

Trinity Lutheran Church

“Proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ..”

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Parish Announcements

~ April 1, 2012 ~

Holy Week...

- Sunday (1) PALM SUNDAY ~ EUCHARISTS: 8:30 & 11:00 am
Sunday School & Adult Forum: 9:45 am
- Monday (2) Property Ministry Team: 6:00 pm
- Tuesday (3) Morning Prayer & Study: 10:00 am
Trinity Afternoon Book Club: 1:30 pm (Hebrews)
Faith & Fun Club After-School Children's Ministry: 3:15-4:30 pm
Free Community Dinner: 5:30 pm (served by the Bedford Co. Christian Church)
Eucharist – Bedford Anglican Fellowship: 7:00 pm (Trinity Hall)
- Wednesday (4) Bell Choir Rehearsal: 6:00 pm
Lenten Vespers ~ Meditations on the 7 Christian Virtues: 7:00 pm
Easter Cantata Rehearsal: 7:30 pm
Anthem Choir Rehearsal: 8:00 pm
- Holy Thursday (5) Triduum Begins – Eucharist with Foot-Washing: 7:00 pm
- Holy Friday (6) Stations of the Cross ~ Meditations on the Passion of our Lord: Noon
- Holy Saturday (7) Easter Vigil: 7:00 pm

This Week...

- Sunday (8) EASTER SUNDAY ~ EUCHARISTS: 8:30 & 11:00 am
All-Parish Easter Breakfast: 9:45 am
Children's Drama "The Empty Tomb": 10:15 am
Easter Egg Hunt: 10:30 am
- Monday (9) Church Office Closed
Evening Book Club: 6:15 pm (Trinity Hall)
- Tuesday (10) Morning Prayer & Study: Will Not Be Held
Faith & Fun Club After-School Children's Ministry: 3:15-4:30 pm
Free Community Dinner: 5:30 pm (served by the Church of the Brethren)
Theology on Tap: 6:00 pm (Jean Bonnet Tavern)
Thrivent for Lutherans Board Meeting: 6:30 pm (2nd floor Sunday School room)
Eucharist – Bedford Anglican Fellowship: 7:00 pm (Trinity Hall)
- Wednesday (11) Bell Choir Rehearsal: 6:00 pm
Lenten Vespers ~ Meditations on the 7 Christian Virtues: 7:00 pm
Easter Cantata Rehearsal: 7:30 pm
Anthem Choir Rehearsal: 8:00 pm

Sunday Morning Fellowship Time ~ Please Join Us!

9:30 am in Trinity Hall

- Parishioners and friends are invited to gather in Trinity Hall following the 8:30 am Liturgy every Sunday morning!
- Thank you to Mary Ann Martz, this morning's host!
- Please remember to take your turn as host. A sign-up sheet is in Trinity Hall.



Holy Week Liturgies.. (Beginning Sunday, April 1...).

- ❖ Palm Sunday / The Sunday of the Passion ~ Festival Eucharists at 8:30 and 11:00 am.
- ❖ Holy Tuesday – 10:00 am ~ Matins and Study
- ❖ Holy Wednesday – 7:00 pm ~ Vespers
- ❖ Holy Thursday – 7:00 pm ~ Solemn Liturgy, foot washing, stripping of the Altar
- ❖ Holy Friday – 12:00 pm (Noon) ~ Stations of the Cross
- ❖ Holy Saturday – 7:00 pm ~ Lighting the Paschal Candle, Readings, Baptisms & 1st Eucharist of Easter



**Alleluia!... He is Risen!
Easter Morning ~ Sunday, April 8**

8:30 am - Festival Eucharist
Hand Bell Choir

9:45 am – All Parish Breakfast
Served in the Social Room
Food Donation and Kitchen Helpers...
please sign up in Trinity Hall

10:15 am – “The Empty Tomb”

A short Easter Drama performed by Children of the Parish

10:30 am ~ Egg Hunts on the Square

For toddlers, preschoolers and all children of the parish

11:00 am - Festival Eucharist

Anthem Choir, Children's Song, Brass Accompaniment



Worship & Music Ministries

Tuesday Morning Matins & Studies ~ 10:00 am

- We gather regularly on Tuesday mornings to sing Morning Prayers together and then spend an hour or so in study. Please join us for this time of worship and learning. Friends are always welcome!
- Our 2012 Winter/Spring topic is “The Augsburg Confession”. We’re paying particular attention to the Biblical roots of this classic Lutheran document. Please join us. See Pr Short with any questions.

