



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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The Good News

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It's June! My Summer Musings

Lots of things are happening in June!

End of the year kind of things. Baccalaureate Service on June 17 at the late service. School graduation Friday June 22 at 7:00pm. Early Childhood Center closing programs. All things that give the indication that things are done.

But that doesn't mean they are for everyone . . .

We have the summer program that begins on June 25. The golf outing is the same day, June 25. Worship is still happening every Sunday and Saturday evening too, by the way. (We are not moving the Saturday service to Wednesday for the summer.) Youth are taking their Mission Trip to West Virginia! Come to their Spaghetti Dinner on Friday June 15 and support their fundraising efforts.

The Lord is still active each and every day. We still are his people. We too should be active for the Lord. Summer is not a time to take a break from the Lord.

We are not taking a break in the church! With all the Capital Campaign resources that are being given, look for those projects to begin soon! Thank

you to so many who have pledged and many who have given their donations already. You have been so very generous. An amazing \$187,000 has been pledged already out the \$210,000 goal. Thank you, thank you!

It's also time to keep in mind what you can do for the Lord this summer.

There is always time to give and be a blessing when serving the Lord.

It's June, what can you do?

Serving the Lord with you,
Pastor Hopkins



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On The National Day of Prayer last month, Deacon Doug Brosky presented this meditation. It is vital to remember that true unity with one another comes only as we are one with God in Christ.

UNITY WITH GOD

When you hear the word unity what comes to mind? The dictionary says unity is a condition of harmony without deviation, the state of being made one. Using this definition, we would have to say we see little evidence of unity in our world.

Well what about unity with God? Think about our confession in the Divine Service when we admit that "we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against you in thought word and deed." That confession is 180 degrees in the opposite direction of unity. Achieving unity with God is beyond our ability, but it is not beyond His.

If you go back to creation you will see true unity as God intended. At the end of each day of creation, God looked at what He had created and we read "and God saw that it was good." Now when he completed his work of creation, God looked at the finished project and we are told "and God saw everything he had made and behold it was very good." There was perfect unity, no dissension, no disagreement. The created walked with the creator in perfect harmony.

So, what went wrong? Why do we find so much disunity in our relationship with God? The answer is simple: sin, our rebellion against God's will. Disunity entered the world when Adam and Eve fell for Satan's lies. When they were expelled from the Garden they lost more than Eden. They lost something far more valuable; they lost the unity that God intended for us to have with him.

We know the result of that rebellion, a history of disunity. The Bible is full of stories of disobedience to God's will. The message in scripture is clear, rebellion against God's will separates us from him and creates disunity. The current disunity in our world is not something new, it has existed since our ancestors ate the forbidden fruit in the Garden.

It was God's intention that we should live in unity with both him and his creation. God set in place a promise to restore unity, a plan that saw its fulfillment in sending His Son to pay the penalty we should have paid so that in faith in Jesus we are made right in the Father's eyes.

I looked high and low trying to find the "magic" prayer that could convey that request and assurance for unity with little success. Then I saw a prayer right in front of me, the prayer Jesus gave us in response to the disciple's request "Lord teach us to pray." We know it as the *Lord's Prayer*. A single phrase jumped out at me as the answer on how to ask for and restore unity with God "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven..." A simple phrase that we have repeated countless times.

Where is unity to be found? Follow God's direction and always look to him. Keep your focus on Jesus and do not be distracted by this world and unity will be restored.

Satan will continue to seek to separate us from God, but Jesus has already judged him and as Luther says in his hymn *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* "His might is doomed to fail... One little word subdues him."

Pray today and every day that we reject the division and separation that Satan seeks to create. Remember the words in the Lord's Prayer "thy will be done," because, Jesus, in his life, death and resurrection, defeated sin and death and we have become as Paul says more than victors, and nothing can separate us from the love of God.

