



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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The Good News

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FROM THE PASTOR **Honor, Serve, Provide** Capital Campaign

On April 19, we had our kickoff for the Honor, Serve, Provide Capital Campaign with a great meal at Dominico’s. At this dinner, Rev. Dr. Rob Hartwell, former Associate Pastor at Trinity, began our evening as guest speaker. Next, we presented three Trinity Awards in recognition of three individuals who have served the Lord and the people of God at Trinity. The following are the three awards and their respective recipients: Trinity Award – Honoring the Past was given to Rev. Dr. John Krahn, former Senior Pastor at Trinity. Trinity Award – Serving the Present was given to Deacon Peg Ruhs. Trinity Award – Providing for the Future was given to Mrs. Dianne Uss, Trinity’s Kindergarten Teacher. We, the people of God at Trinity, have been blessed by God through their service.

After the meal, a presentation was given regarding the goal of raising \$210,000 for the Capital Campaign. The purpose of the presentation was to explain the needs we have in the congregation for both the church and school.

Over the last number of years, there are certain areas of the church and school that have not received as much attention as you have in your spiritual and educational lives. What we are talking about is the preservation of the church and school. We need to replace and renovate many things in the church and school: carpet in the Sanctuary, renovation of the Science Room and other classrooms, and raising funds to build our school schol-

arships to name a few. Recall, these projects came as a direct response from the surveys you completed last fall.

For this reason, we are asking for your participation in our special three year capital campaign, Honor-Serve-Provide. Again, our goal is to raise \$210,000. Your pledge is extremely important because it **offers immediate resources** that will be directed to current needs and improvements for the church and school.

So far, the response has been tremendous. As I write this article as of Sunday April 22, **we have already received pledges of \$105,800!** That is more than half way to our goal!! And this is a three year campaign.

“When do we start working on the projects?” The projects begin when the funds have been received.

This is why the Capital Campaign Committee is reaching out to you in the congregation. For those of you who have made a pledge or have already given your gift, thank you!! For those of you who have not yet made a pledge, I ask you to prayerfully consider what God is calling you to give and knowing that some people have the ability to do much more as others will need to do less.

Trinity has been blessed tremendously over the years. Let us see those blessings continue. From where do these blessings come? Hear the Word of the Lord and about how all this can be accomplished:

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"The Lord God has been so very generous with us in all that He has provided us. In turn, He is the one who enables us to be generous in every occasion." 2 Corinthians 9:11)ESV

After considering what you might give, there are options to make your gift over time, say semi-annually, quarterly, monthly...and, if you'd like, you will even have the ability to set up an online payment that automatically happens as per your chosen pledge amount and timing.

As we come together for this Honor, Serve, Provide – Capital Campaign, let us give thanks to the Lord for being generous towards us, that we in turn might be generous in every occasion.

Serving the Lord with you, *Pastor Hopkins*

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From the Deacon's Desk

Greetings in the Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus!

The Pastoral Care Team is praying for you. This team is composed of the Pastor and Deacons and usually meets weekly to discuss the progress and specific needs of those in our congregation who are sick or disabled as well as their relatives, friends and co-workers. We also make plans to follow up with visits, phone calls or by mail or email. So please keep us posted with updates.

During the Divine Service we pray by name for some of those in our congregation who are sick, disabled, facing surgery, therapy or radiation or recovering from those procedures. How do we determine who gets put on that list for oral prayers or who is just mentioned in our bulletin? The Pastoral Care Team prayerfully makes these recommendations.

Please know that we respect the privacy of the individuals. Therefore, no one is put on the public prayer lists without his or her approval.

Nonetheless, as you may have noticed, the number of people for whom we pray gets longer and longer every week. And those we do list by name are but a portion of all those the Pastoral Care Team members are praying for. In addition, the severity and frequency of these illnesses can be quite intimidating.

The Deacons pray for those in need and Pastor Hopkins does as well. But we cannot bear this burden alone. Prayer is a vital ministry of the Church, one which is commanded of every believer.

We need your prayers for us as well as for those who are suffering in mind, body and spirit. We believers all ought to be in prayer in this sin-cursed world that none of us may become discouraged by all the pain and heartache we see around us or that we and our loved ones must endure.

Pray from your heart. Pray as I do, that all those on our prayer lists would be healed either by God's miraculous intervention or as He works through medicines, the doctors, nurses and medical support staff. Pray that the Lord would comfort and encourage those who are suffering as well as their families and caregivers.

"Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. . . And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith."

