



# The Trinitarian

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

**May 2019**

Dear People of God,

In discussions about climate change we sometimes hear the phrase, Nature always bats last. In the midst of life's pain and sufferings and disappointments and failures, Easter always has the last word.

The call came in from the local funeral home and the director asked for me, the young associate pastor. Would I be willing to do a funeral for a man I had never heard of? Of course. It's going to be a little different, the director said - as far as he could tell there would only be one person in attendance. The deceased's only son. And he would be in shackles and an orange jumpsuit. Immediately my mind began to wonder, what on earth would I, could I possibly say in this circumstance?



A few days later I entered the chapel of the funeral home. The funeral director missed the count, however; in addition to myself and the deceased, there was the son, in chains, slumped over in the front row, and the deputy who brought him standing guard in the back. When it was time for the homily, I

found myself talking about Easter - about new life, resurrected life. About hope and promise and the grace of God. And maybe the years have tainted my memory, but I recall the young man in the front row sit just a little straighter and almost imperceptibly begin to nod his head in affirmation.

What a mistake we make, when we assume our children, our neighbors, our family, our friends, the world are not hungry for the hope of Jesus Christ that we know! We don't have to be wise. We don't have

to be eloquent. We don't have to be creative. All we have to do is tell what we know.

After Easter Mary and the women who went with her to the (empty) tomb, raced back to tell the disciples what they had seen and heard. It wasn't logical. It didn't make sense. But they did it anyway. And because they did, you and I are part of the body of Christ.

Easter always has the last word - and it changes everything.

Blessings,  
Pastor Kern

## 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:



**Need a Ride to Church?**

**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.

# Youth News

## Looking Ahead:

- Junior Youth Group - May 4, 1:00 p.m.
- 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

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## Mother's Day Event May 12 - 19 Celebrating Moms and Babies

This year we will be collecting new layette items for Interfaith Works' (IW) Welcome Baby program May 12-19. We'll mark the last day of the collection with a special "baby shower" coffee hour hosted by the Social Ministry committee.

Interfaith Works is a non-sectarian interfaith coalition of more than 165 affiliated congregations of diverse faiths who work together to meet the needs of the poor and homeless in our county. Their work impacts more than 16,000 lives each year.

Our collection will provide layette items for soon-to-be moms to help them get off to a great start. Here is a suggested list of basic layette items, but IW also will accept baby items not on the list. They also have an ongoing need for larger diapers up to sizes 3 and 4. Cash donations are welcomed -- please write "Welcome Baby" in the memo line. Contact Kathy T with questions.

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

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## Congregation Council Highlights April 9, 2019

- Pastor Kern reviewed in some detail the proposed schedule for the upcoming retreat, April 26-28.
- President also announced that the summer service schedule would run July 7 through Labor Day.

## 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.



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## Help Requested from Federal Employees

James Tobias will undergo a bone marrow transplant that will keep him away from work for about 3 months. If you are interested in helping James by donating leave, please fill out an OPM 630-B form or contact your personnel office. James' work address to put on the form is US Army Center of Military History, 102 4<sup>th</sup> Ave, Building 35, Ft McNair, DC 20319-5060. If you have any questions, you can email James at james.tobias.0711[AT]gmail.com. James and his family thank you very much for your support during this difficult time.

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## "Bigger than a Building" in Motion, Widening Trinity's Circle, Volunteering at A Wider Circle

Since kicking off Bigger than a Building, the Social Ministry Team has organized quarterly opportunities for Trinity members to volunteer together at A Wider Circle in Silver Spring. A Wider Circle's mission is to help those in need rise out of poverty with dignity and hope, providing not only gently-used items, but also job readiness workshops. Trinity volunteers have been impressed and moved by the positive impact this organization makes for individuals in need in our community.

Watch your Tidings and Sunday bulletins for announcements about Social Ministry Team's next organized volunteer trip to A Wider Circle.

For information about A Wider Circle and how to donate, please visit their website [awidercircle.org](http://awidercircle.org).

Reaching out in love and serving others,  
the Social Ministry Team



**Red Geraniums  
for  
Pentecost Sunday  
June 9**

Deadline for ordering is May 26

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.

**Handbell Concert at Trinity  
Saturday, May 18**



Join us at here at Trinity for our special 30th Annual Handbell Concert on Saturday, May 18, at 7 p.m. The combined handbell choirs of Trinity and Holy Trinity Lutheran Church are preparing a delightful evening of music, including many fun pieces for the

whole family to enjoy. The concert is free (free-will offering will be taken). Bring family and friends ready to have a really great time! A reception follows the concert.

**Thank You!**

The Heavenly Handbells Choir thanks Trinity for the great honor of receiving one of this year's Mission Endowment Fund gifts. This gift will be put to good use. Our first three octaves of handchimes are in need of either repair or replacement. We will also obtain more wheeled devices to make transporting our equipment easier when we go "on the road" for our outreach programs. Our continued thanks will be given by our ongoing presentation of beautiful handbell and handchime music here at Trinity. Many thanks for your support of our music ministry.