Your Deacons:

Doug Brosky

Betsy Lazarek

Debbie Vergara

Anthony Cavaliere

Peg Ruhs

Lynn Waldeck

Kathy Funfgeld



This month I would like to highlight two hymns that we will sing in the month of June. The first is very close to my heart, it is LSB 795, "Voices Raise to You We Offer," which we will sing on June 10. It was written for the tenth anniversary of the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians in 1996. This is an organization that I have belonged to and supported for many years. The inspiring text was written by Herman Stuempfle who served for many years at the Lutheran Seminary in Gettysburg, PA. His hymn texts always speak directly from Scripture with thought-inspiring images to assist the singer. The text recognizes that all gifts that we have are God-given. It particularly mentions art and music; with this in mind, this is a good time to thank all of our hard working singers and ringers, as Trinity Choir finished their season this past Sunday at 9:00 am. The tune, written by Carolyn Jennings to be paired with this text, was written especially to be easily learned by congregations. You can hear this wonderful hymn here: <https://youtu.be/zsBhnb5wgmI?list=FLpma01KVfMMjxvI2Ru6dxYQ>



The second hymn I would like to highlight is LSB 726, "Evening and Morning," which we will sing on Sunday, June 24. A wonderful hymn of faith that was written by hymn writer Paul Gerhardt. Many feel Gerhardt is second only to Luther as a writer of Lutheran hymnody. Gerhardt's life was filled with sorrow, four of his five children never survived childhood and his wife died suffering from the grief of losing so many children. Gerhardt was a pastor devoted to Lutheran teaching. He was constantly caught in the middle of the worship conflicts in Germany in the 17th century. The decision to stay true to his beliefs cost him greatly. Yet through all of the misery his life brought him, his hymns reflect the joy of God's grace. The first two verses of "Evening and Morning" sing of all that God has given us for our earthly life. The third reminds us, that God is present in all of the storms of our life, there is nothing left for us to fear in this life or the next, since God has prepared a place in His mansion for us. What more can we say to God but to thank him with all we can, the final stanza does that for us. There is nothing more for us to say but Amen.

Henry DeVries,
Minister of Music

**This
Weekend!**



PENNSYLVANIA YOUTH CHORALE

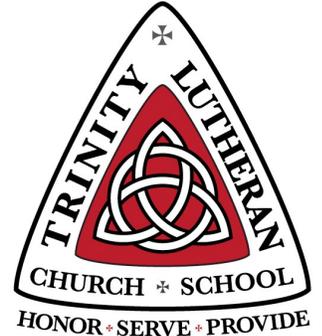
On June 1 – 3, the Pennsylvania Youth Chorale will once again be visiting us here at Trinity. The auditioned choir of about 25 children ages 10 – 14 will be presenting a concert on Saturday night, June 2 following the 6:30pm worship service. Their programs are always entertaining and feature a wide variety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



All of Nature Sings

We are so pleased to report that 99 pledges for over \$185,000 have been made by Trinity families toward our three-year goal of \$210,000. Of those pledges almost \$108,000 has been received. Thank you for your pledges and support of Trinity's Church and School capital campaign.

The phone-a-thon for the *Honor Serve Provide* Campaign was conducted in early May. Over 300 calls were made during four sessions to Trinity congregation members resulting in \$32,250 in pledges. If you have not already made a pledge and did not receive a call please contact Trinity's church office (516) 931-2225 and give them your current phone number. Every pledge or donation, no matter how large or small, is important to the success of this campaign.



Our first few projects are in the process of bidding and purchase. We hope to have the new carpet in our church sanctuary shortly. Improved lighting in the church parking lot comes next followed by renovation of the school's science room.

For those of you who were unable to attend the kick-off dinner for the capital campaign, additional projects for the church and school campus were offered in a PowerPoint presentation by Pastor Hopkins, Principal Tammy Mazza and Admissions Director Charlie Henle.

Those projects include:

- sealing the church from the elements
- upgrading the heating system (much of it in its original 1954 state),
- landscape upgrades
- retrofitting lighting for energy efficiency in classrooms, halls and multipurpose room
- improving school security system.

