

2019 LENTEN

FROM THE PASTOR'S HEART

The wind is blowing, the snow is flying, and the temperature will soon dip a good bit below freezing – It is Winter in Somerset! Most of us will be spending more time inside – in a smaller space and with less freedom than normal. It may not feel like a gift - but it can be! It may give you time with family members that you wouldn't normally have together! That can be a gift!



One of my favorite memories from growing up is the three days we spent huddled in the living room – during a fierce ice storm in Ft. Bragg, North Carolina. The power went out early on, so we moved several beds into the living room, to sleep two to three people in each bed, to conserve body heat. We ate mostly cold food on crackers, played board games, and charades...and believe it or not – all I remember is the fun we had! It was an adventure – though I am sure my parents didn't think of it that way at all! That's not unusual, of course.

I have just returned from presiding at my father's memorial service in Grove City, Ohio. He lived a long and full life – several marriages, four children, four “official” grandchildren, a slew of grandchildren through extended family, and two great grandchildren as well! He served in the Army for 30 years, taught in a high school ROTC for several more, and in his second and third careers, became an electrician and a handyman. He was able to travel the world – even if that was during his years in the Army.

In recent years, he was the “come back kid” – every time we thought he was down for the count, he got back up again



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– perhaps a little weaker, but he still had a great sense of humor and a positive attitude. He was blessed with several special friendships at the Personal Care Home where he lived, and the staff cared for him very well. My sister described how she, like Esther, was given a gift to be present “for such a time as this” to make sure that my father’s last years were spent where he was loved and cared for. Her attention to his needs allowed him more freedom and enjoyment in life than would have been possible otherwise. In return, she received the gift of many very special moments shared – and a special Father-Daughter relationship. It was a gift for both of them.

I remember winter days with my father putting puzzles together; he would quietly hide away one puzzle piece, tucked into his pocket, so HE could finish the puzzle with a flourish, and TA-DA!! He would occasionally take us to the indoor pool on base. He would dive under water, with my arms wrapped around his neck for as long as I could hold on... and he would swim all the way to the other side of the pool!



He shared his love of Big Band hits and Classical pieces, the crooners and early pop songs – and all of us can sing most of the lyrics to all the musicals we saw in the theater. He taught me how to look through his special glasses to look at (3-D) photographs of towns and farmlands – and spot the train tracks or a truck on the road. He was a Photographic Interpreter for the Army, and he taught us how to notice details around us. He taught me to beautify each place I called home, and leave it better than I found it.



He was not a saint (except in the way that Jesus makes us all Saints!) He had his shortcomings and faults, but he loved us kids and when he was able, he gave us the gift of

time. Time is a precious gift. Make good memories when you get an unexpected gift of Time with loved ones.

The truth is that we never know how long we will have with our families... the time goes so quickly! Children grow up so fast! Take time this winter to let the kids or grandkids tickle you - roll on the floor and laugh with them heartily! When you have the opportunity, make cookies, blow bubbles, and make fun of yourself! Enter into even hard discussions with assurances of your love, affection, kindness, and encouragement. Time with your children and grandchildren is precious indeed. But so is the time you spend with a friend, a confidant, a parent, or cousin.



Make good memories to treasure....and Thank God for your time together! It is a gift!

Faithfully yours,
Pastor Linda McElroy Thomas

Personal Note: Bob and I extend our thanks for all the condolence cards, notes, messages, (and food) shared with us in response to my Father’s death (*Jim McElroy*). We have been blessed by all the love!

WORSHIP CHANGES FOR LENT!

The Worship Committee DOES hear your comments and suggestions. There are times when we can respond – and we hope that you understand that there are times we cannot.

For example: There are members of the congregation who miss the opportunity to kneel at the altar to receive Holy Communion. We hear you! Our current practice at both the 7:30 a.m. service and the 4:00 p.m. Healing Service is to offer Communion at the railing where kneeling is an option at every service. Kneeling at the railing in the sanctuary is also

WORSHIP CHANGES (CONT'D)

offered occasionally for special evening services, like Ash Wednesday.

IF kneeling at the altar is your preference and you attend at 10:00 a.m. – you will be happy to hear that we will be providing that option during the season of Lent. However, because we have members who cannot safely ascend the stairs, we will also offer a separate communion station on the Nave floor (in addition to the Eucharistic Minister who will come to the pew.)

PLEASE NOTE: You will need to pay close attention to the directions provided at these services and follow the ushers' directions. You might expect that Holy Communion may take a bit longer, in order to accommodate the movement of people and inevitably, there will be some confusion, so let's be kind and help one another!

CHANGES FOR LENT

Changes for Holy Communion Assistants and Ushers!

A few changes are coming to Holy Communion at the 10:00 a.m. service during Lent, and that will require some attention by those who usher and assist in Communion distribution. Folks who are scheduled to assist during Lent are invited to meet Pastor at the altar at 9:35 a.m. to review the temporary changes.

Two Communion stations will be offered: one at the Altar, and the other on the floor of the Nave.

