

HOLY WEEK/ EASTER 2017

FROM THE PASTOR'S HEART

We are preparing for the celebration of 500 years since the Lutheran Reformation; I anticipated concentrating on our Lutheran history, theology, and practice this year. We have gotten off to a great start with the fall schedule and special programs already planned during Lent.

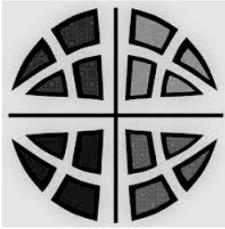
Unexpectedly, we have also received an unusual number of invitations to participate in events across our Congregational, Denominational, and Inter-Faith lines. I say WE, because I cannot nor should I “represent” Trinity – our whole congregation is invited to participate! I am not naïve – some of us may have interest in one area, and not another. Even so, I invite YOU to find ONE THING that interests you in the newsletter this month – and join in. Your participation is important!

For those who are concerned about declining numbers in Worship and Revitalizing our Congregation, please attend the Re-Formation Conversations among Lutherans in the Laurel Highlands Conference (see page 5 for more details):

Sunday, March 19 – Revealing Our Identity
Faith Lutheran Church (Somerset)

Sunday, April 30 – Renewing Our Mission
Messiah Lutheran (New Centerville)

Sunday, May 21 – Reimagining Our Future
Trinity Lutheran Church (Hooversville)



Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
918 Tayman Avenue
Somerset, PA 15501
(Address Service Requested)

Saturday, March 25 Lay School of Theology
(see pages 6-8 for more details)
Saturday, April 8 Seder Meal
(see pages 14-16 for more information)
Lenten Opportunities (see pages 16-17)

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For those who want to reach out to the hurting, the unchurched, or provide meaningful events for children this summer:

- Grief Group will be provided again this spring. Let Pastor know if you would like to attend or bring a friend. The upcoming sessions will be planned around the schedule of those who wish to attend.
- Vacation Bible School – Trinity has been invited to join the Ecumenical VBS with St. Paul's UCC, St. Francis in the Fields, and others. We need a few folks who are willing to attend planning sessions and help make decisions; later, we will be looking for volunteers to staff and attend the VBS program! 
- Trinity Day Care is planning to provide a creative summer for after school children. A different theme is planned for each week of the summer – surely YOU can contribute to one of them! 

For those who are concerned about the tenor of conversation in our public discourse:

- An Interfaith discussion is being developed on the theme of “What God expects of us with regard to how humans treat one another” with representatives of the Jewish, Muslim, and Christian faiths. I am looking for folks who have an interest in this area, to help with this regional event.

There are MANY opportunities to participate in the larger life of our congregation. At a minimum, each of us ought to be attending worship if at all possible. Services are provided at a variety of times throughout the month and especially during Holy Week, to make that possible. Our intention is that the homebound and the sick are visited during Lent, as well, and provided an opportunity to share in the sacrament and join in the prayers of the church. 

This is a church that shares a living, daring confidence in God's Grace! Thanks be to God!

Pastor Linda McElroy Thomas

HOW TO CONTACT US

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Check out our **NEW** Website: www.trinitysomerset.org



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LAUREL HIGHLANDS CONFERENCE A RE-FORMATION CONVERSATION

You are invited to join a conversation about the future of ministry in Somerset County:

- How does being Lutheran inform our ministry?
- How have our communities, the church, and the culture recently been changing?
- What do those changes mean for the ministry of congregations?
- What might the future look like?

Your voice is an important part of the conversation.

1. Revealing Our Identity
Sunday, March 19, 2017
Faith Lutheran Church
6567 Glades Pike
Somerset
2. Renewing Our Mission
Sunday, April 30, 2017
Messiah Lutheran Church
144 Jubilee Street
Rockwood (New Centerville)
3. Reimagining Our Future
Sunday, May 21, 2017
Trinity Lutheran Church
100 Church Street
Hooversville

All conversations will be from 3:00-5:00 p.m. and will include dinner and fellowship time.

LAY SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

HOLY COMMUNION - THEN AND NOW

Saturday, March 25, 2017

(Snow/Ice Date: April 1, 2017)

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

(Registration from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m.)

The Eucharist and the Reformation and

The Eucharist and Challenges in the

Contemporary Context

The 2017 Trinity Lay School of Theology is scheduled for March 25th (snow/ice day: April 1). In keeping with our year-long preparations for the celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, we are looking at aspects of our faith tradition as outlined in Luther's Small Catechism. Holy Communion will be our topic at the Lay School of Theology, our day of learning with a theological scholar – in our own hometown!

The Morning sessions will be: The Eucharist and the Reformation beginning at 9:00 a.m. The Afternoon sessions will look at Challenges in Contemporary Cultural Contexts and begin at 12:30 p.m. Holy Communion is central to the church's life together. In this meal we receive forgiveness of sin, food for faith, fellowship of the saints, and a commission to go out and share bread for the hungry. What did it mean at the time of the Reformation? How did Luther's Reformation Theology change the church's experience of this sacred meal?

Given our current context, for example, a population that increasingly does not know about scripture, Jesus' story, or

the meaning behind our rituals -- What does it mean to welcome others to the Table of Grace? What does Eucharistic Hospitality mean in our changing culture or when we travel or visit with other cultures? Come and learn! Come and ask questions!