Bedford Anglican Fellowship

Tuesday Evening Eucharists and Bible Study at Trinity

Parishioners and friends are welcome to worship on Tuesday evenings with the Bedford Anglican Fellowship... Eucharist is celebrated at 7:00 pm, followed by Bible Study. Fr Mark Zimmerman or Sr Marion Kuch (an Anglican Priest and Deaconess) lead these liturgies and studies, in Trinity Hall.

Lenten Vespers ~ “Christian Virtues”

Wednesday Evenings, 7:00 pm

- ✓ As we sing Vespers these evenings, our readings and homilies will reflect on the classic “Virtues” taught and practiced by traditional Christian theology. Faith, Hope and Love have long been known as the “Theological Virtues”. Prudence, Justice, Temperance, and Fortitude have been referred to as the “Cardinal Virtues”.
- ✓ During the days of Lent, as we seek to live more fully as persons of Christian Character, reflecting on these traditional virtues will give us “food for thought” and root us firmly in the Way of our Lord.
- ✓ These serene and contemplative liturgies are marked by candlelight, melodic canticles (songs from the scriptures), prayers, and readings. For parishioners and friends seeking a mid-week time of reflective corporate worship, these liturgies are renewing and fulfilling.

Liturgical Deacon Ministry Update...

Our Liturgical Deacons have created a schedule for serving at Sunday Liturgies and plan to begin their ministry of Service to the Word the 2nd Sunday of Easter (April 15, 2012). Deacons have a long history of service to the Church, beginning with the witness of St Stephen, the first Deacon, who was set-apart, by the Apostles, to aid the Apostles and share in their service to God's people. As a sign of their participation in this historic ministry, our Deacons will vest for liturgies in the deacon's traditional vestment, which is known as a "Dalmatic". As we begin this new ministry at Trinity, we welcome the service of Lori Dunkle, Gretchen Fleischer, Freda Kagarise, Mike Macchiarolo, Don Replogle, and Chris Turner. We appreciate the time they have devoted to preparing to serve in this ministry and look forward to their leadership at Sunday liturgies and other gatherings of the Church as we assemble to worship our Lord. Please see Pastor Short or any of the Deacons if you would like to learn more about this ministry.

Vicar Tormod's Ordination Sunday, April 22nd; 4:00 pm

- Tormod Svensson, who served as our Parish Vicar and pastoral assistant for the past few years will be Ordained a Pastor of the Church to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament on Sunday, April 22 at his home church (Christ Lutheran Church, LaVale, Md.) Trinity's choir will be singing at this liturgy, and a group of parishioners are planning to attend. Bp Hertz-Lane of the Maryland Synod of the ELCA will preside at the liturgy, and Pr Short has been invited to be the preacher for the day.
- Vr Tormod has invited parishioners and friends of Trinity to be with him on this very special day. A sign-up sheet is in Trinity Hall, so that we can provide those preparing refreshments with an approximate number of people to expect from Trinity. You may also use this information to arrange a travel companion.

Choir Rehearsals ~ Wednesday Evenings Come and Ring and/or Sing with Us!

- Bell Choir rings the 4th Sunday of each month and rehearses Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm
- Anthem Choir sings at the 8:30 am liturgy the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month and at the 11:00 am liturgy on the 2nd and 5th Sundays, and rehearses Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm
- "Children Sing" shares a special song at worship on the 3rd Sunday of the month early in the 11:00 am liturgy. The children learn their songs at Faith & Fun Club and Sunday School.

Children & Youth Ministries

Weekly “Sunday School” Gatherings...

