

Trinity Highlights

April 2010

“Make Jesus
Known”

Trinity Lutheran Evangelical Church ♦ Jeromesville, Ohio

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Sunday Worship: 10:30 am Christian Ed. 9:15 am

The Three Trees

There is a wonderful folk story about three trees growing together on a hill. The three little trees had great aspirations of what they would be when they grew up. One dreamed of being a beautiful treasure chest, holding amazing riches. The second dreamed of being a powerful ship fit for kings and dignataries. The last tree wanted to be the tallest tree in the forest, a symbol of God's beauty and power for all who saw it. When woodcutters came and cut down all three trees, the third tree's hopes were dashed. The other two trees were excited about their futures. But alas, the first tree was used on a lowly farm, made into a feeding trough. The second tree was made into a ship, but not a mighty one. It became a simple fishing boat. The third tree was cut into lumber and laid in a lumberyard forgotten. All three trees had no hope for their futures. Can you guess how the story ends?

The first tree, now a manger, realized one starry night that the baby it held was a great treasure, surpassing any other it had dreamed of holding. Years later, the second tree, now a fishing boat, realized one stormy evening on the lake, that the traveler it carried who could command the very wind to stop, was a king greater than any it had imagined would step onto its decks.

Soon after the third tree was made into a cross and used to execute a man. It suffered along with the man as the nails were pounded through both of their bodies. It felt ugly and horrified and far from the beauty and grandeur it had once dreamed of. But with the resurrection, the third tree realized it had become the greatest symbol of God's love, power and mystery that had ever been conceived.

The dreams of the young trees seemed so big to them, but these dreams were limited by their view of the world: a view that started with them and reached out as far as they could imagine. It's the same point of view we all have. It's the same point of view held by the people of Jesus' time. What the people expected in a Messiah was a mighty king, a conquerer. They sought a more earthly kind of deliverance and salvation -- this is what they could understand and it seemed like a big dream. They lined the streets to welcome Jesus into Jerusalem, thinking he was the one, preparing for their deliverance from Roman oppression. When Jesus was captured without so much as a small skirmish, their hopes were dashed. They felt betrayed. It is no surprise that they lashed out cruelly at the man they'd invested so much hope in. But God had something bigger in mind than one more in a long line of warriors. Who could have known or guessed the ending of this story as it happened?

The hope we have in God is a hope to remember even in the darkest of times -- especially in the darkest of times. God's plans for us are often beyond our imagination or understanding. We make our choices in life and try to live by our own plan. But who knows how our stories will end? Who knows in what ways God will use us or is using us right now? If we could change the center of our point of view from ourselves to God, what could we see?

- Cassy Brown



Trinity Prayer Concerns

Our Shut-ins
 Virginia Eagle
 Bertha Eagle
 Yvonne Dickoff
 Naomi Lachica
 Peg Field
 Ken Allenbaugh
 Pete & Eleanor Smith

Our Students
 Nathan Atterholt Kim Ringler
 Kevin Bicker Dani Slarb
 Jamie Bickel Megan Smith
 Erin Ebert Ben Tucker
 Tyler McFarlin
 Loretta Moreland

Prayer Requests for Healing and Help

Carol McMullen Shelley Moorhead
 Christopher Kent & family
 Robert Pidgeon Rev. John Furno
 The Roscoes Russell Mong
 Donald Manley Tom Ambrose
 Gabriell DeCaris Teresa King
 Mary Ann Dingus Pauline Triesler
 Rev. Richard Shibley Glenna Ulseth
 Barb Rice Roger Boles
 Mary Bishop (Jan Russell's sister)
 Mary McGound (Yvonne Dickoff's sister)
 Joanne Wagner (Howard Russell's sister)
 Shevon Kaufman (George's granddaughter)
 Bob Barr (Don Barr's father)
 Helen Chapman (Michelle Mong's mother)
 Brady Saffel (friend of Yvonne Dickoff's)
 Jackie Miller (Yvonne Dickoff's niece)
 Molly Manley (Shannon Canfield's sister)
 Mark Piatt (Jenn Bicker's father in law)
 Kelly Bascom (Jamie Bickel's sister)
 Barb Timmons (friend of John & Linda Barr)
 Jamie Cutshaver (friend of Jamie Bickel)
 Carla Shuck (friend of Yvonne)
 Ethel Moreland
 William Jenkins
 (Shannon Canfield's grandfather)
 Sue Pace (friend of Julie Tucker's)