Our guest presenter is The Rev. Dr. J. Jayakiran Sebastian who is Dean of the Seminary and H. George Anderson Professor of Mission and Cultures at the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia. He is a Presbyterian of the Church of South India and has been Professor in the Department of Theology and Ethics at the United Theological College in Bangalore, India. He is the author of *Enlivening the Past: An Asian Theologian's Engagement with the Early Teachers of Faith*.



He and his wife, Dr. Mrinalini Sebastian are excited to be coming to a congregation that Father Heyer served (twice) as Pastor, in the 1820's and 1830's. Father Heyer is known throughout India as the missionary that not only planted Lutheran Churches, but also returned to India to serve as a medical doctor – so great was his compassion for the people of India and their need for Healing ministries. You will be inspired to meet the Sebastian's and hear about Father Heyer from them!

Please use the form on the next page to register for the Lay School of Theology at Trinity. Lunch will be provided for all preregistered persons.

PLEASE REGISTER ⇒ ⇒

LAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Please make your reservations for Trinity's Lay School of Theology on March 25 by dropping it off this form at Trinity or calling Trinity's Office at 445-5446.

The deadline for lunch reservations is Thursday, March 23



NAME _____

PHONE _____

Please check below all that apply to you for Saturday, March 25:

_____ I will attend the morning session from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

_____ I will attend lunch provided by Trinity from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

_____ I will attend the afternoon session from 12:30 to 3:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

A freewill offering will be received to help defray costs for the program and lunch.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

THE NEXT NEWSLETTER

DEADLINE

IS MONDAY, MAY 8!



MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

MEMBERS REMOVED BY TRANSFER:

February 24 James Brant and Barbara (Colflesh) Harrold transferred to St. Paul's Lutheran Church; Rockwood, Pennsylvania

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Chad and Cathy (Kaufman) Wheeler who are the proud parents of a 7 pound, 4 ounce baby boy, **Henry Isaac Wheeler**, who was born on Tuesday, February 7.



Tucker Minnich Schuth, 6 pounds, 15 ounces grandson of John and Becky Minnich, was born on Thursday, January 26. He is the son of Annie (Minnich) Schuth and husband, Gareth. Dorothy Stahl is the proud great-grandmother!

Best wishes to all!

Congratulations to our friends from worship, Katie Decker and Chris Mihalaki, on the birth of their daughter, **Malia Irene Mihalaki**, on Monday, March 6.



BIBLE STUDY GROUPS



YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN the Monday Morning Bible Study group at 10:30 a.m. in Adult III. Join with us for study of the upcoming Sunday texts and good discussions!

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



MARYS AND MARTHAS Bible study group for women of all ages will meet during Lent on **Monday, March 20** at the Lutheran Commons at 443 Berlin Plank Road in Somerset at 7:00 p.m. (Deb Stewart and Alice Fritz will host.) April's meetings will be **Monday, April 3** and **Wednesday, April 19** at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor. The group uses the ELCA women's magazine, Gather. Extra copies are in the Chapel Kiosk, Trinity's Office, and Narthex. (Join us for study, refreshments, and fellowship!

THE ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS meets in the Fellowship Hall at 8:45 a.m. each Sunday. Join us for fellowship, food, and study each week. On **Sunday, March 26** Pastor Linda will begin the study of the Biblical stories in the Lenten Lectionary and how they can help us reflect on parts of Luther's Catechism.

BIBLE STUDY (CONTINUED)

LOVING JESUS study group meets on **Thursday, April 20** at 11:00 a.m. in Adult III. (Bring a lunch.) The class will be discussing the book, *Fierce: Women of the Bible and Their Stories of Violence, Mercy, Bravery, Wisdom, Sex, and Salvation* by Alice Connor. We will cover Parts I and II, (except the Mary chapter), as well as the corresponding Biblical texts for all the Hebrew women of Scripture. If you need a copy, please call Trinity's Office (445-5446) so we can order one for you.

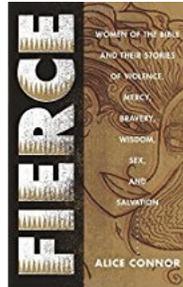


TABLE TALK will meet on **Monday, April 3** at 6:00 p.m. at Flyin' Lion in Jennerstown. One of the most interesting writings in Luther's Works is a collection of his conversations with his Seminary students about God, theology, and life, where they enjoyed many hours outside the classroom over meals discussing the day's events in public and private life—with a theological twist! Join us for food and drink, fellowship, and a bit of theological conversation as seen through a Lutheran lens.

TODDLER SUNDAY SCHOOL



TODDLER SUNDAY SCHOOL: The class for 2-4 year olds and their parents will meet on **Sundays, April 9, April 23, and May 14** in the Nursery, after the Sunday School opening at 8:45 a.m.

TODDLER SUNDAY SCHOOL PARENTS' GROUP –

During Toddler Playtime, the parents are invited next door (to the Parlor) for a cup of coffee and conversation.

VIEW FROM THE LOFT

The Singing Church

Over the years, the Lutheran Church has gained the nickname, “The Singing Church.” Indeed, whenever I’m around my fellow Music Directors who belong to other faith traditions, I often hear these words used on me. At university, I studied with a Presbyterian Organist, a Catholic Organist, and a Lutheran Choir Director. The Presbyterian would look over the liturgies I was learning to play and say, “You Lutherans have SO much music!” The Catholic would often comment, “Since you Lutherans do all the verses and play such grand hymnody, you’ll have to learn more organ registration than the rest of my students.” (Registration is the art of choosing which organ stops to use to make each stanza different and interesting.) The Lutheran would often say, “We are the singing church and don’t you forget it. Don’t be tempted to start using soloists all the time... make the PEOPLE sing.”



