, everyone was a winner... no one went home hungry!

Coming in May: Special Event Celebrating Moms and Babies

The Social Ministry committee wants to give you a heads up on this year's Mother's Day event. We will be collecting layette items for the Interfaith Clothing Center's *Welcome Baby* program starting on May 12.

More information will follow in May's *Trinitarian*. This is a list of the basic layette items, but the Center also will accept baby items not on the list. They also have an ongoing need for larger diapers up to sizes 3 and 4. Please contact Kathy T with questions.

- newborn-sized diapers
- 0-3 month clothing
- "onesies" (0-3 month size)
- receiving blankets
- burp cloths
- washcloths
- diaper bags

Stephen Ministers Commissioning Sunday, April 7

Noralyn D, Shannon P, and Leslie S will be commissioned as Stephen Ministers on Sunday, April 7, at both services. They have completed 50 hours of instruction in pastoral care. Thank you and welcome!

What Is Stephen Ministry?

“Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ” (Gal. 6:2). Stephen Ministry is a one-to-one caring ministry that equips and empowers lay caregivers – called Stephen Ministers – to provide Christ-centered, quality, and 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, assess needs of potential care receivers, 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, equipping and motivating people to serve. Trinity's Stephen Ministry Leaders are Miriam M and Susan S.
- **Stephen Ministers** — are lay caregivers trained in the congregation by Stephen Leaders. Stephen Ministers are congregation members trained 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** – are people going through tough times who are being cared for by Stephen Ministers. Care receivers may be parishioners, or others in the community. They may be experiencing grief, loneliness, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, or some other crisis. Guidelines for this relationship protect both the care receiver and the Stephen Minister. Confidentiality is protected. 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.

My Faith Journey

God has been calling me all my life. Growing up as a Jehovah's Witness, I felt keenly the higher purpose that God was calling me to, and I felt just as keenly that I was always falling short. Since then, I have left that church, read a bit, had a few edges knocked off, and met some very interesting people. One of those people married me, and she introduced me to the family of Trinity Lutheran Church, where I found a home.

God never stopped calling me in all that time. My trouble has always been in learning to listen and hear his call clearly. God has sometimes called on me to act as a father, a teacher or a leader. I have learned much in trying to act out His call. Whenever I embark on a new venture, like teaching a new course, accepting a new congregational role, or looking at a new person in my life, my first response is fear of failure. It is baked into my personality, and it works to stop me from taking the first step in my new venture.

What it has taken me a long time to learn is that God does not ask me to fear, to fail, or even to succeed. God only calls on me to act. He is there with me when I do, and it is He who opens the hearts of others to receive my teaching or my leadership or my love. When I leave my own concerns behind, and give myself over to God's call, I can feel it. The fear of failure, the desire for success, the worries, and the hopes all drop away and there is only the call. I do not live in this state of grace, nor even feel it that often. I have felt it, though, and know when it arrives.

I thank God for Trinity every day. This congregation has been a constant through some very turbulent times in my life. You have been with me through my joys and my sorrows, and when God called me to lead this congregation, I could not think of saying no, even though the fear is still with me. I still fear that I will do this wrong, that through my action or inaction, the congregation will come to some harm. God is calling to me through my fear, and reminds me that He is with me. He has given me great gifts in the members of this congregation, and His support and presence is obvious to me whenever I talk with any of you.

In the time of Lent, I do my best to listen to God. Generally, at this time of year I have been wound up by the other demands of life, and I find His call hard to hear. I am always rewarded by listening, and I marvel that I forget to listen most of the time.

Yours in Christ,
John B

Easter Flowers

Order deadline

Sunday, April 7

It is time to order your flowers to decorate the sanctuary for the Easter services.

You have the choice of ordering: Easter lilies, azaleas, or hydrangeas.



I wish to order:

_____ Easter lilies @ \$19.00 each
(10+ blooms, double stem)

_____ Azaleas @ \$17.00 each (6" pot)
___ White ___ Red ___ Pink

_____ Hydrangeas (3 blooms)
@ \$18 each (8" pot)
___ Pink ___ Blue ___ White

Please check if you would like to:

_____ donate _____ pick-up

Easter flowers are given to the glory of God

By _____

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

Please make your check payable to Trinity Lutheran Church and indicate "Easter Flowers" in the memo line.