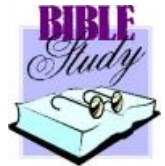
Also, Communion Assistants will receive the sacrament at the railing of the Altar, BEFORE they receive the elements for distribution and go to their communion station.

ADULT EDUCATION



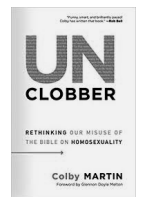
ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL meets in the Fellowship Hall to continue their study of Baptized, We Live led by Kathy Mitchell and Deb Stewart. For Lent, the Adult Class will focus on The Psalms: The Little Bible. Join us for learning, food, and fellowship **each Sunday** at 8:45 a.m.

MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY group meets at 10:30 a.m. **each Monday** in Adult III across from Trinity's Office, finishing their study around noon. Join with them for study of the upcoming Sunday texts and good discussions!



MARYS AND MARTHAS Bible study group for women of all ages meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, at 7:00 p.m. in Trinity's Parlor (**Wednesdays, February 6 and 20 and Mondays, March 4 and 18 in Lent**). The group uses the ELCA women's magazine, Gather. (Current issue extra copies are in the Chapel Kiosk, Trinity's Office, and Narthex information desk.) Join with us when you can for study, food, and fellowship!

LOVING JESUS STUDY GROUP meets on **Thursday, February 14** in Adult III at 11:00 a.m.. (Attendees usually bring along a lunch.) They will discuss UnClobber by Colby Martin (Rethinking Our Misuse of the Bible on Homosexuality). Please let Trinity's Office know (445-5446) if you want to join us at anytime.



ADULT EDUCATION (CONT'D)

TABLE TALK! will be held at 6:30 p.m. on **Tuesday, February 19** at the Italian Oven in Somerset. Join us for an appetizer, meal, or beverage, along with conversation and fellowship linking our everyday life with God and Scripture, as seen through a Lutheran theological lens.



MEN'S GROUP



TRINITY'S MEN'S GROUP meets **every Tuesday** at 9:00 a.m. at McDonald's near the Turnpike Entrance. We welcome all men that would like to join us for this coffee fellowship.

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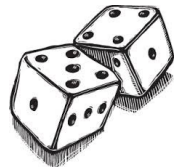
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VIEW FROM THE LOFT

Dice and the Casting of Lots

(This article is an extension of one I wrote for a prompt put out by The Lutheran Letter. The request was made that members of our Synod describe a symbol of Lent/Easter that is important to them other than the cross (examples being the crown of thorns, a nail, etc.) I have chosen dice.

For me dice have always been an important symbol of the Crucifixion and the Resurrection of our Lord. *"When they had crucified him, they divided up his clothes by casting lots"* (Matthew 27:35). I realize this is a rather obscure part of scripture, and one we often "gloss over" as there are admittedly many other more important things going on during this part of the story of Christ's death. I believe I became focused on it because ever since my childhood we at Trinity have displayed giant foam dice under our cross as a Lenten decoration. I still remember asking my parents why there were giant Monopoly dice under the cross and them trying to explain it to me. I don't think I really understood the story completely until I watched an episode of *Superbook* that dealt with Christ's death. The way the casting of the lots was portrayed in the show stuck with me. Even Gizmo, the robot character in the show, seemed very saddened by observing the division of Christ's clothes. Maybe it made an impression on me because at that point in my life it was the only cartoon I had seen with such a heavy scene.



Years later during a Bible study session, I found out that scripture has a prophetic passage referring to this part of Matthew. *"Dogs surround me, a pack of villains encircles me; they pierce my hands and my feet. All my bones are on display; people stare and gloat over me. They divide my clothes*

among them and cast lots for my garment” (Psalm 22:16-18).

So not only was the casting of lots a prophecy fulfilled, but scripture seems to be saying this is an essential part of the story. When I think about it metaphorically, I find the dice a powerful symbol indeed. The fact that Christ, who was dying for the sins of all, was in effect donating his very clothing to the instruments of his demise is quite powerful.

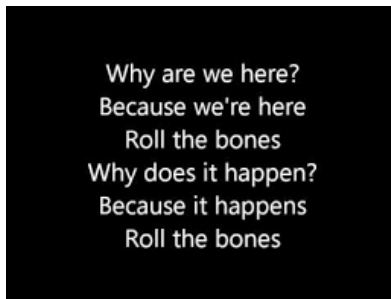
Dice are to many a symbol of randomness, for this is their very purpose. As a fan of progressive rock and roll music, I am reminded of a song by the band Rush, “Roll the Bones.”

One of the lyrics to the song goes, “Why are we here? Because we’re here. Roll the bones. Why does it happen? Because it happens. Roll the bones.” The song is clearly a philosophical and rhetorical reflection on the chaos of human life. While “Roll the

Bones” makes a good song, scripture has a very different take on the casting of the dice. In the Bible it is a fulfillment of a prophecy so dice, devices of randomness, are actually a tool for fulfilling God’s preordained plan. A fitting symbol for the night in which God conquered death and effectively turned the earthly powers of death and chaos on their head.

For me the dice in the story of Christ’s death are a powerful symbol not just because they made an impression on my childhood, but because for me they symbolize God’s Resurrection message, “It doesn’t matter what you roll on the dice in life, I died for you.”