In addition to physical improvements, the campaign also will be addressing financial aid and scholarship needs of Trinity's church and school families.

Thank you for supporting Trinity's Capital Campaign. Together we can do great things.



Christ's Kids

Join us at our summer Sunday school, starting June 24 at the 9:00 AM service. The children start in church, then after a children's sermon go down to the choir room for a lesson and craft. Please pick up your child there. We hope that you can join us. If interested in leading or helping one week please call Lynn Waldeck (Ext 230) in the church office.



Articles and submissions for the
July/August 2018
newsletter are due no later
than noon on
Friday, June 22!

The Board of Properties would like to THANK those volunteers who offered their time to beautify our property at Spring Clean-up. We especially want to recognize not only the adults, but the teenagers, VOTY and the Boys Scouts for their effort.

At present the board is:

- Obtaining an installation date for the Sanctuary carpet from Montauk Carpet
- Evaluating three bids that were submitted for church, school and YSR room glass repairs
- Scheduling the installation of LED parking lot lights
- Taking an inventory of all the sinks, faucets and toilets throughout the building, for repair or replacement.



The Good News
Board of Stewardship

Communion of Saints

In the Apostles' Creed we confess that we believe in the "communion of saints." This does not refer to the sacrament of communion which we partake during the Divine Service. Rather it refers to our community, our relationship and unity with our fellow believers both on earth and in heaven. The meal we eat at the Table of the Lord is, as we acknowledge, a foretaste of that heavenly Kingdom unity.

The ancient Jews celebrated this communion, or were commanded to, in the Passover Seder. They did not do so regularly during the history of Israel as is revealed in the Books of the Chronicles. Towards the end of those books, and in the twilight of the Kingdom of David, Godly King Josiah brought the nation of Judah to repentance in response to God's revealed word which had been hidden for generations. He commanded the nation celebrate the Passover once again. His purpose was, in part, to remind God's people of the importance of the celebration in creating a cohesive and close-knit community. The Passover feast is one which binds all Jews and Israelites together as they recall their common history and covenant with Yahweh. Thus, it is vital that it be carried out faithfully for it has the power to engender hope and encouragement in the hearts of the people in the midst of difficult circumstances.

Jews today still celebrate the Passover with prayer, scripture and feasting around the Seder table. The Passover meal is not just eating; it is a time of fellowship in which Jews gather with family and friends to call to mind their common bonds of faith and nationality. They call to mind and recite the miraculous things that the Lord did for their ancestors in the Exodus, for Jews throughout history, and what He is doing for them. They celebrate that they have been persecuted and they have endured.

The majority of the Jews, of course, do not have faith in Jesus, and so their commemorations do not bring them the real hope of eternal salvation. Nevertheless, the church could learn from them how to come together as a community of believers around the Lord's Table with a common purpose and heritage, as a family in Christ rather than as a loosely related collection of individuals who believe the same thing. The fact that we are the Communion of saints ought to make us act with love, mercy and compassion towards all our fellow believers. And the Lord has so gifted us to do exactly this with our talents and resources.





As we come to the end of our school year we reflect back but also look forward to the many events that are in store for us. Our marching band is excited to participate in the Hicksville Memorial Day Parade and honor our nation's heroes. Many of our students have been practicing for the upcoming Talent Show and are enthusiastic about sharing their gifts with the audience. K-5 teachers will be administering Fountas and Pinnell Testing to discover their students' growth in reading. Our Middle School



teachers have been busy creating final review packets for the students' exams. First Grade looks forward to their field trip at the Vanderbilt Planetarium and Second Grade will be visiting the Whaling Museum. The Fifth Graders will be attending their Moving Up Ceremony and our Eighth Graders cannot wait to dance the night away at their final dance. We will be awarding many scholarships to our students at the Baccalaureate Service. The year will finally end with a graduation ceremony in our beautiful sanctuary. We thank everyone who has supported our educational ministry throughout this year and look forward to the many years to come.

