



# The Trinitarian

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

**June 2019**

Dear People of God,

I recently read the forward in Stephen Hawking's book, *A Brief History of Time* and read that so many copies of the book have been sold worldwide that it worked out to something like one book sold for every 750 people in the world. That is a lot of books! And it speaks to the eternal need of humankind to try and understand the meaning of life – where do we come from? How does the world exist? What holds everything together?

For about 2,000 years the church has also been grappling with these same, ageless inquiries. Our search has led to the creation of theologies (ways to think about God), liturgies (faith practices), and models of human connection (community). I once thought that there would come a day when we would have all these answers definitively. But I come to understand that is not the case, that it is important and necessary for each generation of believers to make their own journey, struggle with the eternal questions for themselves, and allow God to do a new thing through them.

Think for a moment what the church would be like if that had not happened. To start with there would be no Lutherans, because there would have been no Martin Luther. Slavery might still be accepted as God-ordained. LGBTQ individuals might still be excluded. Thanks be to God that the faith is made new in every age!

The history of Trinity is a dynamic one. A quick review of its journey reveals an ever-changing landscape of ministries and offerings that reflected the day in which they flourished. And now, it's time for Trinity to do the next new thing that God is in the process of unveiling. We've been talking about some helpful ways to think about that process.

Trinity Lutheran Church

Our Mission is to

**Worship** joyfully

**Learn** intentionally

**Serve** thankfully

Our Vision is to

**Seek** those who deserve to hear the good news

**Serve** enthusiastically in the name of Jesus

**Accept** all as the children of God that they are.

What do you think? Where is your faith journey taking you?

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.

## Annual Sunday School Picnic Sunday, June 9, 12 noon - Rain or Shine!

We need your help to bring food items to the fun picnic. Those with surnames:

A – K bring dessert

L – Z bring a salad or side dish



Chicken and beverages will be provided.

Join us for great food, a moon-bounce, games and fellowship following the 10:45 service on June 9!

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## Welcome, New Council Members and Officers 2018-2019

### Congregation Council

*3-year term ending 2022*

Jerry B (2nd term)

Keith C (2nd term)

Greg F

Sarah G (2nd term)

*2-year term ending 2021*

Sarah M

*1-year term ending 2020*

Rebecca L

Jane R

### Mission Endowment Fund Committee

*3-year term ending 2022*

Annie A

Bill B

### Synod Assembly Voting Representatives

*June 14-15, 2019 at College Park Marriot*

John B

Noralyn D

Philip D

Anita S

### Nomination Committee

*Term ending 2020*

Kim B

David K

Robert P

Philip S

Thank you for your service in this corner of the Lord's vineyard!

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## Youth News

### Looking Ahead:

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

### Youth Ministry Forum!

We are going to host another Youth Ministry forum at 9:30 am on June 16. We will be talking about the upcoming year. Grab some coffee, and come for the conversation.

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## Red Geraniums for Pentecost Sunday June 9

Deadline for ordering is June 2.

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.

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## Memorial Gifts

In memory of Pastor Robert Moore from:

Carol & Scott B

Greg & Margaret F, to MEF

Mary Nora R, to MEF

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## Summer Music

We would love to hear you in worship – during the offering or Communion – during Sundays in late June, plus all of July and August. To sign up, please see Mary B, or use the sheet on the bulletin board near the Social Hall kitchen.



## Faith Story

### Don't Give Up, Someone Walks Beside You.

When David Ludwig was here recently he taught us this song. Singing "Don't Give Up" brought back memories of a Vietnamese refugee mother, named Ahn, who I met while working in Hong Kong some years ago. I would like to share her story with you.

After the communist takeover, life became very difficult for those from South Vietnam, so Anh and her family decided to flee their country. Her husband escaped first and arrived safely in the Philippines. A year later, Ahn and her three children escaped by boat, along with 41 others.

Their plan was to head to the Philippines where Anh hoped to reunite with her husband. However, after one day at sea their engine broke down and they drifted for days. They rationed their food and at first each got a small ball of rice and two spoons of water per day. When the rice ran out they only received one spoon of water per day. After drifting for days, a Chinese fishing boat came upon them and agreed to sell them rice and water in exchange for their gold jewelry.

The 45 people on the boat could see that a big storm was coming and fearing for their lives, they begged the fisherman to tow their boat to safety, offering him all of their gold jewelry. The fisherman agreed but demanded that they also give him one of their young boys in exchange. The fisherman's own son had died and he needed a son to help him fish and to care for him in his old age.

Ahn was with her two sons and daughter and the others on the boat decided that Ahn's youngest son, Tin, should be given to the fisherman in order to save their lives.

After Tin was handed over to the fisherman their boat was towed near the China coast where they were able

to get their engine repaired and continue their journey on to Hong Kong. 66 days after fleeing Vietnam, the group, minus Tin, entered Hong Kong waters and were taken to a refugee detention center, where I later met Ahn.