Obviously, these teachings have had an influence on my own philosophy, and I’ve always felt that even though it is certainly more work, it is a proud title to be known as “The Singing Church.” Luther himself certainly often wrote of how important music was but it’s not JUST music that’s important, it’s the participation. Just as Luther felt all congregants should be able to read the Bible in their native tongue, they should also be able to sing in it. Luther often quoted St. Paul’s letter to the Colossians, “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.” [Colossians 3:16]

How can we maintain our identity as a singing church in the modern era? Train yourself to listen to the words and the message of the hymns. The hymns chosen for each service are chosen to match the theme of the lectionary. Pay attention to how the central theme of the hymn fits the readings. Seeing these connections brings more understanding of the Scriptures, hymns, and sermon. Each hymn we sing is a wonderful opportunity to confess our faith to God and our neighbors. It doesn't matter if you think you're tone deaf, what matters is the words; the beauty is in the proclamation of the Gospel. If you're really a bad singer, the people near you will just have to sing louder. One of the great things about having an awesome pipe organ like we do at Trinity is that it coaxes the congregants to sing louder! Be bold!

We have inherited an amazing responsibility as "The Singing Church." This 500th anniversary year of the reformation, remember our title each Sunday as you cast aside your inhibitions and make a joyful noise! Ask yourself, do you really think the German peasants from the 1520's were any better singers? Forget your stumbling blocks and sing!

Nicholas Carroll
Director of Music

4:00 CHAPEL COMMUNION

THE NEXT CHAPEL COMMUNION SERVICE WITH HEALING will be on **Sunday, April 2** at 4:00 p.m. in Trinity's Chapel.



SEDER MEAL

*You Are Invited to a
Passover Seder Meal
Saturday, April 8 - 5:00 p.m.*

The Seder Meal is part of the present-day Jewish Passover celebration. In the meal, our Jewish friends recall how God, through Moses, led the Israelites out of slavery into freedom. Due to the sacrifice of a pure and spotless lamb, whose blood marked every Jewish home, the angel of death "Passed Over." The Seder recalls God's mighty acts of deliverance and fulfills the command by God that all Jewish families remember this event annually at a gathering around the family table.

For Christians, it is a doorway, to enter into the world of the Jewish faith today, and gives us a language to describe what God has done for us in Jesus. The Seder meal and the Passover Celebration is a thoroughly Jewish tradition, not our own. We are privileged to welcome my dear friend, Glenn Siegal, with his family, for our gathering. Glenn will narrate and act as the primary host of the Seder meal. We will gather at "family tables" where people at each table will act as father, mother, and one of several children.

Pesach (pay-sak) – Passover - takes place in a Jewish home each year. The home is carefully cleaned and scrubbed, cooking vessels are made kosher, and all chametz (especially any leavened bread) is removed

from the home. Some foods are forbidden during Passover; other foods must be “kosher” – prepared properly, in keeping with Jewish tradition.

Our Seder meal will include rituals and foods used by Jewish families at this celebration to commemorate the mighty acts of God. At our tables, there will be bitter herbs (for the harshness of slave labor); salt water (for the tears shed); Charoset (apples, walnuts, and cinnamon); a goblet for Elijah, ten drops of wine for the 10 plagues; matzah (unleavened bread); glasses of wine; and much more. In addition, a full dinner will be served to include: matzah ball soup, roasted lamb, roasted chicken, roasted potatoes, sweet potatoes, green beans, and traditional desserts.



Come and join in this Seder meal as part of your preparation for Holy Week. It will deepen your understanding of the Jewish tradition, enlighten your Christian faith, and it will be a time for us to gather to pray for freedom and peace throughout the world. Bring your family and invite your friends. The Passover Meal is traditionally a time to invite others to the table! Elementary School and especially CONFIRMATION STUDENTS are invited, along with their families, if at all possible.

Please call Trinity’s Office (445-5446) to reserve your place at the table! IF YOU are able to help “host” a table by providing a linen tablecloth and napkins, wine glasses, and candlesticks, OR if you can help by preparing a special (simple) dish, let us know! Recipes will be

available in Trinity’s Office. I would be happy to answer any questions you might have (289-3140). A freewill offering will be taken to help cover the costs of the meal – your generosity is appreciated!

Pastor Linda

EDUCATION IN LENT

Christian Education Opportunities in Lent

Our 40 Days of Lent Events:

We began the season with a Mini-Lenten Retreat to help us focus Mind-Body-Spirit on March 11.

On Wednesday nights throughout Lent, we gather to enjoy a **Soup Supper** and conversation on Reformation themes. Dinner is followed by **Evening Prayer** liturgy and a conversation between Grace and Ernest.

Our **Lay School of Theology** event on **Holy Communion** is on Saturday, March 25 (snow date: April 1). Our guest presenter, Rev. Dr. Kiran Sebastian (of Philadelphia Seminary) brings his international experiences to our discussion about celebrating the Lord’s Supper.

Table Talk continues with the next conversation about the Ten Commandments at the Flyin’ Lion in Jennerstown on Monday, April 3 at 6:00 p.m.