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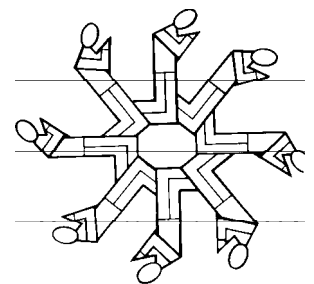
Peggy Kohler (friend of Teresa Ebert)
 Courtney Welch and baby Chase
 Bill Crites (Sue Bicker's uncle)
 Sandy Canfield (Brent Canfield's aunt)
 Audrey (friend of Pastor Rhea's)
 Brady (infant friend of Jamie Bickel's)
 Fonda Crowley and family
 Beth Trossen (Shelley Moorhead's
 second -cousin)
 Emma Rose (infant friend of Susan Brown's)
 Becca Osbun (friend of Doug Smiths)

Our Military Servicemen and women
 Patrick Hazlett (overseas service)
 Billy Patznick
 Warren Ortiz (Deb Kelley's son)
 Keith (friend of Kim Ringler's in Afghanistan)
 Sgt. Tim Morgan (grandson of Roma
 Morgan and grandnephew of Anna
 Austen) - in Iraq

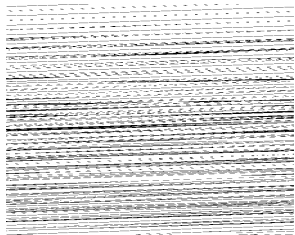
Others who serve
 Pastor Jerry Rhea and family
 our call committee and church council

Use this prayer list throughout the month to help pray for our friends and neighbors in need of God's strength and healing. Updates are placed in the bulletin each week. Please write down any changes and place them in the secretary's box or prayer baskets, or contact the church office.

Italicized names indicate they have been added this month.

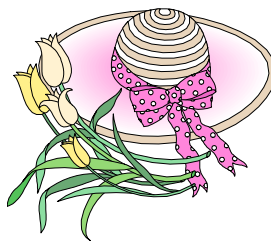


CONGREGATION & COMMUNITY

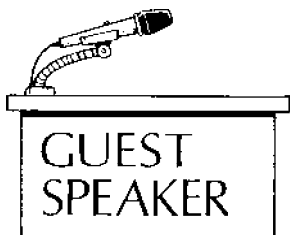


Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday on March 28. Everyone is encouraged to attend Holy Week worship services to prepare for a more joyful and meaningful Easter celebration. Maundy Thursday worship is Thursday April 1 at 7:30. On Good Friday, the local churches are planning a community cross walk which will begin at the Christian Church parking lot at 6 p.m. and end at the United Methodist Church graveyard. Good Friday Tenebrae worship begins at 7:30 pm at Trinity. Sunrise service on Easter morning is at 8 a.m.

All women are invited to attend the Mother-Daughter Banquet on Tuesday, April 20, 6 p.m. at our church basement. We will have a potluck supper. Please bring a dish to share and your own table service. Also bring with you a memory to



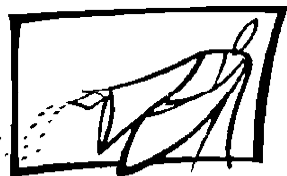
share with the group about your mother, daughter or grandmother.



Northeastern Ohio Synod Bishop Elizabeth A. Eaton will join us for worship on Sunday, April 18. We will have a potluck lunch after worship and Bishop Eaton will field questions and concerns about ELCA issues.

This year's 30-hour famine (March 5-6) raised \$900 for World Vision to help children and families in third world nations. This event also raises awareness of hunger issues with youth. Participants enjoyed hearing about Pete Twitchell's mission trips to Honduras. Thanks to all who donated time, material or money for this event.

Our sympathies to Chris Kent and family on the loss of his grandmother, Arline Briggs. Please keep this family in your prayers.



Rogation Service will be April 11, 2010, at St. Peter Lutheran Church (9451 Ashland Rd., Wooster). The worship begins at 2 p.m. and will be a celebration on creation and blessing for the new growing season. Growers of crops are encouraged to bring seeds to receive a blessing.