Galatians 6:2, 9-10

Deacon Anthony Cavaliere

Your Deacons:

Doug Brosky
Anthony Cavaliere
Kathy Funfgeld

Betsy Lazarek
Peg Ruhs

Debbie Vergara
Lynn Waldeck





Pentecost, the lessons are full of special effects – this year, the reanimation of dry bones, a rush of wind in a locked room and tongues of fire, to name a few. At 9:00 a.m. on Pentecost, May 20th, Trinity Choir will be singing, an unusual piece entitled "*Spirit, Moving Over Chaos*" by Houston, Texas composer David Ashley White. This composition was awarded the 2015 Raabe Prize for Excellence in Sacred Composition, an award presented every two years by the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians. It is written for choir, C-instrument, percussion, handbells and organ. What makes it so unusual is it is an "aleatoric" piece, which means it is a piece that uses much improvisation on the part of the musicians, the music is more of a set of instructions for what the possibilities could be in performance, it will never be the same twice. Starting with a soft, mysterious beginning, the choir only singing on the syllable "oo," the piece builds in intensity calling on the Spirit to call, enliven and empower us for work in the church. The piece then ends as mysteriously as it began, on a choir "oo." For those that would like a preview, here is a link to a recording on youtube - <https://youtu.be/8a6b3WY47h8>



Henry DeVries,
Minister of Music

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.

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LEGACY OF LOVE

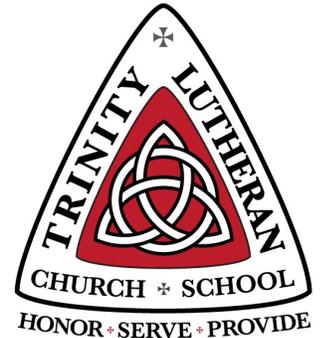
The Board of Christian Education is in the process of beginning a new and exciting program called Legacy of Love.

We are reaching out to our most valued parishioners and asking them to come and share a book reading, or a life story with the children of our day school. We are asking our congregational family who are age 70 or older to consider being part of this ministry. What a blessing to our children to have you come and read them a story, and share with the children your life story. They have so much love to give and need your love in return. Please contact Laura Morrisey for more information.



Our kick-off dinner held April 19 at Domenico's was attended by over one hundred members of the Trinity Lutheran Church and School community. It was a joyful gathering celebrating Trinity's past, present and future. Rev. Dr. Rob Hartwell, our guest speaker, spoke warmly of his years at Trinity with his wife and children. He reminded those present about the importance of Trinity in the Atlantic District - LCMS, as well as its importance to the surrounding community.

Trinity Award honorees, Rev. Dr. John Krahn, Deacon Peg Ruhs and kindergarten teacher Ms. Dianne Uss, were celebrated for their important roles in the life of Trinity's congregation and students --Honoring the Past, Serving the Present and Providing for the Future.



The capital campaign was outlined by Pastor John Hopkins, Principal Tammy Mazza and Admission's Director Charlie Henle. Trinity's needs were defined and insight addressing those needs was provided.

The purpose of the capital campaign is to preserve our church and school, maintain and strengthen our program, and ensure our mission – *for all to know the love of Jesus* – continues to grow. Thanks to fifty-four individuals and families, we are happy to report that we are already half-way to our goal of \$210,000 pledged over the next three years.

A phone-a-thon will be held in the beginning of May where Trinity congregation members and school families who have not already done so will be asked to make a pledge toward the campaign. We are looking for volunteers to assist us in making those calls. If you have not already made your pledge please prayerfully consider making one.

A variety of projects are in the planning stages. The process of completing projects is as follows:

- Once funding becomes available, the Honor Serve Provide Committee will bring a project to the Board of Properties (using preliminary project quotes).
- The Board of Properties will obtain prices for that project from three companies before we move forward on that project.
- The Board of Properties will present their recommendation to the Church Council Finance Committee.
- The Finance Committee's recommendation will be brought to Church Council for approval.
- The project will be awarded and work will commence.

The first project will be to replace the carpet in our church sanctuary. We are shooting for a May installation, June at the latest.

The HSP Committee will provide updates on our progress with pledges and projects on a regular basis.



Articles and submissions for the
June 2018
newsletter are due no later
than noon on
Wednesday, May 23!



SPRING CLEAN-UP

MAY 5, 9am – 12 NOON



PLEASE JOIN US TO MAKE OUR CHURCH AND SCHOOL GROUNDS BEAUTIFUL!
Whether you pick up a few leaves or plant some new flowers, every little bit helps.
Maybe you would like to help by purchasing a flat of begonias.
Let's us know or just bring them. What is YOUR favorite color?