A Passover Seder for the whole family, will be on Saturday, April 8th at 5:00 p.m. Come learn how our Jewish Friends remember the mighty acts of God and at the same time, prepare for Holy Week.

Adult Sunday School for the remainder of Lent will focus on the Biblical texts for Lent and how they can help us reflect on the elementary teachings of our faith as found in Luther's Small Catechism. On Easter Sunday, we will see a video on how Easter is celebrated in Luther's Germany, courtesy of Rick Steves...a well-known travel guide. Exploration of the Scriptures will continue for the Easter Season. Come, and invite a friend! (Youth Sunday School will not be held on Easter morning.)

Pastor Linda

FINANCE UPDATE FOR FEBRUARY



Giving to the General Fund improved in February. Please continue to give to the General Fund as you are able during the Easter Season.

We will do a complete review of income and expense at the end of the first quarter and advise all members of our financial situation.

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS FEBRUARY 2017

- ◆ Motion to redeem CD7 which matured on February 22, 2017 and place it in the General Fund and then transfer it to the Advantage Interest Savings for future need. Motion carried.
- ◆ Motion to purchase the \$143/year plan for cyber liability insurance. Motion carried.
- ◆ Approve Revised Parish Outreach Schedule.
- ◆ The special gifts in lieu of lilies are to be dedicated to the Child Care Scholarship Fund.

STUDENTS IN NEED CHILD CARE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Because of recent rate increases we have instituted at the Trinity Lutheran Child Care Center, we have two families that are struggling with the new higher rates. We have promised to help these two families by donating 50% of their increased amount for the balance of 2017. With this help, their children will be able to remain in our Child Care. A donation has been made to the Child Care Scholarship Fund to cover March (\$150.00) which is the first month at the new rate. Please help with this important matter if you are able by marking "Child Care" on your offering envelope.

TRINITY CHILD CARE

Here at our Child Care program we are growing and learning. To help us grow some plants, we sold seeds to raise money for our Child Care. Thank you to everyone who ordered seeds to support us. We look forward to the spring season where we will be planting the seeds to watch them grow. We also enjoyed our time celebrating, 'Read Across America' this month. The students celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday by dressing up, doing silly songs, reading his books, and many other fun activities throughout the week. We will continue to have fun and grow here at Trinity's Child Care!

Jody Jurgevich, Child Care Director



FUND RAISERS

CHILD CARE FUND RAISER:

Trinity's Child Care is selling 9.5" x 4" **Strombolis** which weigh a pound each and cost \$11 for a box of 2. Three varieties are available: Ham and Pepperoni; Roast Beef; and Taco Strombolis all with cheese and special tomato sauce. They come frozen from Claysburg Pizza and include baking instructions. The order deadline is **Wednesday, April 12** with **stromboli delivery on Friday, April 21**. Order forms are in the Chapel and Narthex. Make checks payable to "Trinity Lutheran Church." Payment may be made at Trinity's Office or in your offering envelope labeled "Stromboli." Proceeds will go towards Trinity Lutheran Child Care and Learning Center. Stock your freezers and help the Child Care at the same time!



BLAINE BORING CHOCOLATES

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHILD CARE is selling **Blaine Boring Chocolates** for Easter. Please consider ordering gifts for Easter and yourself! There are 35 items to choose from! All candy will be available for pickup on **Friday, April 7** at Trinity's Office. Profits will go towards the Child Care. Deadline for orders and money is **Wednesday, March 29**.

Please pick up an order form in Trinity's Office and make checks payable to "Trinity." Chocolate covered pretzel rods are also available in Trinity's Office (2 pretzels per pack for \$2.00)!



FUND RAISERS

A HOSS'S STEAK AND SEA HOUSE COMMUNITY NIGHT

is being held on **Sunday, April 23 (all day)** to benefit Trinity's women attending the July 2017 WELCA Triennial Gathering. Cards are available in the Chapel, Narthex, and Trinity's Office. One card is good for all persons in your party, and 20% of your guest check gets donated back to Trinity (if we reach \$300.00 in sales). Mark your calendar for the next fund raiser date for Hoss's: Monday, June 12. See you there and bring your friends!



NYG PIZZA HUT "FUN-RAISER: On **Monday, May 15**, we will have a fund raiser from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. to benefit Trinity's women attending the WELCA Triennial Gathering. Coupons (one per party) for 20% of your

guest check to be donated to Trinity will soon be available in the Narthex, Chapel kiosk, and Trinity's Office. Delivery and carryout count, too. (FYI: The pizza/pasta buffet is available only at lunch time from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.)

A CARD SHOWER

A **CARD SHOWER** has been requested for Dorothy Stahl for her 90th Birthday to be celebrated on April 29. If you would like to send her a card or note wishing her a special day, please send it to:

Mrs. Dorothy Stahl
144 Hawthorne Lane
Somerset, PA 15501



ANNOUNCEMENTS

LUTHERAN BASICS – Pastor is offering a class for new members and seasoned members who want to explore how THIS congregation lives out its Baptismal Identity, Mission, and Ministry. Sessions are scheduled around the participants' availability. Call Pastor Linda (289-3140) or Trinity's Office (445-5446) if you are interested in participating.



NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER on Thursday,

May 4 is being observed on the steps of the Somerset County Courthouse from noon to 1:00 p.m. Please bring a lawn chair. In case of inclement weather, the observance will be held across the street at the Somerset Anglican Fellowship Church.

LAMPa's LUTHERAN DAY at the Capitol is being held on **Monday, May 22** at Trinity Lutheran Church in Camp Hill. Watch the bulletin for more details.



Volunteers Needed!

2017 ALLEGHENY SYNOD ASSEMBLY takes place **Friday and Saturday, June 2 and 3** at the Blair County Convention Center in Altoona. Anyone willing to be a volunteer delegate should speak with Pastor Linda or Trinity's Office (445-5446).

CAMP SEQUANOTA EVENTS

2017 CAMP SEQUANOTA SUMMER CAMP BROCHURES are in Trinity's Office. Register by **Friday, March 31** for the lowest, printed registration fee. Many types of camping are offered.

MEN ON A MISSION: On Saturday/Sunday, April 1-2, some big camp projects need your help! Join us for two days of projects and an overnight of fellowship. Please reply to Sequanota's Office at (814) 629-6627 or email: contact@sequanota.com if interested in helping out! Cost: Free!

SEQUANOTA WOMEN'S RETREAT is planned for **Friday through Sunday, April 28-30**. Conversations based on the book Here and Now: Living in the Spirit by Henri Nouwen will be the topic. It will be facilitated by Rev. Susan Winger. Cost of \$130 includes your room and meals. Please register at Sequanota's Office at (814) 629-6627 or email: contact@sequanota.com.

SPRING BENEFIT DINNER is **Friday, May 5** at Camp Sequanota. Appetizers and tours start at 4:45 p.m. with dinner to follow at 6:00 p.m. Cost: Suggested \$50 donation per person.



ADULT DAY WORKSHOP is scheduled for **Thursday, May 11** from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The Topic is "Global Missions: Why Should We Care." Leader is Rev. Dena Gable. Cost is \$10 which includes lunch.

NEWS FROM LAUREL ARTS

Laurel Arts and the Somerset Historical Center are partnering to present a wide variety of historical and contemporary fiber arts techniques and information to the public during a one-day symposium. This event, entitled COMMON THREADS, features keynote speakers and many regional fiber artists displaying and selling their art, demonstrating, or providing hands-on activities for participants. My Girls Deli & Catering will provide boxed lunches for \$10.00 each (please pre-order).

Saturday, April 22 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$5.00 each and can be purchased in advance by calling Laurel Arts at (814) 443-2433 or by visiting: www.laurelarts.org/commonthreads.html

Kathy Reed writes this riddle:

What has "Feathers, Fur, Fins"?

Answer:

All of the paper cuttings submitted for The Guild of American Papercutters' next show will feature creatures with some of these features. Guild members will submit new cut-paper artwork to replace the "Celebration" themed show.

"Feathers, Fur, Fins" will be open to the public on the second floor of the Dressler Center from **April 29, 2017** to April 5, 2018.

Bird watchers, animal lovers, and fish fanciers will not want to miss this exhibition.

PAPERCUTTING

Papercutting BOOKS + Workshop = Surprises

A new resource about papercutting is available at Laurel Arts, where a large selection of books on the subject has been installed on a shelf in the main office. These 50 books are part of the Guild of American Papercutters National Museum collection, and they are a perfect complement to the second floor gallery exhibits. Although the books are not to “sign out” in the conventional library way, you may examine them when you visit the art center. Sign the log for a particular volume or two and find a quiet place to peruse the contents. You will discover a wide range of topics and acquire a deeper, broader definition for Papercutting. Among the books, you will find subjects that include: early Pennsylvania German Fraktur, traditional Jewish papercuttings, colorful Polish forms, contemporary American and European examples, and, yes, even steps for variations of cut paper, like snowflakes.



Whether you think of papercutting as a craft or as an expressive, graphic art form, the books will allow you to connect with other cultures and to learn more about the history of the art. Because using paper as a medium and a blade as a tool is a way to experiment creatively and inexpensively, you might even want to try your hand at it. Add your name and interest to a class list in the Laurel Arts office for a future introductory session. Papercutting is a subject worth investigating at any age. Its techniques, tools, and approaches are as varied as the people who work with the art form. Like other art pursuits, one can develop more confidence and

skills with practice. Since “no one’s you-er than you,” your own projects will be reflections of your personality and experiences.

So, open the books, look between the covers, consider the papercuttings in the Guild of American Papercutters Museum, and then interact with the medium. As it speaks to you, you may surprise yourself discovering papercutting is a fascinating pursuit.

Kathy Reed

GOOD NEWS TO SHARE!

A postcard has been distributed at worship and extras are located at each of the doors. Members of Trinity are asked to use them when inviting friends or neighbors to Trinity during the Lenten, Holy Week, or Easter season. Ample white space is provided to write your name, phone number, or other information you wish to share with your invitation. Remember - It is not easy to walk into a church you do not know or participate in a form of worship with which you are unfamiliar. PLEASE SIT and WORSHIP with those you invite! PLEASE introduce them to your friends and help us by having them fill out a visitor card.

WE HAVE GOOD NEWS TO SHARE! Inviting others is something ALL OF US are asked to do. It is what we are commissioned to, in our baptism. Using St. Paul’s words, we are AMBASSADORS for Christ!