The deadline for the May newsletter will be Sunday, April 18. To report news items, prayer requests, events, or address changes call the church office, 419-368-3132 or e-mail cassybr@peoplepc.com.



April 2010 Readings

April 4, 2010

Acts 10:34-43

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

Luke 24:1-12

April 11, 2010

Acts 5:27-32

Psalm 150

Revelation 1:4-8

John 20:19-31

April 18, 2010

Acts 9:1-20

Psalm 30

Revelation 5:11-14

John 21:1-19

April 25, 2010

Acts 9:36-43

Psalm 23

Revelation 7:9-17

John 10:22-30

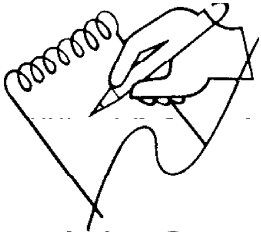
May 2, 2010

Acts 11:1-18

Psalm 148

Revelation 21:1-6

John 13:31-35



Council Notes

March 8, 2010

Present: Shirley Dillon, Shelley Moorhead, Karen Ringler, Julie Tucker, Phil Bicker, Sue Smith, Pastor Rhea.

Julie opened the meeting with devotions.

Council met with Pastor Daley of Mt. Zion Lutheran Church in Lucas before the regular business meeting. Synod had recommended that we discuss his situation with him before starting a call process, in order to determine if a parish situation would work with Mt. Zion. No decision was made. Phil will talk to Lori Miller about the next step.

February Council Minutes, Financial Secretary's Report, and Treasurer's Report were reviewed and approved.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Rhea expressed his appreciation of having time to enjoy our Sunday School class and the Lenten services. He has continued to see our shut-ins once a month and give them communion.

Committee Reports

New committee assignments were made for this year's council. They are as follows:

- Parish Ed – Julie
- Service – Shirley
- Property – Phil and Brent
- Youth – Sue
- Finance – Jeff
- Endowment – Karen
- WELCA – Shelley

Property - Phil reported that the door from the foyer into the narthex needed fixed but it is a door we do not use.

Old Business

Locking the church does not seem to have posed any problems; no council members had heard any complaints. Phil has more keys if there is someone who needs one.

Bishop Eaton is scheduled to be at our church on Sunday, April 18th. Phil will check to see if she will be preaching, and we will plan to have a potluck that day. Sue said she would go ahead and try to schedule speakers from LCMC and CORE for after April 18th.

Phil and Pastor Rhea encouraged council members to listen to the CDs that were passed out at the last council meeting. They are from the CORE meeting in Mansfield.

New Business

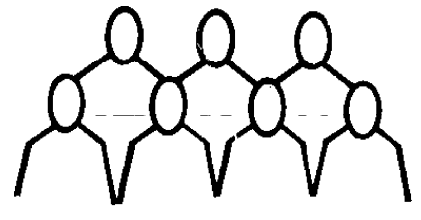
Council agreed that Susan Brown should be compensated for cleaning the church last week.

The next meeting will be at Shelley's house on April 12th, and she will have devotions.

Motion to adjourn by Julie, second by Shelley. M/C

Financial Snapshot

| | February | Year to Date |
|----------|-------------|--------------|
| Income | \$4,309.08 | \$10,709.50 |
| Expenses | \$6,125.57 | \$10,454.15 |
| | -\$1,816.49 | \$255.35 |



Trinity Church Council members 2010

- Phil Bicker, President
- Sue Smith, vice-president
- Cindy Slarb, secretary
- Brent Canfield, Shirley Dillon, Jeff McFarlin, Shelley Moorhead, Karen Ringler, Julie Tucker



Hillsdale CARES Update

Either families in the area are slowly starting to go back to work or tax returns are being received. The Bread Ministry this month is down to 48 families from 60 all winter. Praise God that things seem to be improving!

Our partnership with Pizza Hut in Loudonville began this month, and should provide quite a bit of pizza, breadsticks, cheese sticks, and wings to our families.

CARES is looking at the possibility of providing a community garden this summer. A questionnaire was sent out to the Bread Ministry families to see how much interest there is before proceeding. Watch for further updates.