Working together with the other refugee processing partners in Hong Kong, an agreement was eventually reached with the Chinese authorities to allow Tin to be returned to his mother.

I arrived in Hainan Island, China on a flight from Hong Kong with a document from Hong Kong Immigration allowing Tin to enter Hong Kong temporarily and an envelope of cash to compensate the fisherman's family for their expenses caring for Tin for the 558 days that he was separated from his mother. To help me confirm Tin's identity, Ahn provided me with this photo of Tin and she also told me that Tin has a birthmark behind his left ear and a scar on his right ankle.



After confirming that the boy was in fact Tin, I handed over the compensation to the fisherman and we boarded the Dragon Air flight to Hong Kong. At first, Tin did not recognize his mother or siblings and he no longer understood Vietnamese. Six days later, Ahn and her three children boarded a flight to the U.S. to join her husband in California, where they are now thriving.

While this story has a happy ending, Tin and his family are a reminder to us all of the risks that desperate families are willing to take to live in freedom. "Don't Give Up" reminds us that the Lord is always with us on our journeys.

Don't give up, someone walks beside you.

Don't give up, someone really cares.

Don't give up, someone walks beside you.

And that someone is the Lord.

Ross A

# Summer Worship – One Service!

## July - August and Labor Day Weekend

Starting July 7 and running through Labor Day weekend, September 1, Trinity will be holding **one Sunday service at 10:00 am**, followed by Coffee Hour at 11:15 a.m. This is a great opportunity to meet Trinity members who normally attend “that other” service. You'll also have plenty of time to enjoy the summer sunshine!



**The Trinitarian** deadline is the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. The deadline for the **Sunday bulletin** is 9:00 am on the preceding Tuesday.

### Bigger Than a Building ... *in Motion!*

#### Widening TRINITY's circle, volunteering at A Wider Circle

The Social Ministry Team has organized the next volunteer trip to A Wider Circle on **Sunday, June 23, 12:30-2:30**. We will leave from Trinity just after 12 Noon. All ages are welcome to volunteer. If you are interested in participating, please contact Margaret F. The address is 9159 Brookeville Road, Silver Spring.

Additionally, if you have donations for Wider Circle (other than large furniture), you may bring them to Trinity on Sunday morning, June 23, we will take them with us to Wider Circle.

For more information about *A Wider Circle* please visit their website: [awidercircle.org](http://awidercircle.org).

Partnering to serve others and help break the cycle of poverty,  
God's Work, Our Hands  
*The Social Ministry Team*

**The Mission Endowment Committee** will meet on Tuesday, July 23. No other meetings are scheduled until July.

## Passages and Milestones

### June Birthdays

- 4. Meredith D
- 4. Inna S
- 6. Garrett P
- 7. Nancy N
- 7. Juni S
- 13. Jan P
- 19. Paul D
- 20. Maggie H
- 21. Miriam M
- 23. Emma G
- 24. Kristin T
- 25. Pamela B
- 26. Lindsey D
- 26. Henri H
- 27. Vincent M
- 27. Ricky R
- 28. Piper M
- 30. Ana N
- 30. Claire S

### June Baptismal Days

- 1. Colin G
- 1. Luis H
- 3. Kellen B
- 3. Reid D
- 6. Pamela B
- 8. Jonah W
- 9. Gregory F
- 9. Elizabeth W
- 9. Karen W
- 10. Nathaniel C
- 10. Wayne D
- 10. Andrei S
- 13. Steven R
- 16. Philip S
- 16. James T
- 18. Alex T
- 18. Rebecca T
- 20. Ricky R
- 27. Joan E
- 29. Petra T
- 30. Mark J

### Deaths

- Angela G (second cousin of Len S) +April 20
- Pr Robert Moore + May 3 (Trinity Interim Pastor, 1989-90)  
*Funeral on May 11, 1 pm, at First Lutheran, Ellicott City*
- Delores W (niece of Marilyn G)
- John W +May 19, 2019

### A Ringing Thank You!

Many thanks from The Heavenly Handbells to all who attended our 30th annual handbell concert on Saturday night, May 18. You made our dream come true by filling the house. It was rewarding to see such a crowd after all the work we put into making this event happen. The ringers and the audience alike seemed to enjoy both the music and our fun antics. It was an enjoyable evening.

It was also exciting to see how long people stayed at the post-concert reception and chatted with one another. How could they resist the incredible selection of treats beautifully presented by Trinity's crew of amazing helpers?! In addition to the reception, that same crew also organized and served a gourmet dinner to the performers before the concert. Many thanks to everyone who tirelessly helped for many hours to make every aspect of this concert a success!