POSTCARD (FRONT/BACK)



**This is
Christ's
church**

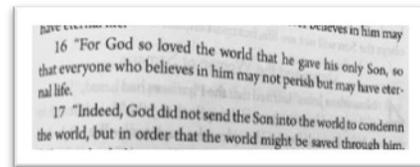
There is a place for you here.

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
918 Tayman Ave. Somerset, PA 15501

**BIBLICAL LECTIONARY-BASED
SUNDAY SCHOOL
8:45 AM**

We are the church that shares a living, daring confidence in God's grace. Liberated by our faith, we embrace you as a whole person--questions, complexities and all. Join us as we do God's work in Christ's name for the life of the world.

Your pew is waiting...
Sundays 7:30 & 10:00 am



**CHURCH PHONE: 814-445-5446
CHILD CARE PHONE: 814-445-5436
WEBSITE: TRINITYSOMERSET.ORG
EMAIL: TRINLUTH918@VERIZON.NET**



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

THE SEASON OF LENT

The Season of Lent is a time set aside for self-examination, for repentance from everything that draws us away from God, and is a time for picking up new habits of faith. The Lenten Disciplines of prayer, study of Scripture, almsgiving, and service are intended to help us adopt new practices that we will continue after the season is over. We are an Easter people all year round, but in this season, we are intended to rediscover the basics of faithful living.

Trinity offers an array of events intended to help us form new practices or learn more about those we already do regularly:

The Lenten Devotional helps us to look at parts of Luther's Catechism each day.

Lay School of Theology on March 25th is focused on Holy Communion.

Adult Sunday School is focused on the scripture stories of Lent and Easter.

A Seder Meal on Saturday, April 8th will help us hear the central story of the Jewish faith – Jesus' faith.

Holy Week services: Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday at 7 AM in the Chapel; Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at 7 p.m. in the Nave.

We will walk with Jesus through his last days...from Palm Sunday to Good Friday's Crucifixion, to Easter's Resurrection.

THIS IS THE CENTRAL STORY OF OUR FAITH...our "High Holy Days"... they define who we are as God's People.

PLEASE do not miss these opportunities for Worship, Learning, and Growing in Faith, together.

Pastor Linda

WHAT IS EASTER?

Easter is the sacred celebration of Christ's resurrection from the dead. It is the oldest and holiest Christian festival, the climax and center of the liturgical year, and the holy day to which all other holy days point. Even denominations that do not strictly follow a liturgical calendar commemorate Easter with tremendous joy and thanksgiving.



WHAT ARE THE GREAT FIFTY DAYS



Contrary to what many people think, Easter is not a single day. It is actually a season that begins on Easter Sunday and continues for seven full weeks. This seven-week cycle is known historically as the *Great Fifty Days* or the *Week of Weeks*. During this time, the church celebrates the Lord's resurrection, His appearances to the disciples after Easter, His post-resurrection teachings, His ascension into heaven, and the disciples' eager anticipation of the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. Ascension Day—the 40th of the Great Fifty Days—is frequently commemorated with a special evening worship service since it always falls on a Thursday.

DEVOTIONALS AVAILABLE



DEVOTIONALS: *Our Daily Bread* for March, April, and May; *Our Daily Bread* large print for April, May, and June; *The Word in Season* and *Christ in Our Home* (regular and large print) for the months of April, May, and June are all available at the Chapel Kiosk and in the Narthex on the Ushers' tables. Pick up a copy and let Trinity's Office (445-5446) know which of the three devotionals you prefer.

ALL ANEW

All Anew

**Women of the ELCA Tenth
Triennial Gathering
July 13-16, 2017**



"I never knew the power and energy of women gathered... until my first Triennial Gathering" said Jessica Olsen Miller, who attended her first gathering in 2005 and has never missed one since. Newly pregnant at the time, Jessica said she was affirmed and encouraged during the Gathering.... "four days of heartfelt conversations, prayer, laughter, worship, praise, lament, challenge, and invitation – to be with women acting boldly on their faith."

"I now have a sacred pilgrimage every three years to this holy triennial gathering – *my soul needs it!*"

Flor Hernandez attended the last Triennial Gathering in Charlotte, North Carolina along with Linda Himes, Deb Stewart, and Pastor Linda. They met up with Flor's Grandmother, (Pastor Linda's mother), making it a three-generation event! Flor discovered a rare fellowship among the other young women at the Gathering – there was even a special "Chocolate Café" for them – to meet Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton. They discussed their experiences at their own churches, the common concerns they shared, and were empowered by the Holy Spirit to become more active in their churches and commit to reaching out into their communities.

We have three Trinity women already registered, several rooms already booked, a special gift from members to supplement our costs, and we have plans to travel to the ELCA

headquarters in Chicago on the way to Minneapolis. **We have room for one more!** Perhaps YOU would like to come along?



We promise! – YOU WILL BE EMPOWERED, ENCOURAGED, AND EXPERIENCE THE HOLY ALL ANEW!

Speak to Pastor Linda!... a Triennial booklet is available to read all about it!

FROM BISHOP RHYNE

Bishop Jessica Crist of the Montana Synod, our ELCA Partner Synod, has invited members of the Allegheny Synod to join with the ELCA Mission Builders to build the new Synod office in Great Falls, Montana. Volunteers of all levels of experience (or no level of experience) in construction are welcome.

