



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL



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The Good News

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FROM THE PASTOR

The Sparing

The year, 1633. The plague, the bubonic plague, was ravaging Europe. This disease was spread by fleas on little animals. This disease was known as the Black Death for it caused the flesh to die and turn black as your skin died of gangrene. During this time period, it was thought to have caused the death of 30 to 60% of the population of Europe.

In the small town of Oberammergau, Bavaria, Germany, the normal death rate for the community was 1 person per 1000 per year to 20 per month when the Black Death visited them. The residents vowed to God that if He spared them from this, they would produce a play thereafter for all time depicting the life and death of Jesus. The adult death rate slowly began to decline until nine months later it was just one death a month. They believed they were spared and put on the first performance of the Passion Play in 1634.

Today, the small community of just a little over 5000 people put on this play than involves 2000 people in the production including performers, musicians, technicians, and all residents of the town. It is put on every year that ends in zero. The last year it was put on was 2010, with productions running from May through October. 102 performances were done the last time. The next event is in 2020.

The town puts on the play because they were spared from death. What a great reminder of what we are spared because of the life and death and life of Jesus.

Jesus lived to be like us. Jesus lived unlike us being sinless. Jesus died like we do. Jesus died and unlike



us He did not deserve to die (though we do). He earned forgiveness of our sin in that death. Though He died like us, He rose from the dead unlike us because Jesus was obedient to death. Because He was, God raised Him from the dead.

Those who believe in Jesus are spared from eternal death.

We, who believe, can celebrate with that town for having been spared. That is one reason we call the day of Jesus' death Good Friday. Then, Easter morning is our time to celebrate His rising from death. In fact, every Sunday is an Easter celebration. (Note: That is why when you look at the church calendar, Sundays are "in Lent" and not "of Lent." Sundays are still celebrations even though we recognize the suffering and death of Jesus in Lent.)

While the Passion Play in Oberammergau is a great way to recognize the blessings of God, we need not wait 10 years to have it again, we have our very own celebrations every Sunday.

We have been spared and saved for Eternal Life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. That is the message we need always share, even during this Lenten season!

Serving the family of God at Trinity,
Pastor Hopkins

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The scenes of Lent are familiar. The Upper Room, the Garden of Gethsemane, the halls of Pontius Pilate, and the hill of Golgotha—these are the places we remember when we meditate on our Lord’s Passion. Yet when Jesus enters a place, He never leaves it as He found it. The most troubling places in our lives become the most amazing places of God’s grace when Jesus visits them.



For this reason, in our midweek Lenten series, we are reading and contemplating Luke’s account of our Lord’s Passion. Each week, we read a different section of the story; and each week, Luke takes us to a different place, the places of the Passion.

Our focus, however, is not on these physical places. Instead, we gaze in wonder on the spiritual work that our Lord does there. Jesus will share His strength in our times of weakness. He will fill us with His praise in the midst of our sorrow. Week after week, we enter the places of the Passion only to discover our Lord . . . waiting for us . . . willing to share with us a love that was set in place before the foundations of the world.

Plan to come to our Lenten services this year. Prepare to enter into these places of devotion, for there, your Lord will meet you, sharing with you His wondrous love that saves a fallen world.

Worship Times

Wednesdays in Lent – Supper at 6:30 pm, Worship at 7:15 pm
Palm Sunday Worship at 6:30 pm on Saturday, 9:00 and 10:45 am on Sunday
Maundy Thursday Worship at 7:15 pm
Good Friday Family Worship at 12:00 pm , Good Friday Tenebrae at 7:15 pm
Easter Vigil at 6:30 pm on Saturday
Easter Sunday at 7:00, 9:00 and 11:00 am

Midweek of Lent 3: “The Betrayal: A Place of Eternal Love” (Luke 22:47–53)
Midweek of Lent 4: “The Courtyard: A Place of Renewal” (Luke 22:54–62)
Midweek of Lent 5: “The Trial: A Place of God’s Will” (Luke 22:63–23:25)
Holy Thursday: “The Last Supper: A Place of Forgiveness” (Luke 22:7–23)
Good Friday: “Golgotha: A Place of Simple Love” (Luke 23:44–49)
Easter Vigil: “The Tomb: A Place of Life” (Luke 23:50–56)
Easter: “The Empty Tomb: A Place of Remembering” (Luke 24:1–11)