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Come join us!
Meditative - Energizing - Inspirational
Yoga Classes

Wednesday Nights
April 4, 2018 – May 23, 2018
6:00pm-7:00pm
\$5.00 per class

In the multi-purpose room

(Yoga mats will be available to borrow or to purchase)



As we enter into the month of May, Trinity Lutheran School has many events on the horizon. Together on May 3, our church and school will unite and pray for our country on the National Day of Prayer.

This month faculty and staff will be recognized for their years of service in Lutheran ministry with a special ceremony.

Our first graders will be taking a trip to the Vanderbilt Planetarium, our third and fourth graders will be visiting the Westbury Gardens, fifth grade will visit Philadelphia and our eighth graders will enjoy their final dance.

Middle school will begin to prepare for their final exams. Our band is enthusiastic about their participation in the Hicksville Memorial Day Parade. At the end of the month we will recognize many students who exhibit Christian and American Citizenship with a special acknowledgement ceremony.

And, in addition to all of this, Trinity's new Comfort Dog Ministry has teamed up with Legacy of Love and will read to the children in the ECC, Second Grade, and Middle School!

In Christ,

Ms. Tammy Mazza
Principal

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Early Childhood Center News

As I sit down to write this, I am thankful that it seems as if Spring has finally arrived. I hear the voices of happy children playing on the playground and greet excited children as they walk by on their way to play outside. This time of year also means that the children are very busy learning and growing each day! Our Pre-K classes have been busy learning about the parts of a plant. They even planted their own seeds they will observe as they grow. The Pre-K classes have also spoken about good nutrition this month and learned about different fruits and vegetables. The Nursery classes have been discussing different kinds of weather as well as talking about how to take care of our beautiful earth as we celebrate Earth Day. Our Nursery children have also been learning about frogs. They even visited Trinity's Critter room to see some frogs! The Toddler classes have been busy painting and learning some fun new songs. All of Trinity's ECC children continue to sing and learn about the love of Jesus each day!

Carolyn Gallegos,
Early Childhood Center Director



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Trinity Lutheran Daycare News

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Thank you to everyone who made it to the daycare Ribbon Cutting and Open House on Sunday, April 22!
Here are some great photos from this exciting event... enjoy!



Updates from the Dawg House. . .

Trinity is embarking on a Comfort Dog ministry under the leadership of Donna Haines who will serve as Top Dog. Donna is supported by a group of volunteers who will assist her in the various aspects of that ministry. Some will serve as dog handlers who will be accompanied by others who will minister alongside to them those in need of the comfort care a dog can provide. Others on the team serve as support staff helping with logistics, fund raising, transport, and media relations. Right now the team members are learning about crisis ministry, getting acquainted with each other, and discussing different fund raising activities and service opportunities. Donna has already received training to be the Top Dog. In addition she and several and members of the team attended a regional conference in Connecticut last month.



Now some people may wonder why Trinity needs such a ministry. How does a comfort dog help us in spreading the gospel? The comfort ministry is more than just the dog. The dog is a friend and comfort but also a bridge, a means by which believers can share the gospel as well as bring God's love and comfort to all who are in need.

Our Comfort Dog Team will be affiliated with The Lutheran Church Charities K-9 Comfort Dog Ministry. This is a national ministry which utilizes the unique, calming nature and skills of purebred Golden Retrievers. Comfort Dogs serve as bridge for compassionate ministry, opening doors for conversation about faith and creating opportunities to share the mercy, compassion, presence and proclamation of Jesus Christ.

Comfort Dogs are trained to interact with people of all ages and circumstances who are suffering and in need. One such dog will soon be placed with Trinity, the first in the NYC Metro area. Such placement includes full training for handlers and caregivers along with ongoing support, coaching and training while the Comfort Dog lives in the home of an assigned caregiver or caregivers.

Our Comfort Dog will be dispatched in times of disaster and crisis to bring comfort to all those affected, including first responders and the volunteers who serve them. LCC K-9 Comfort Dogs were in New York and New Jersey visiting victims of Superstorm Sandy, and in Connecticut after the tragedy at Sandy Hook Elementary School.

In addition, our Comfort Dog will serve in the community on a regular basis Donna and her team plan to use our Comfort Dog to reach out to children and families in crisis well as seniors in nursing homes. Please support our team with your finances, prayers and encouragement.



*Blue Star Mothers
of America, Inc.*

For those members of our parish community who are interested in learning about Blue Star Mothers of America, Moms of the Military and who has a son or daughter serving or have served in the armed forces!

For more information, please contact Andrea Nordquist at 516-476-9094. Chapter NY12 meets every third Thursday of the month at the VFW Hall in Hicksville at 7:45pm.