A general interest meeting is being held **Tuesday, April 4th at 7:00 p.m.** at the Allegheny Synod Office at 701 Quail Avenue in Altoona. If you are interested in participating or simply curious about the trip, please join us for this meeting. Light refreshments will be provided.

We plan to travel from Pittsburgh on Tuesday June 20th to Great Falls, Montana. We will spend Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday working on the site. Saturday we will visit the beautiful sites around Great Falls. On Sunday we will worship and have fellowship in congregations of the Montana Synod. We will fly home on Monday, June 26.

Housing is being arranged through the Montana Synod Office. Our primary cost for the trip will be airfare. Currently a flight from Pittsburgh to Great Falls is approximately \$600. You will need additional money for food and entertainment. All tools needed for the work site are provided.

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/trinitysomerset and Website: www.trinitysomerset.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.

CANDLES AND JARS NEEDED

Camp Sequanota's first campers of the summer will be arriving in 93 days. Those would be our campers and that would be our week of Confirmation Camp.

For our Confirmation service project, we are collecting used white candles and baby food or similarly sized jars. Please bring to Trinity's Office if you have any to donate.

THE GATHERINGS

This spring, members of the congregation will be getting invitations to small gatherings with other Trinity members in their neighborhoods or living nearby. If at all possible, please attend one of these opportunities for fellowship and conversation. Information gathered at our conversations will guide our ministry directions and priorities for the future. Your participation is important.

If it is not possible for you to attend your local gathering, others will be made available to you. If it is not possible for you to attend any of the gatherings – members of the Council will attempt to **Gatherings** make a home visit to you, so that your thoughts are included in our considerations.

If you would be interested in Hosting a gathering, please contact Trinity's Office (445-5446). If you would be interested in providing leadership, helping to make arrangements, scheduling, or making home visits, please let the office know as well. And Please Pray...

Pray that God will guide our conversations and work through our decisions, so that we may glorify God together!

Pastor Linda

JUST FOR KIDS COLORING



GEOTHERMAL UPDATE

ORIGINAL GEOTHERMAL PROJECT TOTAL	\$400,612
GIFTS FROM MEMBERS TO DATE	\$204,718
CURRENT BALANCE OUTSTANDING LOAN (MIF)	\$151,256
CURRENT MONTHLY PAYMENT	\$1,100
SAVINGS SO FAR GEOTHERMAL HVAC VS. ELECTRIC HEAT	\$10,851
(Please continue to give when possible as we try to reduce this debt)	

DAILY AMERICAN 10K

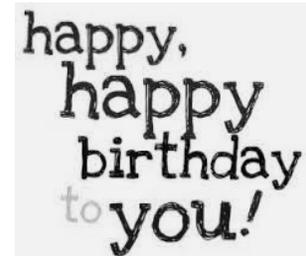
ANNUAL 5K/10K DAILY AMERICAN RUN/RACE AND/OR FITNESS CHALLENGE: The Daily American Fitness Challenge runs for 12 weeks through Saturday, April 29. Registration forms and forms to keep track of weight and exercise are available in the Narthex, Chapel, and Trinity's Office. **Sally Miller** is Trinity's Team Coordinator. This year, the money raised goes to the **Salvation Army, SOS Secret Santa, and St. Francis Sharing and Caring.** We need team members for the race also, which is **Saturday, June 10**, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Somerset High School Track. Please see or call Sally Miller (814) 395-5593 if you are interested in being part of the challenge and/or race.



TRINITY'S OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED AT NOON ON GOOD FRIDAY AND ALL DAY ON EASTER MONDAY!

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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



MAY BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 Rebecca Hersh | 20 Aimee McNaul |
| 2 Martin Siemon III | John Minnich |
| 4 Brandon Rhodes | Anja Troy |
| 7 I. Frederick Brubaker | 21 Barbara Coonahan |
| Trisha Miller | Jack Hess |
| Jonathan Walter | William Kuhlman |
| 9 Patricia Cascio | Danielle Lloyd |
| Anne Frantz | Luther Shaulis, Jr. |
| Valerie Kleinert | Brooke Spangler |
| Claire Zufall | Noah Spochart |
| 10 Jill Glessner | 22 I. Richard Adams |
| Daniel Woy, Jr. | 23 Robert D. Christner |
| 11 Shelby Bailey | John Harvey |
| Broderick Greig | 24 Julia Matheny |
| Charles Mitchell III | 25 Robert Holt, Sr. |
| 12 Sara Gibbs | 26 Robert P. Harrold |
| 13 H. Joyce Barrett-Jones | 27 Anthony Sanner |
| Donna Jacobson | 28 Jean Otto |
| 14 Judy Trent | 30 Kenneth Walker |
| 16 Goldie Beals | Robert Weimer |
| 18 Billye Kyle | 31 Nicholas Anderson |
| Douglas Shaffer | Ty Trent |
| Ryan Spangler | |
| 19 Jaxson Pizer | |



Order Form for Easter Lilies 2017



In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Presented by _____

Cost of each plant is \$10.00

They will grace our Chancel at Easter.

_____ Number of Plants at \$10.00 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 10*

Remember Our Shut-Ins:

Give to Homebound
 yes no

I Will Pick Up My Plant
 yes no



2017 SPECIAL EASTER GIFTS

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

___ *Trinity Lutheran Child Care*
Scholarship Fund



Amount \$___ Envelope #___

Please make checks payable to:
Trinity Lutheran Church
918 Tayman Avenue
Somerset, PA 15501

Deadline: Monday, April 10

In Memory of _____

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Presented by _____

CONGRATULATIONS!