Sunday Mornings; 9:45 am

- Pre-Schoolers ~ especially for 3-5 year olds ~ Lessons and Crafts
- Grades K-2 and 3-5 ~ Bible Stories, Crafts, Songs, Visits, and more!
- Middle-School Youth ~ Lessons and Conversations
- Sr High Youth ~ Reflections and Discussions
- Adult Forum ~ “The Augsburg Confession” ~ Discussions in Trinity Hall



Faith & Fun Club ~ Children’s After-School Ministries

Tuesday afternoons; 3:15-4:30 pm

- ✓ Faith & Fun Club gathers children and friends of the parish (K-5th grade) for Bible Stories, Activities, Games, and Refreshments every Tuesday afternoon. Transportation is provided from the Bedford Elementary School to Trinity. Kids from other schools are also welcome to join us. Parents/Adults pick-up kids from Trinity at 4:30 pm. See Jill for registration and schedule details.
- ✓ Adult and older-youth helpers are always welcome, and parishioners are invited to support this ministry by sharing snacks for the kids (cupcakes, cookies, etc). A sign-up sheet is in Trinity Hall.

Lutheran Youth Day at Susquehanna University...

Saturday, April 14 (paid reservations by April 1, please)

“S.U.” promises a great day of Fun, Faith Sharing and Spiritual Growth for youth! We need a group of 10 to fill our van to make the trip a possibility. Cost: Reservation - \$25.00 / T-Shirts and additional \$12.00. For additional information check the sign-up sheet in Trinity Hall or see Jill Aaronson. So – if you want to be sure we go – be sure to talk it up and encourage friends to sign up!!!

Youth Events....

Would you like to be a Host for a Trinity Youth event or have an interesting idea in mind for an activity? We’re looking for something a little different on Sunday afternoons, either April 29 or May 6. If so - please contact Jill Aaronson.

Plan to Join Us for “Adventures on Promise Island”...

2012 Summer Bible School ~ Monday-Thursday Evenings: June 11-14

...6:00 pm ~ Dinner for learners, leaders, and families

...6:30-8:00 pm ~ Gatherings with Songs, Lessons, Games & Crafts

Adult & All-Parish Ministries

Adult Forum Topic ~ “The Augsburg Confession” ~ Sunday mornings at 9:45 am A Reflection on Classic Lutheran Thought & Contemporary Practice

- The “Augsburg Confession”, prepared in 1530 AD, is the defining document of Lutheran Doctrine. The first 21 “articles” clarify solidarity with the essential doctrines and practices of the Church (creeds, Sacraments, etc.). The final 7 address “abuses which have been corrected” (ministration of the Blessed Sacrament in both forms, marriage of priests, etc). Our study is exploring this historic resource, discerning its Biblical roots, and its significance for the way 21st Century Christians live the faith in daily life.
- For Parishioners and Friends who would like to learn more about Lutheran insights and perspectives on the Christian Faith – this series is for YOU!!! Questions? ~ Please see Pr Short.

Trinity Book Clubs ~ Please Pass the Word and Join Us!

Coordinated by Pat Macchiarolo, Trinity Book Clubs gather to discuss contemporary works and reflect upon their significance and spiritual implications. We’re blessed to have 2 groups which meet monthly ~ one meets in the afternoon and the other meets in the evening.

- ❖ **The Afternoon Book Club** will meet on Tuesday, April 3, 1:30 pm, at Hebrew's, to discuss the book, “Desire Of The Everlasting Hills” by Thomas Cahill.
- ❖ **The Evening Book Club** will meet on Monday, April 9, 6:15 pm, in Trinity Hall to discuss “No Future Without Forgiveness”, written by Desmond Tutu.

Theology on Tap ~ Ministry with young adult couples and singles

Tuesday, April 10; 6:00 pm ~ Jean Bonnet Tavern...

Child Care Provided

We’ll be gathering at the Jean Bonnet for checking-in, catching-up, dinner, and faith-nurturing discussion... Double check with Pr Short (via email) to confirm your attendance plans and to receive a copy of this month’s discussion topic in advance.

... **CHILD CARE NOTE:** Olivia Cessna (yes – a responsible teen) will be working with Barb Short at Barb’s home (801 Echo Vale Drive) to graciously provide Child Care for those attending this month’s gathering. Please drop an e-mail to Pr Short by Sunday, 4/8, if you plan to use this option.