Nicholas Carroll
Director of Music



CHILD CARE NEWS

I am excited to start off another New Year here with our Child Care program. Our children are enjoying the outside spaces of our area, from the playgrounds, to the blacktop, the pavilion, the hillside, woods, and outdoor chapel, you will find us on it all. We will play in the snow, mud, puddles, and in the sun (that we will hopefully see again). You will be able to look in our windows and see the teachers on the floor playing and interacting with so many different children throughout the day. In the hallways, you will see the beautiful pictures and crafts done by the children themselves. I love the children and all the staff we have here and enjoy walking around seeing all the fun we have.

I appreciate all the support everyone from Trinity provides us. From donating items, to volunteering in the classrooms, helping with fundraisers, and sending us funds. I truly believe that we have a wonderful program here. It is a joy watching these children growing up with us here at Trinity Lutheran Child Care. Please mark your calendars for our next fundraisers coming up:



Claysburg Stromboli/Pizzas/Cinnamon Rolls and our Chicken BBQ. For the Stromboli, there will be a sign-up sheet out until **February 21st**, and they will be delivered on Thursday, February 28th. The Chicken BBQ will be on **Friday, April 26th** starting at 2:00 p.m. It will be on a first-come, first-served basis. You will have the option of purchasing a meal or just half a chicken.

If you ever have any questions about our program or would like to know how you can help out, please call or stop on by to meet with me. I am so grateful to have a congregation that supports our program.

Jody Jurgeevich, Child Care Director
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CHILD CARE FUND RAISERS

STROMBOLIS/PIZZAS/CINNAMON ROLLS

Trinity's Child Care is selling 9" x 4.5" **Strombolis** which weigh almost a pound each and cost \$11 for a box of 2. Three varieties are available: Ham, Beef, or Taco Strombolis all with cheese and special tomato sauce. They come frozen from Claysburg Pizza and include baking instructions. The order deadline is **Thursday, February 21 with delivery on Friday, February 28**. Order forms are in the Chapel, Narthex, and Trinity's Office. Make checks payable to "Trinity Lutheran Church." Payment may be made at Trinity's Office or in your offering envelope labeled "Child Care Fund Raiser" **Frozen Pizzas and Cinnamon Rolls are also available** for sale. Proceeds will go towards Trinity Lutheran Child Care and Learning Center. Stock your freezers and help the Child Care at the same time!



CHICKEN BBQ



The Child Care **Chicken BBQ** will be held on **Friday, April 26** from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. (or sooner if we sell out). It will be on a first-come, first-served basis. You will have the option of purchasing a meal or just half a chicken. Come and let us cook for you while supporting Trinity's Child Care.

LENT ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES *THE PSALMS: THE LITTLE BIBLE*

The English title "Psalms" comes from a Greek word – Psalter - that refers to a collection of songs accompanied by a stringed instrument – probably something like a lyre. Most of the psalms included in scripture were written for corporate worship – which is why we include them in our liturgy each week, whether we sing them or not. They were not meant to be used privately, although I suspect many of us use them regularly during our prayer time. Perhaps this Lent, when we use them in prayer – let us remember we are praying for others as well!

You may have recognized over time that there are different kinds of Psalms, which can be used in a variety of circumstances in the life of the church. We will be exploring the different categories and learn to recognize them. We will learn the theology of the Psalms and why Martin Luther called this book "a little Bible."



Unlike other portions of the Old Testament, where the prophets say, "This is the Word of the Lord" – a message FROM God TO God's People, the Psalms are clearly spoken from the human point of view, and are addressed to God. They are surprisingly real, filled with raw anger and discontent – and others are poetic and descriptive songs of Praise, including all of creation!

Many of the Psalms have a format that brings us from one starting place, to another place, in our conversation with God. Join us on Sunday mornings in Lent, as we explore the Psalms – many of which will be used in worship throughout Lent and Holy Week!

Adult Sunday School meets in the Fellowship Hall: 8:45 to 9:00 a.m. is Social time; Class begins at 9:00 a.m.

LENTEN SERVICES

Wednesday, March 6 - Ash Wednesday - Lent Begins

7:00 a.m. Ash Wednesday Service in the Chapel

7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service in the Nave



We are marked with the Cross of Christ forever at our baptism, but the cross with which we are marked this day reminds us of our frail humanity and our need for God's saving grace.

Sundays in Lent March 10 through April 7

7:30 a.m. Chapel Communion Service

8:45 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages

10:00 a.m. Communion Worship Service in Nave



Midweek Lenten Worship Services Wednesdays, March 13 through April 10

6:00 p.m. Lenten Soup Supper in Adult III (see page 15)

7:00 p.m. Evening Prayer Service in the Chapel, Join us in looking at Living Our Baptism - Five Gifts of Discipleship – and our Community Life in Christ (see page 14)

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS IN LENT

LIVING OUR BAPTISM – FIVE GIFTS OF DISCIPLESHIP

- At a Baptism, parents make five promises saying, "I Do, and I ask God to Help Me."
- At our Confirmation, young people affirm those same promises for themselves, saying, "I Do and I ask God to help me."
- When someone becomes a member at Trinity or any ELCA congregation, they will affirm those same promises, saying, "I Do and I ask God to help me."