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

We welcome to the Lord’s Table for their first Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday, March 29 at 7:15pm:

Brianna Boland
Adira Graham
Kian McCoy

Caitlyn Fogarty
Katie Kronberg
Anna Newbery

Mackenzie Fuhrer
Sophia Leone
Angelina Naranjo



Care = Concern, Thoughtfulness, Kindness, Comfort

Here at Trinity we do care for each other; I see and hear about it all the time. More importantly, I do not know about it always because so many of you do things to take care of each other. Why? Because we are a family. We are a church family, a Christian family. And like all families we hang out together, help each other and share common interests. We share worship and fellowship, tears and hugs. We care, encourage, disagree and even get annoyed with each other just like any family. But especially we love one another. All because Jesus first loved us.

Help us care for you. If you are ill, facing surgery or just need to share your life burdens, please let us know. We would love to pray with you and visit you. Your church family will pray for you or we can keep it confidential. Also if you notice someone hasn't been here we would like for you to let us know but would also encourage you to reach out to that person.

If you can use some assistance, we pack food baskets, make meals, and have a housewarming fund to help when needed. Please talk to Pastor or myself. All conversations are strictly confidential.

As these days of Lent continue, we start to think of Holy Week and our Saviors death. Then we celebrate glory and joy that follows on Easter morning. It is with love that we celebrate our risen Christ together!

Deacon Lynn Waldeck

Your Deacons:

Doug Brosky

Betsy Lazarek

Debbie Vergara

Anthony Cavaliere

Peg Ruhs

Lynn Waldeck

Kathy Funfgeld



VOTY
EASTER EGG HUNT

Come join us:

Sunday, March 18, 2018
10:30am – 11:30am

Miss Debbie's Sunday School Classroom

Trinity Lutheran Church & School
40 West Nicholas Street, Hicksville

**"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"
LSB#427**



It is claimed by some writers that Sir John Bowring had visited Macao, on the South Chinese coast, and was much impressed by the sight of a bronze cross towering on the summit of the massive wall of what had been a great cathedral. This cathedral, originally built by the early Portuguese colonist, overlooked the harbor and had been destroyed by a typhoon and left to crumble in its wake, except for one wall topped by the huge metal cross. This scene is said to have so impressed Bowring that it eventually served as the inspiration for this beloved hymn. John Bowring was born at Exeter in Devon, England, on October 17, 1792. He was considered to be one of the most remarkable men of his day as well as one of the greatest linguists who ever lived. He was a member of nearly every learned society in Europe. Before he was 16 years old he had mastered five languages without the aid of a teacher. It is said that he could converse in over 100 different languages before his death. He also did much in translating literary works from these various languages. Throughout his life he was noted as a biographer, naturalist, financier, statesman and philanthropist. He served two terms in the House of Commons and in 1854 was appointed governor of Hong Kong. This same year he was knighted by Queen Victoria for outstanding service to his country. Yet, for all of his achievements, Sir John Bowring, caught up in many political battles, may go down in history as one of the most unpopular governors of Hong Kong. On his tombstone are inscribed the words of this hymn, "In the Cross of Christ I Glory." We will sing this hymn, for which he is known, on March 17 and 18.

The Good News
Honor, Serve, Provide

By now you have received your Save-the-date card for the complimentary Serve, Honor Provide Capital Campaign dinner. We are delighted to have Rev Dr. Robert Hartwell as our guest speaker. Our own Rev John Hopkins will serve as our Master of Ceremonies and will present the "Trinity Award" to Rev. Dr. John Krahn, Deacon Peggy Ruhs and kindergarten teacher Mrs. Dianne Uss. Your invitation to the dinner will be mailed this month.

We hope you will join us as we embark on a campaign to raise funds for Trinity Lutheran Church and School. Plans for maintenance and upgrades as determined by the Board of Properties and Church Council with input from your survey results will be presented to you as well as an update of funds raised to date.

In the weeks following the dinner, Trinity Lutheran Church and School families will have the opportunity to make their own personal commitment toward the goals of the campaign.



Articles and submissions for the
April 2018
newsletter are due no later
than noon on
Friday, March 23!

***"Wealth and honor come from you;
you are the ruler of all things.
In your hands are strength and power
to exalt and give strength to all."*** 1 Chronicles 29:12

King David and the people of Israel had this crazy idea about wealth, crazy because it is not the way the world does things, and not even the way most Christians do. A lot of us have bought into the ideas of the world especially here in America, the land of plenty. Here we think our money is ours to spend as we please first and foremost, on ourselves, then our families and friends, then God. If there is anything left over after that, we might consider giving to the poor and needy.