Diners & Travelers – Ministry among Senior Adults

Tuesday, April 17; 12:30 pm (car-pool from Trinity at Noon)

Parishioners and friends will gather for lunch and fellowship at the Ivy Stone Restaurant, in Osterburg (north of Bedford, along Route 220). The Ivy Stone is famous for its large menu, home-style cooking and reasonable prices. A sign-up sheet is in Trinity Hall for those who are planning to go along. Please sign up by Sunday, April 15.

“Spring Tea” ~ Served by the Women of Trinity

Saturday, April 21; 3:00 pm

All Women and Girls and friends of the parish are invited to gather in Trinity’s Social Room for our annual “Spring Tea”. The Tea includes finger sandwiches, traditional scones and jams, and a variety of teas. It is always a nice afternoon of fellowship and fun.

This year, a live auction will be a part of the afternoon, and those attending will be invited to bid on items which will benefit mission outreach projects of the church.

Tickets are available from Marlene Claycomb, Mary Ann Martz, Linda McElroy and through the Church Office.

Outreach Ministries

M.S. Society ~ April’s Special Ministry Appeal

- ✓ Parishioners and friends are invited to share special offerings this month to advance the work of the local M.S. Society. The M.S. Society supports people and families with M.S. through a variety of services, raises awareness for early detection and diagnosis, and advances research efforts.
- ✓ Multiple sclerosis is a chronic, unpredictable disease of the central nervous system (the brain, optic nerves, and spinal cord). It is thought to be an autoimmune disorder. This means the immune system incorrectly attacks the person’s healthy tissue. MS can cause blurred vision, loss of balance, poor coordination, slurred speech, tremors, numbness, extreme fatigue, problems with memory and concentration, paralysis, and blindness and more. These problems may be permanent or may come and go.
- ✓ 400,000 Americans struggle with MS (approx. 2.5 million world-wide) and approximately 200 people are diagnosed each week. Most people are diagnosed between the ages of 20 and 50, although individuals as young as 2 and as old as 75 have developed it. MS is not considered a fatal disease as the vast majority of people with it live a normal life-span. But they may struggle to live as productively as they desire, often facing increasing limitations.
- ✓ Please use a special envelope to support this month’s special appeal. Please make checks payable to Trinity Lutheran Church and note “MS Society” on the memo line).

M.S. Society Walkathon ~ Sunday, April 22; Shawnee Park

Carpooling from Trinity at 1:00 pm

- ✓ Parishioners and friends – adults, youth, and children – are invited to participate! The walk kicks-off at 2:00 pm, and walkers (or runners) can choose either a 1 or a 3 mile route. We’ll gather a special offering this morning to support our walkers in their efforts. A sign-up sheet is in Trinity Hall. See Jill Aaronson with any questions.
- ✓ Mentors & Confirmation Youth ~ Remember... This is the designated Spring Servant Event. Please plan to share in the walk as a Team.

Free Community Dinner Notes...

Every Tuesday ~ Serving from 5:30-6:15 pm

- Trinity hosts this weekly ministry which supports local families, serving an average of 70+ dinners each week. Parishioners of neighboring congregations also share in the ministry, giving witness to our common Christian devotion to the needs of those in our community. Please see Betsy Littlefield, Mike Macchiarolo, or Pr Short if you would like to get involved!
- Trinity's next date to serve is Tuesday, April 17. Watch for sign-up sheets!

Bedford Food Outreach ~ 2 Distribution Dates Each Month:

April: Thursday, 4/19; Noon-2:00 pm & Friday, 4/20; 10:00 am- Noon

- Distributions are held at the new home of The Bedford Food Outreach, at 140 School Street, Bedford. Please contact Dan Kerr (623-6384) to learn more about this ministry and how YOU can be involved.
- Please bring your gifts of non-perishable food items to the Collection Area inside the Penn Street Door in the front Narthex of the Church. THANKS!!!