One way that God helps us fulfill these promises is by placing us in congregations that help us along the way. Those promises are part of our life of Discipleship – and describe much of the work of the Church. Join us in looking at these Five Gifts of Discipleship – and our Community Life in Christ.

Wednesday, March 13:

To Live Among God's Faithful People

Wednesday, March 20:

To Hear the Word of God
and Share in the Lord's Supper

Wednesday, March 27:

To Proclaim the Good News
of God in Christ through Word and Deed

Wednesday, April 3:

To Serve All People,
Following the Example of Jesus

Wednesday, April 10:

To Strive for Justice and Peace in All the Earth

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



MIDWEEK LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES will be held in Trinity's Chapel each Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. beginning **March 13 through April 10.**

A Soup and Bread supper precedes each service in Adult III across from Trinity's Office at **6:00 p.m. (note the new time).** All are welcome to come and share the communal food and fellowship before worship.



IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER to make a crockpot of soup for the Wednesday evening Lenten meals, please call Trinity's Office (445-5446). **We need volunteers for these Lenten Wednesdays: March 13,**

March 20, March 27, April 3, and April 10.



TRINITY'S COMMITTEES are being formed for 2019. Every member is invited to join a committee and/or attend a meeting

during the year. Share your talents with us in all of our various ministries! To volunteer, please call Trinity's Office at (445-5446).

DEVOTIONS - SMART PHONE

In my daily devotions I use several different devotional materials. I use a paper devotional, and I also use an app on my smart phone called, "Our Daily Bread."

This devotional contains additional material than the paper devotional booklet found in Trinity's Narthex. It contains additional "insight" on the topic covered, information on the author, and at times a link to additional readings and study of the text. I am able to access this devotion anywhere like when I am waiting for an appointment, my dinner to arrive when I am out to eat, or if I am on vacation.

For the Bible reading I have a Bible app. You can also locate these free apps in the app store on your phone. You can find any version of the Bible you are most comfortable using. It is still amazing to me how God works in our lives. At a time when I needed to be reminded of the HOPE we have in Jesus there was an excerpt from a book in the additional reading that helped me get through this dark time.

Kathy Triebe

GEO THERMAL UPDATE

ORIGINAL GEOTHERMAL PROJECT TOTAL	\$400,612
GIFTS FROM MEMBERS TO DATE	\$227,722
CURRENT BALANCE OUTSTANDING LOAN (MIF)	\$138,105
CURRENT MONTHLY PAYMENT	\$1,100
(Please continue to give when possible as we try to reduce this debt)	

VOLUNTEERS/FOOD NEEDED

TRINITY IS PROVIDING LUNCH following the SAM Lenten Community Service at 12:05 p.m. on **Wednesday, March 20**. If you are able to make a 13x9 Jell-O salad with fruit or a 13x9 pan of frosted brownies, or purchase 12 count packs of hamburger buns, please call Trinity's Office (445-5446) or use the form below. Also please indicate where you will deliver the food—to Trinity's Kitchen or to the First United Methodist Church basement on Patriot Street. ***Please volunteer to help with the meal as well!***



SAM Community Lenten Service Luncheon

First United Methodist Church

Wednesday, March 20—Food and Volunteer Form

Name _____

Phone _____

I will help by making a:

_____ Jell-O salad with fruit (13" x 9" size)

_____ Pan of frosted brownies (13" x 9" size)

_____ Pack(s) of 12 count hamburger buns

I will volunteer to:

_____ Set up, serve, and/or clean up the meal (circle)



WORSHIP AT SIEMON



JOIN US AT SIEMON LAKEVIEW

MANOR for an afternoon worship service on **Sunday, February 10** at 2:30 p.m.

Pastor Linda, along with the TLC Praise Band, will be conducting a (non-communion) service in their dining area for the residents there. The 4:00 p.m. Healing Service in the Chapel will return in April.

HOLY WEEK - WITNESSES FOR THE PROSECUTION

In Holy Week, the scripture readings focus on the last week of Jesus' life – events that lead to Good Friday and the Cross. One can look at these readings and the persons involved, as "Witnesses" and many of them become "Witnesses for the Prosecution." No one claims that Justice was served when Jesus was sentenced to Capital Punishment. Yet, exploring the events from the point of view of a courtroom drama might give us new insights into this familiar story.

Join us in Holy Week – we split the week with Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday services at **Noon**, then move to Evening Services at 7:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. Due to the popular reception of our Dinner Church event last year for Maundy Thursday, we will once again gather for Dinner, Story, Prayer, and the Lord's Supper – more nearly celebrated the way the early church did for many generations.