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

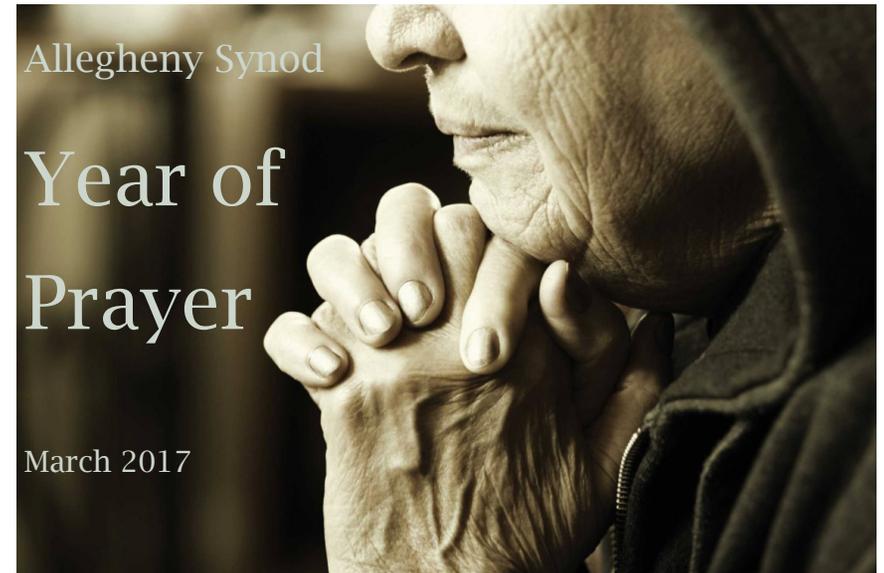
- Virginia Hoover—April 4
- James Knepper, Sr.—April 6
- Mona Herrell—April 7
- D. Jean Sandusky—April 19
- Geraldine Walker—April 21
- Ralph Friedhofer—April 23
- Shirley Wilson—April 23
- Beverly Benford—April 25
- Kenneth Saylor—April 25
- Dorothy Stahl—April 29

- I. Frederick Brubaker—May 7
- Goldie Beals—May 16
- Billye Kyle—May 18
- Jack Hess—May 21
- William Kuhlman—May 21
- I. Richard Adams—May 22
- Robert Holt, Sr.—May 25
- Jean Otto—May 28

DRIVERS LIST 2017

<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) 814-243-4102
May	Robert Thomas	(c) 814-243-4102
June	Fred Morocco	445-4633
July	Becky Minnich	445-7660
August	Chad Mosholder	443-9757
September	Jim Baker	442-7666
October	John Barndt	443-4086
November	William Kuhlman	445-2132
December	John/Becky Minnich	445-7660

Above is the list of drivers for Sunday Services for 2017. 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.



The Allegheny Synod Year of Prayer is a year-long effort to engage our members in prayer for others and for the world.

This month we pray for Rostered Leaders of the Allegheny Synod

Week 1: Pastors and Deacons

Pray for our pastors and deacons serving congregations of this Synod.

Week 2: For courage

Pray for courage for our leaders as they minister in difficult situations.

Week 3: For Sabbath rest

Pray that our leaders would find Sabbath rest in this busy time of year.

Week 4: For those preparing for rostered ministry

Pray for those discerning God's call and for our seminarians.

GETTYSBURG SEMINARY

2017 SPRING ACADEMY AT GETTYSBURG SEMINARY is scheduled for **Monday-Friday, April 24-28, 2017** covering the topic: **Re-formation Is Local**. The year of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation calls for a new examination of the church's mission and task in the world. Twelve presenters are scheduled, and they will call us to see and feel what needs to be done where we live. Special opportunities to learn about the nuts and bolts of United Lutheran Seminary will also be provided. For a registration form to register for meals and programs by **Thursday, April 13**, stop in at Trinity's Office weekdays.

2017 SUMMER LAY SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY AT GETTYSBURG SEMINARY is *Congregational Renewal for Lay People*. Dates: **Sunday, July 23** beginning at 4:30 p.m. **through Saturday, July 29** ending at 12:30 p.m. ELCA Deacon *Marsha Roscoe*, Lower Susquehanna Synod Center for Faith Formation & Resource Ministries Director, is the presenter. She has worked in all areas of faith formation for more than 18 years. She desires to help others grow in faith and discipleship. A full schedule will be available at www.Ltsg.edu/academics/lifelong-learning/lay-school by Saturday, April 1. Scholarships are available. Please stop in at Trinity's Office for a registration form.



Early Bird Registration is due by Thursday, May 25.

2017 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Seder Meal (Saturday, April 8)
5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall



Palm/Passion Sunday (April 9)
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 10-12)
Early morning Eucharist in the Chapel 7:00 a.m.
Monday through Wednesday



Maundy Thursday (April 13)
7:00 p.m. in the Nave
With the Sacrament of Holy Communion

Good Friday (April 14)
7:00 p.m. in the Nave
Passion Reading from Matthew



Vigil of Easter - (Saturday, April 15)
7:00 p.m. in the Nave
We will celebrate Baptism and the
Sacrament of Holy Communion



Easter Sunday (April 16)
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!**