Church Council & Ministry Team Notes

Officers / Executive Committee:

President: Dave Betts Vice-President: Linda McElroy
Secretary: Rosie Leppert Treasurer: Fred Shumaker

Ministry Team Coordinators:

Worship Ministries: Connie Claycomb & Pr John Duffus
Children & Youth Ministries: Linda McElroy & Chuck Replogle
Adult & All-Parish Ministries: Brenda Jennings & LaDonna Snyder
Outreach Ministries: Rosie Leppert & Mike Macchiarolo
Property Ministries: Dave Betts & Dan Wakefield
Finance & Stewardship Ministries: Linda Vensel & Fred Shumaker

We extend our thanks and support to those willing to serve in these positions of leadership!

Church Council & Ministry Team Meetings on the Schedule...

- ✓ Property Ministry Team: Monday, April 2; 6:00 pm
- ✓ Finance & Stewardship Ministry Team: Monday, April 16; 6:00 pm
- ✓ Executive Committee: Tuesday, April 17, 6:00 pm
- ✓ Church Council: Tuesday, April 24; 6:30 pm
- ✓ Adult & All Parish Ministry Team: Monday, May 7; 6:00 pm
- ✓ Outreach Ministry Team: Monday, May 7; 7:00 pm
- ✓ Parish Musicians: Wednesday, May 16; 5:00 pm
- ✓ Worship Ministry Team: Tuesday, May 22; 6:00 pm
- ✓ Children & Youth Ministry Team: Tuesday, May 22; 7:00 pm

Other Notes

All-Parish Easter Breakfast ~ Food Donations Requested...

If you plan to join us for our 9:30 am Easter Breakfast (which we hope you will), please volunteer to share a baked Egg Casserole (9x12), fresh fruits, or some baked-goods (breads, muffins, donuts, etc). A sign up sheet is in Trinity Hall. Please see Betsy Littlefield, breakfast coordinator, with any questions.

Easter Lily Sponsors ~ Please use Special Envelopes

Parishioners and friends are invited to sponsor Easter Lilies which will adorn the Church for our Easter Liturgies. Please use a special envelope, on which you can designate your gifts as a memorial or honorarium to a friend or loved one. Please return your completed envelope by Sunday, April 1 (Palm Sunday). Cost is \$11.50 per lily. Envelopes are available in the rear of the Nave and on the table in Trinity Hall.

Easter Lily Deliverers...

A great way to share the Good News of Easter is to volunteer to share in this ministry which delivers the Easter Lilies to parishioners in special circumstances. Recipients' homes are arranged by geographical areas to make the deliveries quite convenient. Deliveries can be made after worship on Easter Sunday or early during the week immediately following. A sign-up in Trinity Hall.

The Steeple Repairs Are Underway ~ (and apparently, none-too soon!)

We're about 70% of the way to being debt-free! \$142,000+ pledged... c. \$59,000 to go!

- During the past week, workers from Beckett's Contracting have replaced about ½ of the rotted wooden framing inside the steeple and will continue working through the next week or so. Once completed, the exterior will be covered with white aluminum and new lighting will be installed. The cost of these repairs is \$37,500. With the recently replaced roof (\$24,375), exterior painting (\$15,709) and the mortgage refinancing (\$118,000), these expenses total \$195,584 (not including financing costs at 4.5%, which totaled over \$13,000 in 2011).
- A pledge was made this week by Jeff & Nancy Saxman, in memory of mother, Nancy Saxman
- To date, 141 families and friends of the parish have pledged commitments of \$142,512. We are VERY THANKFUL for this generosity!!! Additional gifts of c. \$59,000 are still required to cover the remaining expenses and financing costs of these projects. Please share generously, as you are able, that we may all shoulder this responsibility together! Every gift, small and large, brings us closer to our goal and is appreciated!

Pie Sale, to Benefit Breezewood Trucker/Traveler Ministry

The Trucker/Traveler Ministry, led by Chaplain Bruce Maxwell, provides a great ministry of Christian Support and Compassion to truckers and other travelers who pass through our community. Please use a "Benefit Pie Sale" order forms, near the sign-up sheets, in Trinity Hall, to place your order (by April 1). See Del Turner with any questions.