2019 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



Palm/Passion Sunday (April 14)

Palm Procession and Eucharist
ONE MORNING SERVICE at 10:00 a.m.
(Begins in the Fellowship Hall
for Blessing of the Palms)
(No 7:30 a.m. Chapel Service)

Monday through Wednesday (April 15-17)

Eucharist in the Chapel at noon
Monday through Wednesday



Maundy Thursday Dinner Church (April 18)

6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall
Dinner with the Sacrament of Holy Communion

Good Friday (April 19)

7:00 p.m. in the Nave



Vigil of Easter - (Saturday, April 20)

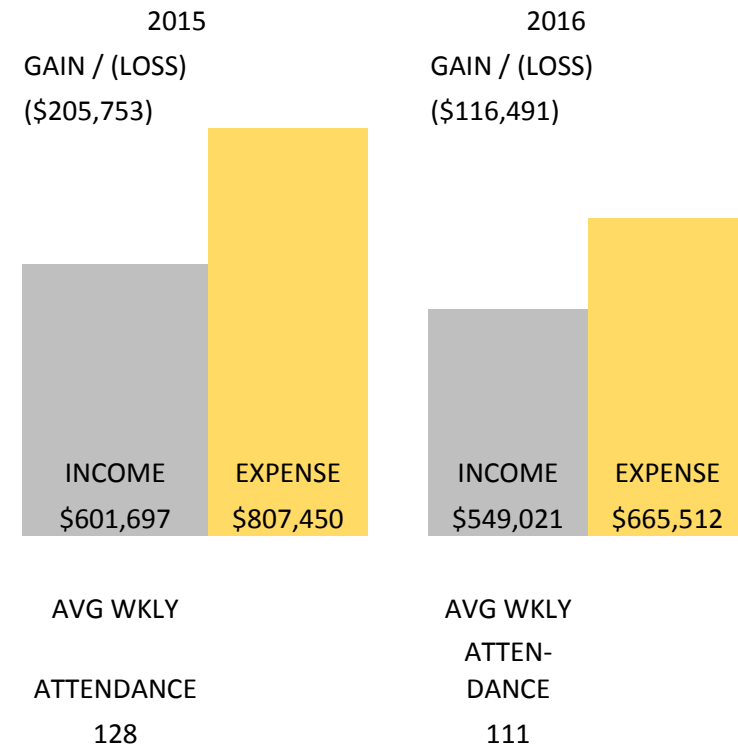
7:00 p.m. in the Nave
We will celebrate Baptism and the
Sacrament of Holy Communion

Easter Sunday (April 21)

7:30 and 10:00 a.m. in the Nave
Return of Alleluias!
The Festival of the Resurrection of
Our Lord continues.
Come celebrate the Joy of our
Lord's **RESURRECTION** and our inheritance,
ETERNAL LIFE!



RECAP OF INCOME AND



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Income again fell short of expenses in 2018. Three of our past f
Attendance has stabilized over the past 3 years, but we continu
Our 2019 expense plan is again at 2017-2018 level. Please give

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EXPENSES 2015 - 2018



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Four years have fallen substantially short of our goal.

to lose aging members.

as you are able.

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NEED 1 VOLUNTEER YET

(Term expires 12/31/19)

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COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS NOVEMBER 2018-JANUARY 2019

- ◆ Discussion held on Willard J. and Jewel Shumaker Bequests.
- ◆ Council Officers were Elected as follows:
 - Melanie Miller - President
 - Deb Stewart - Vice President
 - Chris Lloyd - Treasurer
 - Julie Mitchell - Corresponding Secretary
- ◆ Approved the Parish Outreach Payment Schedule for 2019.
- ◆ Appointed Endowment Fund Members for a one-year term:
 - Julie Mitchell - Council Member
 - Robert Thomas - Congregational Member

DONATE ONLINE

ONLINE GIVING DONATIONS can be made by going to our website at www.trinitysomeset.org and clicking on "Give" to make a donation. Under Note/Memo you can designate your gift for a special purpose if desired or just donate to the General Fund (our greatest need).

DINNER CHURCH



MAUNDY THURSDAY DINNER CHURCH, 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall on April 18, will look much like a dinner during the first century, the early years of the Church, when people met over a meal to remember Jesus' teachings, remembering him in the "breaking of the bread" and sipping from the "cup of blessing." Dinner Church will include singing with the TLC Band, scripture and discussion at tables. Part of the experience is bringing special foods to share for the dinner. **Deadline: Monday, April 15** to make your reservations. Sign up early to reserve a seat! Last year we had a full house! ➡ ➡ ➡ ➡ ➡ ➡ ➡ ➡

DEADLINES

**YEAR-END FINANCE REPORTS
ARE DUE ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28
TO TRINITY'S OFFICE.**

**TRINITY'S DEADLINE FOR OUR NEXT
NEWSLETTER:**

MONDAY, MARCH 18

RESERVATIONS REQUESTED

Maundy Thursday Dinner Church—April 18—Fellowship Hall



Join with us for "supper" at 6:00 p.m. Please let us know how many will be attending on the form below. Or you may call Trinity's Office at 445-5446 to sign up **(and help provide food)**.

**We plan to attend the Maundy Thursday Dinner Church
 on April 18 at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall**

Name _____

Phone _____

Number attending: Adults _____ Children _____

I will help with the meal: setup _____ cleanup _____

I will help by providing food: _____ (Trinity's Office
 will soon have a list of menu items needed)

Meat will be provided. Please drop the form above in the offering plate or call Trinity's Office at 445-5446 to sign up/ help provide food.