In Christ,
Ms. Mazza, *Principal*

The Good News *Early Childhood Center News*

It is hard to believe that this school year is coming to an end. The Early Childhood Center children continue to be busy learning, all while enjoying some exciting spring activities. All of our classes were able to enjoy park trips with their teachers, classmates, and parents. The Nursery and Pre-K children were able to observe the life cycle of the butterfly in their classrooms. The children were so excited to release their beautiful butterflies!

All of the ECC children are busy preparing to sing for their parents at closing programs. The Nursery and Pre-K closing programs will focus on this school year's Bible verse theme the Fruits of the Spirit.

Carolyn Gallegos,
Early Childhood Center Director



Stained Glass cont . . . The Robert A. Metcalf Windows



Mr. Robert A. Metcalf of Antioch College designed *The Preaching Window* in the **east transept**. It was dedicated for the 100th anniversary of the congregation in 1950, and placed, because of its theme, near the pulpit. It is based on the text from Isaiah 61:6, "Men shall call you the ministers of our God," which is inscribed across the lancets.

The central portion is of the risen and living Christ, the Supreme Minister. The text inscribed is "Go ye therefore and teach all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." (Matthew 28:19). Over the Christ figure is the descending dove in a shield.

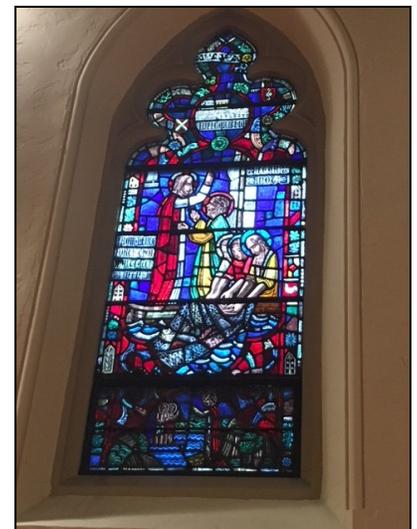
The lower portion shows Moses displaying the Ten Commandments to his people and the text reads, "The Lord thy God will raise up unto thee a prophet from the midst of thee" (Deuteronomy 18:15). The left-hand lancet is of Saint Peter preaching at Pentecost with Saints John and Andrew and the words, "And it shall come to pass that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Acts 2:21). At the top is a shield with a church, the symbol of Saint Peter. The lower portion shows

Isaiah prophesying the coming of the Messiah, with a small figure of Jesse and the text reads, "And then shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse and a branch shall grow out of his roots" (Isaiah 11:1). On the right lancet is Saint Paul preaching with his symbol of a book and sword above. In this scene the virgin is kneeling and Joseph stands behind. She wears brown to denote her sorrow. Here Saint Paul symbolizes the missionary aspect of the Church and the words inscribed are, "We shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection." We see a palm tree and the phoenix above the figures, symbolizing the resurrection. Beneath this scene is the baptism of Christ by Saint John the Baptist, which signifies the transition of the Old to the New Testament. The text reads, "Behold there cometh one after me whose shoes of his feet I am not worthy to loose" (Acts 13:25).

The central figures in the tracery are Martin Luther on the left, signifying the Reformation, and Saint Augustine on the right, representing the great saints of the early church. On either side of these figures are angels; the left-hand angel bears a seven-branch candlestick and the right-hand angel carries a cross. They symbolize the union of church and synagogue. Christ is represented in the outer traceries by symbolic vines.

Mr. Metcalf was commissioned to complete the remaining **chancel** windows upon the death of Mr. Lakeman. Although completely original in his designs, he tried to follow Lakeman's plan so that the windows would correspond in color and spirit. In the **west wall, near the sacristy door**, the window depicts the miraculous draft of fishes. The middle portion "Fear not, from henceforth ye shall catch men," is based on Luke 5:10. The upper portion has the text from Matthew 4:20, "And they straightway left their nets and followed Him." The bottom of the panel depicts the calling of Saints Peter and Andrew.