Mark your calendars for August 6-7; those are the dates for the Lincoln Highway Sales this year, and CARES will be sponsoring a huge rummage sale at one of the schools. More information later, but start saving your cast-offs, especially good used clothing for kids.

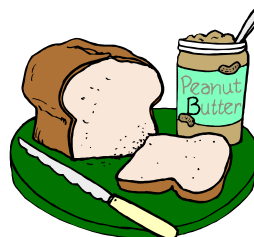
There has been some discussion about changing the format of the Christmas Concert at the High School this year. Maybe a cantata or a play? Voice your opinion to Chuck, Sue, or Jan, or just leave a message in the CARES mailbox.

Updated pamphlets for CARES will soon be available in the narthex. Feel free to take a copy or give one to someone who could use some help.

We served 42 meals at our community dinner this month! The nice weather must have helped. We had a couple new people so word is still getting around. Feel free to join us for the food or the fellowship or both. We always have a donation box for those who wish to pay for their meal but there's no obligation! We'll be having spaghetti and ice cream sundaes in April. Don't forget the meal at the Methodist Church on the 4th Thursday!

Items needed

- * Car for the Nichols family who lost everything in a fire a couple months ago. Does not need to be running – Dad is very mechanical!
- * We also continue to need paper grocery bags and zipper gallon-size plastic bags.
- * Food collection this month: Peanut butter, jelly and jam.



In the Mail



To the members of Trinity Lutheran Church:

I would like to thank you so much for the Valentines Day box you sent to me. It was a thoughtful act of kindness and was greatly appreciated. You are a special group of church friends. God bless you all. Thanks again
Claire Kaufman

Dear church family,
Thank you so much for the Valentine's Day box. It's so wonderful! It means so much to me that you all care enough to make me one. I appreciate and love you all!
Dani Slarb

Thank you for your gift of \$407.58 to ELCA Disaster Response, designated for relief and recovery work in Haiti following the devastating earthquake. The facilities of the Lutheran World Federation in Haiti were not harmed by the quake and the team there was able to launch an immediate response. Your gift provides food, clean water, medical care, and emergency supplies to people affected by this disaster. Please continue to hold our sisters and brothers in Haiti in your prayers. Thank you for your generous gift of help and hope.
In Christ's service,
Rev. Daniel Rift, Director
ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Appeal

The church also received thank yous from Lutheran Social Services of Northern Ohio and from ELCA World Hunger.



Relay for Life Update

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!
Thank you to everyone who has donated money so far; we have raised around \$1500 for the American Cancer Society as of mid-

March. Below you will find information about the future plans for our team. We would love for you to join us in any or all events that you are able! If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Jackson @ 419-685-1103.

Saturday, April 3:

Bake Sale at Home Hardware in Ashland from 9 a.m. – Noon

*Please have baked goods to the church by 8 am on Saturday.

Tuesday, April 13:

Three in One team planning meeting at Trinity @ 7 p.m.

*Anyone interested in helping is welcome!

Saturday, April 17:

Crazy Supper at Stone Lutheran Church @ 6:00 p.m.

*The cost is a donation to the American Cancer Society.

* Please sign up by April 11 if you plan to attend.

Tuesday, May 4:

Election Day Bake Sale at Stone Lutheran

* Have baked goods to Stone by 7 p.m. on May 3.

Saturday, May 8:

Making of Mother's Day corsages at St. Michael's @ 9 a.m.

* Flowers will be delivered at church on Sunday, May 9.

Sunday, May 9:

Last day to order Three in One team t-shirts (\$10)

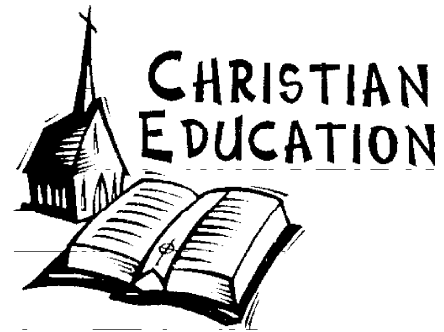
*Sign up to order on the form in the back of the church.

June 4-5 ~ 4 p.m. – 10 a.m.:

Ashland Relay for Life Event

* Save this date to come support our team by cheering, walking, or working at our lemonade stand.

**Please be sure to check out the Relay for Life table in the back of the church for luminary and survivor forms as well as sign-up sheets and additional event information.