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS: Monday, April 15

CONFERENCE CONFIRMATION

Laurel Highlands

Conference Confirmation Program

Several churches in the Laurel Highlands Conference are cooperating in a joint Confirmation ministry every few weeks. One church hosts the session; one church provides the meal; one or two pastors coordinate the program, and another leads our closing worship. Each session is scheduled on a Sunday evening – and the program covers themes creatively – in ways that are not possible with our small Confirmation classes in each church.

The next Conference Confirmation Night is on **Sunday, March 31**, and we gather at 5:30 p.m. at Friedens Lutheran Church. Pre-confirmation students and parents are welcome to attend. Let Pastor Linda know if you plan to be with us!

MISSION TRIP TO WASHINGTON D.C.

In May, our Conference Confirmation ministry will travel to D.C. for an exciting weekend. Luther Place Memorial Church will be hosting us. This Congregation has a very long history of ministry-in-place among the poor, the homeless, and those who have struggled with substance abuse. We will engage in hands-on service projects, learn about ministry in the city, and have opportunities to visit a museum and perhaps, the National Cathedral. We will be doing some fund raising for this trip – watch your bulletins for information!



EMBODY PRACTICE WITH MUSIC MOVEMENT

**EMBODY PRACTICE WITH
MUSIC AND MOVEMENT** on
Saturday, March 23 at 3:00 p.m.
in the Fellowship Hall with



Rachael Allen, instructor from *Yoga Song*.
Come out to be renewed, using yoga, move-
ment, music, poetry, and dance. A freewill offer-
ing will be received to compensate Rachael for
her time. Sign up to attend by Calling Trinity's
Office (445-5446).

KIDS' HUMOR

Six-year old Angie, and her four-year old brother,
Joel, were sitting together in church. Joel giggled, sang,
and talked out loud. Finally, his big sister had enough.

"You're not supposed to talk out loud in church."

"Why? Who's going to stop me?" Joel asked.

HUSHERS

Angie pointed to the back of the
church and said, "See those two
men standing by the door? They're
hushers."

--from Pinterest

CONGRATULATIONS!

**TRINITY MEMBERS HAVING SIGNIFICANT
BIRTHDAYS (80 YEARS AND OLDER)**

William G. McNelly—March 6
James Knepper, Sr.—April 6
Mona Herrell—April 7
D. Jean Sandusky—April 19
Geraldine Walker—April 21
Shirley Wilson—April 23
Beverly Benford—April 25
Kenneth Saylor—April 25
Dorothy Stahl—April 29

TURN CLOCKS AHEAD

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME
begins on **Sunday, March 10**.
Don't forget to turn your clocks
ahead one hour on Saturday night.



DRIVERS LIST 2019

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>DRIVER</u>	<u>PHONE #</u>
January	Peter Jacobson	443-3987
February	Frank Morocco	443-1519
March	John Minnich	445-7660
April	Robert Thomas	(c) 243-4102
May	Robert Thomas	(c) 243-4102
June	Fred Morocco	445-4633
July	Becky Minnich	445-7660
August	Chad Mosholder	443-9757
September	Jim Baker	442-7666
October	John Barndt	233-6713
November	William Kuhlman	445-2132
December	John/Becky Minnich	445-7660

Above is the list of drivers for Sunday Services for 2019. If you need a ride to 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship, you may call the driver for that month and arrange for a ride. Our coordinator for this ministry is John Minnich.



Order Form for Easter Lilies 2019



In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Presented by _____

Cost of each plant is \$11.00

They will grace our Chancel at Easter.

_____ Number of Plants at \$11.00 each \$_____

Please return your order and money to:

Trinity Lutheran Church
918 Tayman Avenue
Somerset, PA 15501

Checks should be made payable to:

Trinity Lutheran Church

Deadline for orders is: **Monday, April 15**

Remember Our Shut-Ins:

Give to Homebound

() yes () no

I Will Pick Up My Plant

() yes () no



2019 SPECIAL EASTER GIFTS

*This year, in addition to or in lieu of Lilies,
our special gifts will go to a special ministry.*

*Council will soon make a decision, and it will be
announced in the bulletin. You may use this form
or the one in the bulletin to donate to our
2019 special gifts.*

Amount \$____ Envelope #____

Please make checks payable to:

Trinity Lutheran Church

918 Tayman Avenue

Somerset, PA 15501

Deadline: Monday, April 15

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Presented by _____

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- | | |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Angela Miller | 20 Stephanie Barnett |
| 2 Sharon Barnett | Beth Mayer |
| P. Michael Jacobson | Emily Miller |
| Sadie Snyder | Jacob Miller |
| 5 Emma Fanale | 22 Susan Centi |
| Heather Fanale | Mark Menser |
| 6 Brett Christner | 23 Robert Thomas |
| Cole Christner | 25 Lana Miller |
| William G. McNelly | Kelley Thompson |
| Lauren Miller | 26 Garry Pryce |
| Patricia Widmann | 27 Ann Persun |
| Malia Mihalaki | 28 Rebecca Kennick |
| 7 Timothy Bence | 30 Gordon Centi |
| Greta Carroll | Rebecca Minnich |
| Brian Gary | |
| 8 Alexendra Swanson | |
| 11 Travis Anderson | |
| J. Franklin Kyle, Sr. | |
| 14 Ann Voytish | |
| Jack Illar | |
| Larry Mazer | |
| 15 John Barndt | |
| Lillian Mostoller | |
| 17 Nathan Rininger | |
| Kelly Emswiler | |
| Ashley Rosman | |
| Gregory Widmann | |
| 19 Robert Carouse | |
| Linda Siemon | |
| Barbara Swanson | |