Place your check and order form together in the Sunday offering plate or mail them to Trinity.

Memorial Gifts

In memory of Lawrence J:

- Christine S (for BTAB!2)

In memory of Diana M:

- Joan E
- Gregory & Margaret F (for BTAB!2)

April Milestones

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 |
| 6 Steven R | 18 Susan K |
| 7 Tom K | 19 Sean M |
| 8 Scott B | 21 Dan S |
| 12 Judy D | 22 Kevin M |
| 13 Isabela F | 24 Anusha A |
| Philip S | June L |
| Claudette V | 25 Leslie C |
| Michael V | 28 Joshua B |
| 14 Benjamin N | 29 Alarich L |

Baptismal Days

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| 1 Joyce D | 15 Joseph B |
| Linda H | Isabela F |
| Hagen S | 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 |
| 10 Anders S | Michael V |
| 12 Lisbeth D | 27 Scott M |
| 13 Robert P | Sarah M |
| 14 Ross A | 29 Marilyn C |
| Tom K | 30 Vincent M |

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

Every Sunday: Child Care 8:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
 Fellowship/Coffee Hour after each service
 1st Sunday each month is ELCA Hunger Offering

Mon, April 1 7:30 pm Heavenly Handbells (Wor)
Tue, April 2 11:15 am Staff Meeting
 6:30 pm Stephen Ministry Supervision (10)
Wed, April 3 6:30 pm Soup & Bread Supper
 7:15 pm Hymn Sing
 7:30 pm **Evening Prayer**
Sat, April 6 9:15 am Stephen Minister Training (Wor,11)
 1:00 pm Junior Youth Group

Sun, April 7 (5 Lent)
 Coffee Hour Potluck (M-Z)
 Stephen Ministers Commissioning
 8:15 am **Holy Communion**
 9:30 am Adult Forum
 9:30 am Sunday School
 10:45 am **Holy Communion**
 12:15 pm Trinity Singers

Mon, April 8 7:30 pm Heavenly Handbells (Wor)
Tues, April 9 11:15 am Staff Meeting
 7:30 pm Congregation Council (10)
Wed, April 10 1:00 pm Trinity Men's Group (Len S res)
 6:30 pm Soup & Bread Supper
 7:15 pm Hymn Sing
 7:30 pm **Evening Prayer**

Sun, April 14 (Palm Sunday)
 8:15 am **Holy Communion w/ Palms**
 9:30 am Adult Forum
 9:30 am Sunday School
 10:45 am **Holy Communion w/ Palms**
 12:15 pm Trinity Singers
 6:00 pm Youth Group

Mon, April 15 9:00 am **Trinitarian Newsletter Deadline**
 7:30 pm Heavenly Handbells (Wor)
Tues, April 16 11:15 am Staff Meeting
Wed, April 17 MCPS Spring Break (4/17-22)
Thu April 18 (Maundy Thursday)
 7:30 pm **Holy Communion**
 w/ Stripping of the Altar
Fri, April 19 (Good Friday)
 2:00 pm **Kids' Good Friday Service**
 7:30 pm **Tenebrae**
Sat, April 20 10:00 am Easter Egg Hunt Prep
 7:30 pm **Great Vigil of Easter**

Sun, April 21 (Easter)
 8:15 am **Festival Holy Communion**
 9:30 am Easter Brunch
 10:15 am Easter Egg Hunt
 10:45 am **Festival Holy Communion**
 1:45 pm Bethesda H&R (Congregation Council)

Mon, April 22 9:15 am Trinitarian mailing
 1:00 pm Funeral, Diana M (Pumphrey's)
 7:30 pm Heavenly Handbells (Wor)
Tues, April 23 11:15 am Staff Meeting
Wed, April 24 7:30 pm Mission Endowment (11)
Fri, April 26 6:30 pm Council Retreat
Sat, April 27 9:00 am Congregation Retreat

Sun, April 28 (2 Easter)
 10:00 am **Combined Service Holy Communion**
 11:15 am Potluck Lunch
 Congregation Vision Event

Mon, April 29 7:30 pm Heavenly Handbells (Wor)
Tues, April 30 11:15 am Staff Meeting

This calendar is for Trinity Church events only. For other community groups' event reservations, please see our online calendar at www.trinityelca.org, or contact the church office. When planning events at Trinity, please first confirm room availability with the church office. Thank you.