We are mothers, stepmothers, grandmothers, foster mothers and female legal guardians who have children serving in the military, guard or reserves, or have children who are veterans.

We support each other and our children while promoting patriotism. Our organization focuses on our mission every single day and will never, ever, forsake our troops, our veterans or the families of our Fallen Heroes.

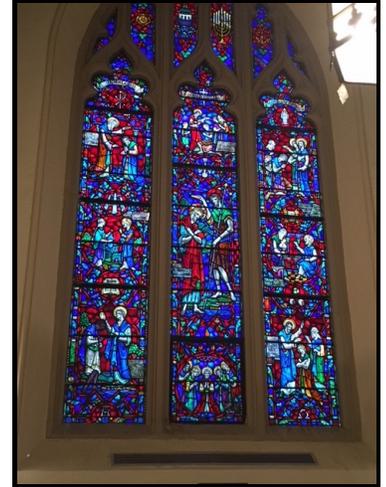
The Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc. is a non-partisan, non-political, non-sectarian organization. The military represents all aspects of America as does our organization.

Stained Glass -- The Ernest W. Lakeman Windows (2 of 3)

This month's article will spotlight the last two stained glass windows at Trinity designed and executed by Ernest W. Lakeman: The Baptismal Window and one of The Miracle Windows.

Inscribed across the lancets of the large window located in the wall of the **west transept** is the text from Ephesians 4:5, "One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism." This quote denotes the entire theme of The Baptismal Window in our church.

The left lancet has the Chi Rho (a monogram of chi (X) and rho (P) as the first two letters of Greek Khristos Christ, used as a Christian symbol) at the top and under it is the baptism of Saul (Acts 9:19). Beneath are the three springing fountains ("I am the water of life"), below that is the baptism of the woman of Samaria (John 4:7), and underneath is an open book with Isaiah written across it. The lowest portion shows the baptism of the Ethiopian eunuch by Saint Philip (Acts 8:36) underscored by the Greek Alpha.



The lancet labeled *One Faith* with a cross behind the words, shows the baptism of Cornelius and states, "admission of Gentiles to baptism" (Acts 11:18). The descending dove is the dividing symbol for the next scene which is the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan (Matthew 3:16). Below that we see a shield in which are the flames of the Holy Spirit. Portrayed underneath the shield are figures of the Apostles on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:3).

Looking at the right lancet with a font at the top, we see Saint Paul baptizing the Philippian jailor (Acts 16:33). At the center of the panel Jesus is teaching Nicodemus, "...unless a man be born again..." (John 3:3) and three loaves of bread separate the scene of Lydia being baptized by Saint Paul at Phillipi (Acts 16:15). The Greek Omega appears at the lowest portion.

It is interesting to note Lakeman's rhythmic use of the texts in the design of this window. Scenes from Acts are depicted at the upper and lower portions of each lancet, while the central parts portray baptisms concerning Jesus as recorded in the Gospels of John and Matthew. The tracery work (viewing from left to right) shows the rose of promise, the ark, the seven-branch candlesticks, and the anchor.

The last window that Ernest W. Lakeman made for Trinity is one of the miracle windows in the **west wall of our chancel**. This window was one of the last Lakeman made before his death. He based his design on the text, "Do not be afraid, only have faith" (Mark 5:36), and it is inscribed in the upper portion. The center of this single lancet window shows the raising of the daughter of Jairus from the dead. Beneath the scene is Jesus with two disciples talking to the woman who touched his cloak, knowing she would be cured, as he walked to the home of Jairus. As recorded in Mark 5:34, Jesus told her, "Woman thy faith has made thee whole."

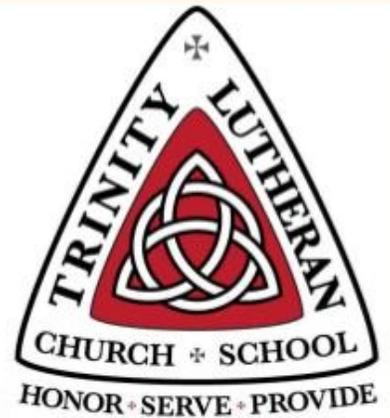
(Our Stained Glass at Trinity Tour continues next month)

by Ellen Kerwin





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Come join us for a family night at Citi Field and help send us on our Mission Trip to West Virginia this summer.

Saturday, June 23rd at 7:15pm
NY Mets against the LA Dodgers

Order Tickets:

- Sunday mornings during coffee hour
 - email rstainkamp@trinityli.org,
 - call the church office at 931-2225 x219 for Sue Mittler.
- Tickets will be given on a first come basis, so order early.

Order by Sunday, May 20th
Tickets are \$35 each