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Anne Panagiotides | 14 Alaina Thompson |
| Kelsey Weimer | Katelyn Decker |
| Vincent Morocco | 16 Natalie Anderson |
| 2 Reese Demchak | Beth Fetterolf |
| Wayne Walker | 17 Max Thompson |
| 3 Brian Anderson | 19 LeeAnn Rininger |
| Dawn Felix | D. Jean Sandusky |
| Benjamin Emswiler | 20 Sydnay Bowersox |
| 4 Misty Demchak | 21 Geraldine Walker |
| Haddie Lepley | 22 Terri Snyder |
| Judith Klink | 23 Shirley Wilson |
| Virginia Lloyd | 24 Luke Ream |
| Randell Urban | 25 Beverly Benford |
| Isaac Richter | Cristine Sanner |
| 5 Samuel Sanner | Kenneth Saylor |
| Molly Emswiler | 26 Ellsworth Flyte |
| Daniel Woy III | 27 Seth Shaffer |
| 6 Chad Schrock | 28 George Kaufman |
| James Knepper, Sr. | 29 Marilyn Carouse |
| 7 Reese Sanner | Dorothy Stahl |
| Melanie Miller | Gayle Morocco |
| Laura Critchfield | 30 Troy Miller |
| Mona Herrell | Sandra Griffith |
| 8 Colin Gary | |
| Robert Troy | |
| 9 Makayla Marek | |
| 10 Laura Menser | |
| 11 Robert Boose II | |
| Allison Davies | |
| 12 Jayden Horning | |
| Marci Miller | |
| 13 Lisa Brady | |



EASTER “EGG”-TRAVAGANZA



Trinity is holding an Easter “Egg”-Travaganza for **Toddlers through Grade 5**. Children may bring a friend and take part in an “egg”-travaganza hunt, enjoy snacks, and even take a picture with the Easter Bunny.

Children in Grades 6 and up are invited to take part in a Treasure Hunt. Friends are always invited! This will all be held **Saturday, April 13** at 10:00 am. in the Fellowship Hall. If you are planning on attending please let us know so we can plan accordingly.

We are in need of the following:

Bags of individually wrapped candy to fill
over **4,000 eggs!**

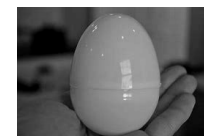
Trinkets to fill eggs

Juice boxes

Small bottles of water

Cookies/Pastries

Official Easter Bunny helpers (college students, adults, older teens are all welcome to help)



Name: _____

___ I will help fill the plastic eggs with candy or trinkets.

___ I will help with snacks.

If you are able and willing to help in either set up or help in any way, contact Meagan Griffith Richter at (814) 445-7429 or return this form to Trinity’s Office.

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

MEMBER RECEIVED BY BAPTISM:

January 13, 2019 *Anna Robin Carroll*

ANNA ROBIN CARROLL, daughter of *Benjamin and Kayla (Menear) Carroll* was received into Trinity's family by the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on January 13.



MEMBERS REMOVED BY TRANSFER:

November 17, 2018 *James Brant Harrold, Jr. and Jennifer Marie (Nolan) Harrold and their baptized children, Tyler James Harrold and Allison Elizabeth Harrold transferred to St. Paul's Lutheran Church; Rockwood, Pennsylvania*

MEMBERS REMOVED BY DEATH:

December 3, 2018 *Pauline (Walker) Baker*

December 10, 2018 *Glenn Ellis Miller, Sr.*

CONGRATULATIONS



CONGRATULATIONS to Marsha (Bowersox) Thomson and Robbie Thomson upon the birth of their daughter, *Josephine Anne Thomson*, born **Sunday, November 25** in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Proud maternal grandparents are *Ed and Sydnay Bowersox* of Chandler, Arizona.

Somerset Daily American 5K/10K and Fitness Challenge



It's that time of year again! The **Somerset Daily American 5K/10K and Fitness Challenge** begins **NOW**. *This year you will be able to fill out your entry form electronically as well as fill in your fitness challenge information without filling out a paper form.* The race date is **Saturday, June 8**.

This year the beneficiaries of the race are:

- The Easter Seals Society of Somerset County
- Somerset County Mobile Food Bank
- Somerset County Foundation for Higher Education

If you are interested in doing the race **or** the fitness challenge I will need your information as soon as possible so I can send you the link to register!