Also designed and executed by Mr. Metcalf are the parable windows found in the **east wall of the chancel**. *The Good Samaritan* window is dedicated to those men and women who teach and serve in the Sunday School and is **directly over the door leading to the chapel**.





The words inscribed at the top of the window are from Luke 10, "A certain man..." Below this the Good Samaritan is depicted and the words, "Which now of these three thinkest thou was neighbor unto him that fell among thieves," and, "Go thou and do likewise," are written. The bottom portion shows the wounded man being ignored by the priest and the Levite.

The other parable window is based on Luke 15:24, "He was lost and is found," and its text appears in the upper portion. The central part shows the lost sheep and the words from Matthew 18:13, "He rejoiceth more of that sheep than of the ninety and nine which went not astray." The bottom of the lancet shows the prodigal son returning.

The tour of Trinity's Stained Glass Windows continues in our next issue.

by Ellen Kerwin

TRINITY LUTHERAN SENIOR YOUTH

INVITE YOU TO

Bella Notte

A TRADITIONAL SPAGHETTI DINNER



FRIDAY, JUNE 15TH

DINNER IS SERVED AT 6:30PM- DOORS OPEN AT 6:00

\$10 PER ADULT - \$7 PER CHILD

\$30 FOR FAMILY OF 4

THERE WILL BE RAFFLES

RSVP ON SUNDAY'S DURING COFFEE HOUR,
OR CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE.

WALK-IN GUESTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.



Please join the fun at our
9th Annual Trinity Lutheran
GOLF GOLFING

Monday, June 25th

Woodside Acres Golf & Country Club
225 Muttontown Eastwoods Rd, Muttontown, NY 11791
WoodsideAcres.Net

THE GIFT OF SERVICE AWARD

Presented to

Warren Breuer

John Haines

Carl Osmundsen

and Carl Probst

Registration and Lunch

11:00am-12:30pm

Shot-Gun Start

12:30pm

On-course Refreshments

Cocktails & Dinner

6:00pm

Prizes, Raffles, Fellowship and Fun!
All Welcome, Ladies and Men "Scratchers and Duffers"

9th Annual Trinity Lutheran GOLF OUTING

YES! I would love to attend/sponsor:

- _____ \$1675 **Corporate Sponsor**
Includes One Deluxe Foursome, Cocktails & Dinner,
3 Tee Banners, Special acknowledgment at awards
dinner (additional dinners available at \$55 each)
- _____ \$1475 **Divine Sponsor**
Includes One Deluxe foursome, Cocktails & Dinner,
1 Tee Banner, Special acknowledgment at awards dinner
(additional dinners available at \$55 each)
- _____ \$900 **Association Sponsor**
Includes One Foursome, Cocktails & Dinner,
(Individual Golfer - \$225) (additional dinners available at \$55 each)
- _____ \$3000 **Dinner & Cocktails Sponsor**
- _____ \$1100 **Beverage Cart Sponsor**
- _____ \$1000 **Raffles Sponsor**
- _____ \$750 **Golf Shirts Sponsor**
- _____ \$500 **Lunch Sponsor**
- _____ \$300 **Golfing Awards Sponsor**
- _____ \$200 **Eagle Sponsor** (2 Banners)
- _____ \$125 **Tee Sponsor**
- _____ \$60 **Cocktail Hour & Dinner** (No Golf)

REGISTRATION FORM

Golfer 1 (Captain), name please print	shirt size	phone	email
Golfer 2, name please print	shirt size	phone	email
Golfer 3, name please print	shirt size	phone	email
Golfer 4, name please print	shirt size	phone	email

"Dinner Only" Guests names please print

Registration/Monies Due: Sunday, June 10
check payable to: Trinity Lutheran Church & School
contact: Dan Pugliese / Tom Perovich **email:** Golf@TrinityLL.org