King David and the Israelites, at least at this point in their history thought differently. The crazy idea that King David and the Israelites believed was that their wealth was not their own to use as they pleased. It all belonged to God. To them one of the greatest acts of worship was giving one's material and financial resources to Him. They realized that the wisest and best use of their wealth was in the service of the Lord. Sacrificial giving hurts: it is costly, but it is an act of adoration that honors God, shows Him our love, our devotion and extends the growth of His Kingdom.

At this time of the year we are reminded of what the Lord has done for us. We consider what He has given us and what we are to do with it. Jesus has entrusted us with great resources we must use as His stewards, His servants. He wants us to use them to bless others in His name. He wants us to help the poor and needy all over the world. While we spend money on things that we don't need, millions subsist on appalling wages barely able to provide basic needs of food, clothing, and shelter for themselves or their families. Jesus wants us to help those people in His name, to be His agents of love and mercy to everyone including those who do not know Him. What we do for those needy and poor and destitute and homeless in His name, we do for Him.

The Good News
Board of Outreach

STIRRING SOUNDS COFFEE HOUSE

Saturday, April 28, 2018

7:30-9:30 PM

Come out and have
some family fun
at this free event!





The month of February continued to be a busy time at Trinity Lutheran School. Our Kindergarten through Fifth Graders completed their benchmark assessments; these exams help to measure students' academic growth and drive instruction. Our departmentalized middle school completed their midterm exams that reviewed all material they have learned from the beginning of the school year. Our Robotics Club participated in their very first FLILRL competition at Mineola High School; it was another great achievement for Trinity's **Science Technology Religion Engineering Arts & Math** curriculum. Our 5th and 6th Graders led a Used Book Sale that benefited Long Island Cares, our giving back cause for the year. The Parent Teacher Friends Association led another fantastic Valentine's Day Dance for the children. We thank Mrs. Gargan and the Mardi Gras committee for creating an amazing lunch experience on Fat Tuesday. Congratulations to the 7th and 8th Grade Boys Basketball Team who won the 2018 LIAAIS Basketball Tournament. As we head into March we look forward to celebrating Read Across America.

As always, we thank you for your continuous support of Trinity Lutheran School's ministry.

In Christ,

Ms. Tammy Mazza
Principal



The Good News
Early Childhood Center News



The Early Childhood Center children and staff continue to pray, sing, learn, and have fun! This past month parents and staff gathered together for a wonderful paint night to raise funds to benefit the children of Trinity's Early Childhood Center. It was a great evening of fellowship and we thank all who supported this effort.

The children enjoyed a visit from National Dental in Hicksville for Dental Health Awareness Month. During this time the children learned about the importance of good dental hygiene and they received some goodies to help them take good care of their teeth!



During the month of February as we celebrated Valentine's Day, our ECC children continued to sing and learn about the love of Jesus. It was a treat each day to hear them sing and talk about this love in their classrooms. Trinity's Pre-K children even wrote Valentine's to their parents! The children then walked with their teachers to the mailbox to mail them. We are looking forward to the children returning from Winter Recess as we will begin to prepare for the much anticipated Early Childhood Center Mini Olympics which will take place in March.



This month I would like to update you on the special fundraisers we held in 2016 and 2017. Thankfulness to God and the generosity of our Trinity members and friends, each one was a great success and each one was unique in its own way, raising \$4,849.44! We had a garage sale that was rained out for the first time, one hour before closing and God blessed us with over \$1,600.00. We had our first Simply Tasteful, with homemade food by our Trinity members and entertainment by Ed Waldeck and his band Stelladeck. It was a great evening of fun and fellowship! Our very own praise band, New Dimensions, had a wonderful concert for us and last but not least, we held a bakeless cake sale which was well-supported.

In December, our members voted on the projects we wanted to support. The monies we raised was divided and checks were sent to Trinity for Capital Improvements, the New Life Center in Uniondale, the Appalachian area in Kentucky, the Comfort Dog Ministry and lastly, to the Veteran Affairs Medical Center in Northport.

God has blessed our Lutheran Women's Missionary League to be a blessing to those in need. If you have never attended one of our special events, please consider attending and joining us at the next one. And bring a friend!