Please fill out this preliminary form so I can reach out to you! **Place the bottom of this form with your information in the offering plate.** We would like this year's team to be a big one! There are 3 beneficiaries this year so we need your help!! if you have any questions, please feel free to contact one of us – **Sally Miller (814) 289-5551 or Jack Illar (814) 442-2288.**

Thanks!

Yes! I will participate in either the 5K/10K Race or Fitness Challenge:

Name: _____

Email: _____

Cell or home phone: _____

To the Attention of: *Sally Miller or Jack Illar*



TRINITY'S CANCELLATION POLICY

If for any reason, primarily due to weather, our worship services or events may be canceled or the times changed, you will have a number of ways to find out:

1. The answering machine at the church will have a message about the change as soon as possible after the decision is made.
2. Our Facebook page and Website will carry cancellations and changes, as soon as possible
www.Facebook.com/trinitysomeset and Website:
www.trinitysomeset.org
3. If the State, County, or Borough issues an advisory asking citizens to stay off the roads, our church events will be canceled or postponed.
4. In the event of foul weather, worship services and events may be consolidated – for instance, the 7:30 a.m. service may be canceled, and all members are invited to attend the 10:00 service, presuming that roadways and our parking areas can be cleared by that time.

CAN CHALLENGE UPDATE

ALLEGHENY SYNOD'S 40,000 CAN CHALLENGE ended on Super Bowl Sunday. As of **January 28**, the Allegheny Synod churches have donated **15,308** food items and cans. Your donations of non-perishable food items (cans or grocery store items) **benefit Somerset's Food Pantry.**

FEBRUARY/MARCH EVENTS

Wednesdays, February 6 & 20—Marys & Marthas, 7:00 p.m., Parlor

Saturday, February 9—Council Retreat, 9:00 a.m., Luther's Lounge

Sunday, February 10—Siemon Lakeview Worship Service, 2:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 14—Loving Jesus, 11:00 a.m., Adult III

Tuesday, February 19—Table Talk, 6:30 p.m., Italian Oven

Thursday, February 21—Deadline: Strombolis/Pizzas/Cinnamon Rolls

Thursday, February 28—Strombolis/Pizzas/Cinnamon Rolls Pick Up, 9:30 a.m., Adult III

Saturday, March 2—Wacky Bowling, 3:00 p.m. Terrace Lanes, Somerset

Wednesday, March 6—Ash Wednesday Services, 7:00 a.m. Chapel and 7:00 p.m. Nave

Sunday, March 10—Daylight Saving Time Begins

Wednesday, March 13—Trinity Hosts Rostered Leaders, 10:00 a.m., Parlor

—SAM Midweek Lenten Service/Luncheon, Noon, First United Methodist Church and each Wednesday through April 10

—Trinity provides lunch March 20

—Lenten Soup Supper, 6:00 p.m., Adult III and each Wednesday through April 10

—Wednesday Evening Lenten Service, 7:00 p.m., Chapel

and each Wednesday through April 10

Saturday, March 23—Embody Practice with Music Movement, 3:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Sunday, March 31—Conference Confirmation, 5:30 p.m., Friedens Lutheran Church

THANK YOU'S

November 1, 2018

We raised \$11,783 for Camp Sequanota scholarships. This is an incredible number! The five summers before 2018, the combined total we collected was just over \$12,000 for scholarships. From May to August, we were able to offer 28 full or partial scholarships. Please know how exciting this is for Sequanota to be able to reach out to campers and families and be able to give them a life-changing experience. All of these campers could not have come to Camp without your contributions. Thank you for making a loving impact in their lives!

Rev. Nathan A. Pile
Executive Director/Pastor
Camp Sequanota



Members of Trinity,

Thank you very much for the generous gift you sent United Lutheran Seminary for my educational expenses. The support I have received from you at Trinity, the Allegheny Synod, and through scholarships have granted me more stability in a time of transition. They have enabled me to continue my education full time while living on campus and also to pursue additional outside activities, including a position as a Chaplain at the local Gettysburg Hospital and on campus I.T. support. Being able to concentrate so intensely on discerning my vocation, developing my skills, and interacting with my peers and faculty has been a tremendous blessing your gifts have made possible.

In Christ,
Carlton Jacobson

2019 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



Palm/Passion Sunday (April 14)

Palm Procession and Eucharist
ONE MORNING SERVICE at 10:00 a.m.
(Begins in the Fellowship Hall
for Blessing of the Palms)
(No 7:30 a.m. Chapel Service)

Monday through Wednesday (April 15-17)

Eucharist in the Chapel at noon
Monday through Wednesday



Maundy Thursday



Maundy Thursday Dinner Church (April 18)

6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall
Dinner with the Sacrament of Holy Communion

Good Friday (April 19)

7:00 p.m. in the Nave



Vigil of Easter - (Saturday, April 20)

7:00 p.m. in the Nave
We will celebrate Baptism and the
Sacrament of Holy Communion

Easter Sunday (April 21)

7:30 and 10:00 a.m. in the Nave
Return of Alleluias!
The Festival of the Resurrection of
Our Lord continues.
Come celebrate the Joy of our
Lord's **RESURRECTION** and our inheritance,
ETERNAL LIFE!