April 2019

		April 7	April 14, Palm Sun	April 21, Easter	April 28
Acolyte	8:15 10:45	TBD Anusha A	Matthew B Anders S	Matthew B Vincent M	<i>Combined 10:00</i> Colin G
Assist. Min.	8:15 10:45	TBD	TBD	TBD	<i>Combined 10:00</i> TBD
Children's Church	8:15 10:45	TBD Jane R	Margaret F David C	EASTER	<i>Combined 10:00</i> Nicholas C
Greeters	8:15 10:45	Dan & Rob S Trevor H	Phil & Noralyn D Susan S	Donna & Steve S Peggy J	<i>Combined 10:00</i> Hagen & Kristian S, Jonah W
Lector	8:15 10:45	Sarah M David K	Nancy N Len S	Tom K Miriam M	<i>Combined 10:00</i> Jerry B, David C
Ushers	8:15 10:45	TBD	TBD	TBD	<i>Combined 10:00</i> TBD
Coffee Hour	8:15 10:45	Margaret F S/T family	Lily & Keith C Lynn & Bud B	Easter Brunch	<i>Combined 10:00</i> Potluck Lunch
Altar Custodians	8:15 10:45	Carol B Christine B			
Tellers		Lynn & Bud B	Thor N, Petra T	Dick & Peggy J	Greg & Margaret F
Bulletin (Prior Thurs)		Diana B	TBD	Dick J	Noralyn D

Remember in Your Prayers

THE CHURCH

our synod & bishops: Bishops Elizabeth Eaton & Richard Graham

our missionaries: Stephen Deal & Marta Giron, Cent. America

our congregation: Trinity Church

THE NATIONS: Afghanistan, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Indonesia, Korea, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Liberia, Libya, Mexico, Myanmar, Namibia, Palestine, Somalia, Spain/Cataluña, Sudan, Syria, Ukraine, United States, Venezuela, Yemen, Zimbabwe

THE SICK AND SUFFERING

nursing/rehabilitation center

Philip T, *Manor Care Potomac*

John W, *Sunrise of Rockville*

home

Diana B, Jean B, Tigist G, Susan K, Pr Robert M, James T, Chris T, Margo W

family and friends*

Debby B, *friend of Thor & Nancy N*

Carol B, *friend of Marilyn C*

B family, *friends of Tom K & Sarah M*

Julie D, *friend of Margaret F*

Leigh F and family, *cousin of Cathy C*

Eric L, *friend of Tom K*

Frank M, *friend of Diana M*

family and friends of Diana M

**For family and friends, prayer requests will be kept on the list for four weeks. After four weeks, please complete another card.*



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Combined Service Holy Communion	10:15 a.m.
Potluck Lunch	11:30 a.m.

Going Ahead – A New Vision for Trinity

A SPECIAL EVENT for the Entire Congregation

Sunday, April 28, 2019

Don't miss this special day for ALL members of Trinity. The day includes:

- + A single service at 10 a.m.
- + ***Potluck brunch. Bring your favorite dish to share!***
- + An interactive workshop to build a New Vision for Trinity
- + Planned activity for children/child care during the workshop

This Sunday caps off a weekend of discernment, reflection, and consideration.

On **Friday** evening (the 26th) the members of the *council and staff* will gather to begin the vision process.

On **Saturday** (the 27th) *council members, staff, and other congregation* leaders will spend the day looking at a variety of elements that affect congregation health and growth.

Then on **Sunday** (the 28th) the congregation has the last word, working together to articulate a new vision of where we believe God is leading Trinity in the future.

Mr. David Ludwig will our guest musician and retreat facilitator for the weekend (including Sunday worship.) David is the Worship and Arts Director of Redeemer Lutheran Church, Winter Park, FL. Pastor Gigie Sijera-Grant, a native of the Philippines, will join the workshops on Saturday. Pastor Kern will facilitate exercises specific to Trinity.

*The next chapter of Trinity's life is about to unfold! As a member of the body of Christ in this place, your voice is important! Every member – old, young, and in between – who wants to see Trinity keep **Going Ahead** into the future God is preparing, will want to attend.*