Growing Years Child Day-Care Ministry at Trinity
Administered by Allegheny Lutheran Social Ministries
Monday through Friday, 6:30 am-5:30 pm
For More Information & Registration Details call 623-2096



Daily Devotions

Resources for Daily Devotions are Available in Trinity Hall...

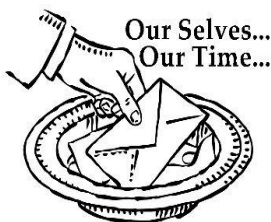
Parishioners are encouraged to engage the Scriptures as a regular part of their daily routines. There are various printed resources in Trinity Hall (for adults and families) and even more “on-line” to guide you in this Spiritual Discipline.

- “Portals of Prayer” (Daily Devotions for Adults ~ regular and large print)
- “Sparks Family” (Daily Devotions for families with Children)
- Visit “Godpause”, at www.luthersem.edu/godpause where you can register to receive daily devotions via -email.



As we prepare to worship next Sunday....

- Readings for Sunday, April 8 ~ Easter Sunday: Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; John 20:1-18



Our Selves...
Our Time...

and Our Possessions...

Worship Attendance & Offerings

*May our Worship and Tithes be an out-pouring of our gratitude
in response to our Lord's gracious gifts of Life and Salvation.*

This Past Week ~ through March 30, 2012

Attendance: 262

Tithes & Offerings: \$4,436.50

Year to Date Tithes & Offerings: \$63,804.49

*Thank You for your Tithes and Offerings
which support Trinity's Ministries*



**Please Pray
for...**

Please contact the Church Office by Thursday afternoon to have family and/or friends included in the Parish Prayer List and in the prayers at the weekend liturgies. Parishioners and friends of the parish who would appreciate pastoral visitation and/or prayer while hospitalized are asked to alert Pastor Short or the Church Office.

The Church...

- ❖ For all servants of the Church, especially Bishop Gregory, and all who labor for the sake for the Gospel.
- ❖ For those who serve in leadership tasks among us, especially our Pastor, Church Council, Ministry Teams Participants, and Teachers of our Children and Youth.

Our Nation and the World...

- ❖ Those who lead the nations of the world and all who govern, especially the President, members of Congress, the Courts of our Land, and our state and local officials.
- ❖ Military personnel and their families serving at home and over-seas.
- ❖ For the work of the MS Society, those who do research, those who volunteer, and the men and women who are challenged by MS and their family members.

Parishioners and Family & Friends in Special Circumstances...

- ❖ Leigh Ann Gronborg, James Norman, Sue Prescott, Christina Rinard, Raye & Mert Speicher, Alvaretta Sneed, Connie Steach
- ❖ (4/1) ~ Joe Stefko (Mary Jo Casalena's friend), Donna Anderson (Marilyn Homoki's friend)
- ❖ (3/25) ~ Donna Avila (Ray & Brenda Jennings' daughter), George Weller (Pat Hoover's brother), Mary Green (Iryna Bowser's friend), Michael Baker (Audrey & Ed McCreary's friend), Lottie Way (Eleanor Green's friend)
- ❖ (3/18) ~ Fred Steele (Denise's uncle), William Nelson (Mark & Faith's nephew)

Rest Eternal Grant Them, O Lord...

Gen Slovich (3/24 Marlene Seese's aunt), Brandyn Hammond (3/22), Bea Turner (3/14 Del's mother), Betty Walton & Florence Hutchins (3/9 & 2/19 Barb Arnold's sister-in-law and cousin), Dale Crawford (2/20 Chuck Replogle's friend), Judy Wagner (2/19 Pastor & Barb's friend), Kermit Briener (2/11 Elden & Mary Lorah's brother-in-law), Mary Chidley (2/3 Samantha's mother)

To The Glory of God...

- ❖ The Flowers are sponsored in honor of Rachel's 12th birthday by Mike & Pat Macchiarolo.
- ❖ The Ornamental Palms are given in memory of Tom Cox by his wife, Wendy.
- ❖ The Bulletins are sponsored in honor of Cora Kolonko's 2nd birthday by Jim & Linda McElroy.
- ❖ The Sanctuary Lamp burns in loving memory of Mary Whitfield sponsored by Smoke & Dorothy Vensel.