Helen Peter,
LWML President



IT'S AN OPEN HOUSE!

Trinity Lutheran School (2 years - 8th grade) will be hosting an Open House for new prospective students this Saturday, March 10 from 10:00am to noon and on Thursday, March 22 from 6:30 to 8:30pm. Please call 516-931-2211 ext. 203 or email admissions@trinityli.org to RSVP and schedule a personalized tour. If you believe a Christian education has benefited your child, spread the word about Trinity Lutheran School and our exciting new programs. We are the Standard of Excellence in Christian Education for 64 years!

PENNSYLVANIA YOUTH CHORALE



On June 1 – 3, the Pennsylvania Youth Chorale will once again be visiting us here at Trinity. The auditioned choir of about 25 children ages 10 – 14 will be presenting a concert on Saturday night, June 2 following the 6:30pm worship service. Their programs are always entertaining and feature a wide variety of music. They will also be attending and singing at the 9:00am service on June 3. It is a wonderful choir, and you will want to save the date.

We are looking for housing for the children for the weekend. It involves picking them up here at Trinity Friday night, June 1 and bringing them back in the morning. Then taking them home again June 2 following the concert and bringing them back for morning worship. The children come in pairs, with one or two groups of 3. Please let Henry DeVries know if you can house 2, 3 or more children, or call the church office.

Sometimes comfort walks in on four paws . . .

Trinity is currently "in waiting" for our Comfort Dog. Listed on LCC's website are K-9 Comfort Dogs in training – one of those Golden Retriever puppies will be assigned to Trinity. The AKC certified purebred Golden Retriever assigned to Trinity will have over 2,000 hours of training to a service dog level and will understand some thirty commands. Comfort Dogs are taught to be passive and gentle when working with the public. A dog is an effective comforter because they make people feel safe . . . they are non-judgmental and demonstrate unconditional love. Their simple presence is calming and healing and encourages people to talk about their distress and begin the healing process. Comfort Dogs calm people, work with special needs individuals, veterans and the elderly, and are used in counseling situations. They also deploy to crisis or disaster situations. Trinity's Comfort Dog will hopefully be "dual-vested", both K-9 and Kare-9 (military) certified. Comfort dogs work six days a week sharing the care and compassion in schools, senior centers/nursing homes, hospitals, veteran/military organizations and events, community organizations, charities and also deploy in crisis or disaster situations when requested. The ministry will only go where invited, it will never intrude.

Current Fundraising Goal: \$17,000

- Equipment and Supplies for the Dog at the Primary Caregiver's Home
- License and Vest
- Comfort Dog Business Cards
- Fundraising Gifts
- First Year Vaccinations
- Prescriptions (heartworm and flea prevention)
- Passing of the Leash Expenses
- Comfort Dog Handler Training
- Travel to Chicago
- Lodging and Meals



Please prayerfully consider making a gift to this ministry.



Please come and enjoy Trinity's newly founded Comfort Dog Ministry's coffee hour on Sunday, March 18 between worship services! The ministry and its volunteers are excited to be fundraising in earnest as we await the arrival of our Comfort Dog from Lutheran Church Charities. He or she is currently in training. While we wait, we are assembling our Comfort Dog Team and determining each volunteer's role in this extraordinary and much-need community ministry. So please join us and prayerfully give what you can in the "doggy dish" as you enjoy coffee, baked yummy's and fellowship!

Stained Glass -- The Powell Windows

One of the highlights of my third grade art curriculum is the tour of Trinity's stained glass windows and the culminating class project. If you asked a third grader, "Which stained glass window is your favorite?" He/she would reply, "Any one that has a little white friar in it." And so I begin my tour with the eleven of Trinity's twenty-eight stained glass windows imported from England, fashioned by Whitefriars Glassworks of James Powell and Sons.

Whitefriars is one of the most distinguished glass houses in the world. In fact, Whitefriars Glassworks' method of crafting led to the 19th century revival of stained glass art. Powell windows adorn the Winchester Cathedral in London and Christ Church in Oxford, England. And, in the United States, their stained glass can be viewed at Saint John the Divine in New York City. In every window made by Whitefriars you will find their trademark signature; a small, almost minute friar vested in white.

There are two types of variations of stained glass viewed at Trinity: painted pot-metal style and faceted glass. The Powell windows utilize the pot-metal style which is stained and painted glass set in lead. This style dominates in our church's nave, chancel and transepts.