# June 2019

|                               |               | <b>June 2</b>                        | <b>June 9</b>                    | <b>June 16</b>                   | <b>June 23</b>                       | <b>June 30</b>                       |
|-------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>Acolyte</b>                | 8:15<br>10:45 | Matthew B<br>Vincent M               | TBD<br>Anders S                  | TBD<br>Anjali A                  | TBD<br>Colin G                       | Matthew B<br>Linnea S                |
| <b>Assist. Min.</b>           | 8:15<br>10:45 | Bill B<br>Leslie C                   | Nancy N<br>Nathan L              | Jerry B<br>Miriam M              | John B<br>Sabrina R                  | Jonah W<br>Nalini A                  |
| <b>Children's Church</b>      | 8:15<br>10:45 | Margaret F<br>Nicholas C             | TBD<br>David C                   | TBD<br>Jane R                    | Margaret F<br>Nicholas C             | TBD<br>Jane R                        |
| <b>Greeters</b>               | 8:15<br>10:45 | Jerry B, Brian A, Stella<br>Trevor H | Joan E<br>Susan S                | Tom M<br>Peggy J                 | Thor & Nancy N<br>Hagen & Kristina S | Jane R, Eric S<br>Matthew & Tamara C |
| <b>Lector</b>                 | 8:15<br>10:45 | Sarah M<br>Sabrina R                 | Tom K<br>Hagen S                 | Nancy N<br>Susan S               | Jerry B<br>Linnea A                  | Keith C<br>Greg F                    |
| <b>Ushers</b>                 | 8:15<br>10:45 | Ross A, Joan E<br>David C, Henry C   | Joan E, Thor N<br>Mike J, Rich G | Thor & Nancy N<br>Dick & Peggy J | Mike J, Thor N<br>Gerg & Margaret F  | Steve & Donna S<br>Robert P, Paul D  |
| <b>Coffee Hour</b>            | 8:15<br>10:45 | Nancy J<br>Spear/Turowski            | Vi & Tad D<br>Picnic             | Jane R<br>TBD                    | Lily & Keith C<br>TBD                | Bill & Diana B<br>Bud & Lynn B       |
| <b>Altar Custodians</b>       | 8:15<br>10:45 | Noralynd<br>Carol B                  |                                  |                                  |                                      |                                      |
| <b>Tellers</b>                |               | Greg & Margaret F                    | Annie A, Petra T                 | Dick & Peggy J                   | Thor N, Petra T                      | Annie A, Mina                        |
| <b>Bulletin (Prior Thurs)</b> |               | Noralynd                             | Diana B                          | Diana B                          | Dick J                               | Diana B                              |

**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**

**Sat Jun 1**                      1pm Junior Youth Group

**Sun Jun 2 (Seventh Sunday of Easter)**

Coffee Hour Potluck (names M-Z)

Graduates Sunday

Time TBA Youth Group  
 8:15am **Holy Communion**  
 9:30am Adult Forum  
 9:30am Sunday School  
 10:45am **Holy Communion**  
 12:15pm Trinity Singers

**Tue Jun 4**                      11:15am Staff Meeting  
                                          7:30pm Stephen Ministry supervision  
**Wed Jun 5**                                              *MCPS No School*

**Sun Jun 9 (Pentecost)**

8:15am **Holy Communion**  
 9:30am Adult Forum  
 9:30am Sunday School  
 10:45am **Holy Communion**  
 12noon Sunday School Picnic  
 12:15pm Trinity Singers

**Tue Jun 11**                      11:15am Staff Meeting  
                                          7:30pm Congregation Council (10)  
**Wed Jun 12**                                              1pm Trinity Men's Group (off-site)  
**Fri Jun 14**                                              *MCPS Last Day of School*  
**Sat Jun 15**                                              **Trinitarian Newsletter Deadline**  
                                                                                  **for July – August issue**

**Sun Jun 16 (Trinity Sunday / First after Pentecost)**

Father's Day

8:15am **Holy Communion**  
 9:30am Adult Forum  
 9:30am Sunday School  
 9:30am Youth Ministry Forum  
 10:45am **Holy Communion**  
 1:45pm Bethesda H&R (Finance Team)

**Tue Jun 18**                      11:15am Staff Meeting

**Sun Jun 23 (Lectionary 12 / Second after Pentecost)**

8:15am **Holy Communion**  
 10:45am **Holy Communion**

**Mon Jun 24**                      9:15am Trinitarian mailing  
**Tue Jun 25**                      11:15am Staff Meeting  
                                          7:30pm Mutual Ministry (11)

**Sun Jun 30 (Lectionary 13 / Third after Pentecost)**

8:15am **Holy Communion**  
 10:45am **Holy Communion**

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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## June Highlights

**Sunday, June 2**  
Graduates' Sunday

**Sunday, June 9 (Pentecost)**  
Wear Red for Pentecost  
Sunday School Picnic **12:00 Noon**

**Wednesday, June 12**  
Trinity Men's Group **1:00 p.m.**

**Sunday, June 16 (Trinity Sunday)**  
Father's Day  
Youth Ministry Forum **9:30 a.m.**