*May Milestones*

**Birthdays**

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|---------------|-----------------|
| 3. Anya N     | 17. Jeffery S   |
| 5. Madeline B | 17. Katherine S |
| 6. Bob C      | 17. Chris T     |
| 9. Noah M     | 18. Frederick V |
| 10. Tigist G  | 22. Jameson H   |
| 11. Luke W    | 23. Len S       |
| 14. Kevin D   | 25. Steve S     |
| 14. Billie J  | 26. Karen T     |

**Baptismal Days**

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|-------------------|----------------|
| 1. Peggy J        | 16. Anusha A   |
| 1. Dan S          | 16. Kathy H    |
| 3. Atticus D      | 16. Kristine S |
| 3. Logan D        | 17. Ben N      |
| 3. James M        | 17. Nicholas S |
| 5. Margaret F     | 19. Leslie C   |
| 5. Mina           | 20. Cathy C    |
| 9. Margo W        | 20. Nancy M    |
| 10. Tigist G      | 21. Garrett P  |
| 13. Christopher S | 22. Ann K      |
| 15. Adelyn C      | 27. Alarich L  |
|                   | 28. Inna S     |
|                   | 31. Hudson S   |

**Wedding Anniversaries**

- 5. TJ & Lindsey D
- 6. Shirley & Wes O
- 9. Lee Ann & John W
- 10. Kathy & Charles T
- 14. Kristin & Todd G
- 17. Lynn & Bud B
- 18. Kathy Hayes & Robert P
- 21. Shannon & Joe M
- 22. Xin & Christopher S
- 25. Scott & Kristina S
- 27. Chris & Amanda M
- 29. Karin & Terrence H
- 30. Lily & Keith C
- 30. Debbie D & Don P



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## May Highlights

### **Sunday, May 5 (3 Easter)**

Semi-Annual Cong Mtg & Potluck

### **Wednesday, May 8**

Trinity Men's Group (off-site)

### **Sunday, May 12 (4 Easter)**

Good Shepherd Sunday  
Teacher Appreciation Sunday  
Youth Sunday

### **Saturday, May 18**

Annual Handbell Concert

### **Sunday, May 19 (5 Easter)**

Music Appreciation Sunday

### **Monday, May 27**

Memorial Day | Church Office Closed

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

**Wed, May 1** 7pm Finance Team (11)  
**Sat, May 4** 1pm Junior Youth Group

**Sun, May 5 (3 Easter)**

Coffee Hour Potluck (A-L)  
 8:15am **Holy Communion**  
 9:30am Adult Forum  
 9:30am Sunday School  
 10:45am **Holy Communion**  
 12pm Semi-Annual Cong Mtg & Potluck

**Mon, May 6** 7:30pm Heavenly Handbells (Wor)  
**Tue, May 7** 11:15am Staff Meeting  
 6:30pm Stephen Ministry Supervision (10)  
**Wed, May 8** 1pm Trinity Men's Group

**Sun, May 12 (4 Easter) Good Shepherd Sunday**

Teacher Appreciation

Youth Sunday

8:15am **Holy Communion**  
 9:30am Adult Forum  
 9:30am Sunday School  
 10:45am **Holy Communion**  
 12:15pm Trinity Singers  
 12:15pm Worship & Music Team (11)

**Mon, May 13** 7:30pm Heavenly Handbells (Wor)  
**Tue, May 14** 11:15am Staff Meeting  
 7:30pm Congregation Council (10)  
**Wed, May 15** 9am Trinitarian Newsletter Deadline  
**Sat, May 18** 7pm Annual Handbell Concert (SH, Wor)

**Sun, May 19 (5 Easter)**

Music Appreciation Sunday

Time TBD Youth Group

8:15am **Holy Communion**  
 9:30am Adult Forum  
 9:30am Sunday School  
 10:45am **Holy Communion**  
 12:15pm Social Ministry Team (Lib)  
 12:15pm Trinity Singers  
 12:15pm Youth Committee Meeting  
 1:45pm Bethesda H&R

**Mon, May 20** 7:30pm Heavenly Handbells (Wor)  
**Tue, May 21** 11:15am Staff Meeting

**Sun, May 26 (6 Easter)**

Baptism

8:15am **Holy Communion**  
 9:30am Adult Forum  
 9:30am Sunday School  
 10:45am **Holy Communion**

**Mon, May 27** (Memorial Day) Church Office Closed  
 7:30pm Heavenly Handbells (Wor)  
**Tue, May 28** 9:15am Trinitarian mailing  
 11:15am 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](http://www.trinityelca.org), or contact the church office. When planning events at Trinity, please first confirm room availability with the church office. Thank you.

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		May 5	May 12	May 19	May 26
<b>Acolyte</b>	8:15 10:45	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
<b>Assist. Min.</b>	8:15 10:45	Carol B Leslie C	Jonah W Jim K	Nancy N Sarah G	Sarah M Nalini A
<b>Children's Church</b>	8:15 10:45	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
<b>Greeters</b>	8:15 10:45	Keith & Lily C TBD	Diana B Sarah G	Nancy J Linnea A	Louise G Pam B
<b>Lector</b>	8:15 10:45	Jonah W Leslie C	John B Nathan L	Keith C Sabrina R	Phil D Nicholas C
<b>Ushers</b>	8:15 10:45	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	8:15 10:45	Potluck (A-L)	Keith & Lily C Youth, Margaret F	Social Min	Bill & Diana B Miriam M, Louise G
<b>Altar Custodians</b>	8:15 10:45	Marilyn G Winsome G			
<b>Tellers</b>		Dick & Peggy J	Lynn & Bud B	Greg & Margaret F	Lynn & Bud B
<b>Bulletin (Prior Thurs)</b>		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, Nancy N, James T, Chris T, Margo W

#### family and friends\*

Peggy A, *friend of Vimala P*

Debby B, *friend of Thor & Nancy N*

Glen J, *friend of Kathy H*

Theodore R, *grandson of Jane R*

Delores W, *niece of Marilyn G*

Vern W, *brother-in-law of Sabrina R*

Charlene Z, *niece of Marilyn G*

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