The leaded windows in the nave reveal scenes from the life of Christ. The Old Testament stories which relate to each are in the lower portion of the window. In the **east wall starting from the north side first** is seen *The Annunciation* underscored by Moses and the burning bush; followed by *The Nativity of Our Lord* with Moses and Aaron with his staff; next is *The Presentation of Christ at the Temple* and under that is Hannah presenting Samuel; then *The Baptism of Jesus* with Joshua and the Ark of the Covenant crossing the Jordan beneath.



The north end of the west wall continues the story sequence. *The Sermon on the Mount* is first and beneath it, Moses receiving the Ten Commandments; *The Last Supper* follows and Abimelech bringing the shewbread to David compliments the scene; next is *The Crucifixion of Our Lord* and below that Abraham about to sacrifice his only son, Isaac; finally, *The Ascension* and under that Elijah rising to Heaven in a fiery chariot.

The last window in the **east wall** is not fully visible as the balcony overhangs the nave at this point. It was, at one time, in the wall of a stairway which led to the balcony. The theme of this window is *The Parable of the Widow's Mite*. The lower portion shows a pelican vulning to feed her young, symbolic of complete sacrifice.

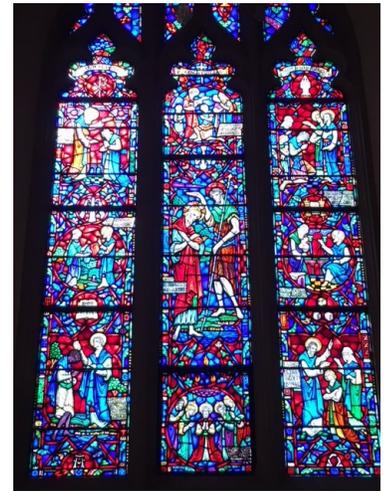
Whitefriars also created the small "Prayer" - an Angel with Censer, and "Praise" - an Angel with Harp windows that are set in the walls of the narthex stairways. These finely executed windows convey two of the main functions of the church.

The features that characterize the Powell windows include: vivid colors of red and blue, small, evenly-sized pieces of glass arranged in a stencil-like pattern, and the fact that the windows are at the peak of their beauty on a gray, overcast day. On this type of day the grisaille pattern of leaves and flowers can be seen as light greens and yellows. In bright sunshine the light colors fade and are perceived as white.

*Next time you're in church try to find the little, white friar in each of the Powell windows—just don't search while Pastor is preaching!

Next month we will continue our tour of Trinity's stained glass windows

Ellen Kerwin





Jr. Youth

**6TH THROUGH
8TH GRADE**

*youth
church*

MARCH 2018

Quick Calendar

March 2nd
Laser FUEL
7-10pm
\$25

March 4th
SR. Youth Pancake
Breakfast

NY Aquarium
Saturday
March 17th
\$25

Saturday April 14th
LOCK IN!
7-pm to 8am on
April 15th
WE NEED
CHAPERONES!!

Upcoming Events

NY Aquarium

Joins us as we dive into the deep at the New York Aquarium in Coney Island. We'll check out the creatures from the mysterious fathoms below and also head over to the Original Nathans for a Hot Dog lunch.

Meet at 9:30 am in the YSR. We'll be back around 3:30. Cost \$25 plus Lunch

Laser FUEL

We're going Laser Tagging!
Joins us for a fun evening of lights, dodging, and high scoring.
EXTENDED HOUR 7-10pm
Cost \$25 Per Person



Sr. Youth

9-12TH Grade
and Beyond

youth
church

MARCH 2018

Quick Calendar

Saturday,
March 3rd
Pancake Set up
6-7pm GYM

Sunday
March 4th
Pancake Breakfast
Fundraiser

Sunday March 18th
Bread Pan Offering
for "Haven"
9 am and 10:45 am
services

Monday March 19th
Haven Help
6pm - 9:30pm
Bayshore

Upcoming Events

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

It's time for another fundraiser for our Summer 2018 Trip. Come join us for breakfast from 9-11 on Sunday, March 4th. Set up will be on Saturday the 3rd in the evening from 6-7pm.

HAVEN HELP

Come join us in serving at a Local Homeless Shelter. We'll bring food donations and then help at the shelter. Stay tuned for more information.