Adult Bible Studies

Thursday evening Bible Study group will meet April 8 at our church at 7 p.m. Location to be announced for the April 22 study. Thank you again to all who have hosted Bible studies this year!

Sunday School News and Events

Everyone is invited to attend potluck breakfast on Easter Sunday morning, following Sunrise Service. We have a fun and meaningful game planned, as well as our annual Easter egg hunt.

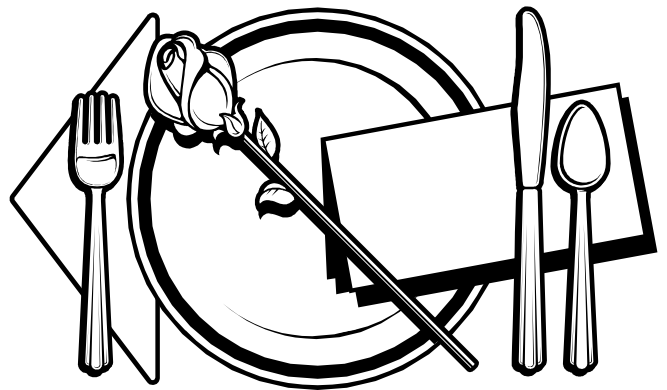
G.R.I.P. Afterschool

Focal points for this month in GRIP have been how Jesus sought out the lost. Stories have included The Prodigal Son and Zaccheus. The last two weeks before spring break, we've spent discussing events leading up to the crucifixion. Participation has been great!

We will spend April discussing events between Jesus' resurrection and ascension, and then get into the book of Acts a bit since it's really a continuation of Luke. I am hoping to have another outdoor hike or similar event once the weather settles comfortably into spring.

- Cassy

The Folded Napkin



Editor's Note: What follows is one of the best religious e-mails that I have received. I don't know who wrote this, but it's a nice piece; and proof that no matter how many times we read the gospel stories, there's always something new to discover. Enjoy, even if you've read it before:

The Gospel of John (20:7) tells us that the napkin, which was placed over the face of Jesus, was not just thrown aside like the grave clothes. The Bible takes an entire verse to tell us that the napkin was neatly folded, and was placed at the head of that stony coffin.

Early Sunday morning, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. She ran and found Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved. She said, 'They have taken the Lord's body out of the tomb, and I don't know where they have put him!'

Peter and the other disciple ran to the tomb to see. The other disciple outran Peter and got there first. He stopped and looked in and saw the linen cloth lying there, but he didn't go in. Then Simon Peter arrived and went inside. He also noticed the linen wrappings lying there, while the cloth that had covered Jesus' head was folded up and lying to the side.

Was that important? Absolutely!
Is it really significant? Yes!

In order to understand the significance of the folded napkin, you have to understand a little bit about Hebrew tradition of that day. The folded napkin had to do with the Master and Servant, and every Jewish boy knew this tradition. When the servant set the dinner table for the master, he made sure that it was exactly the way the master wanted it. The table was furnished perfectly, and then the servant would wait, just out of sight, until the master had finished eating, and the servant would not dare touch that table, until the master was finished.

Now if the master was done eating, he would rise from the table, wipe his fingers, his mouth, and clean his beard, and would wad up that napkin and toss it onto the table. The servant would then know to clear the table. For in those days, the wadded napkin meant, "I'm finished."

But if the master got up from the table, and folded his napkin, and laid it beside his plate, the servant would not dare touch the table, because.....

the folded napkin meant,

"I'm coming back."



Holy Week and Easter Events for 2010

Maundy Thursday (April 1) worship

7:30 p.m. We remember the Last Supper and our Lord's final commandment. Worship includes Holy Communion and the dramatic stripping of the altar.

Good Friday (April 2) community cross walk

6:00 p.m. Meet at the Christian church parking lot for an active, hands-on review of the crucifixion. Dress for the weather; this is a walking, outdoors event. (weather permitting)

Good Friday (April 2) worship

7:30 p.m. Review the power of Christ's seven last words in this moving Tennebrae service of darkness.

Easter Sunday (April 4) Events

8:00 a.m. Sunrise Service, Jeromesville Cemetery. We begin our celebration of Jesus' triumph over the grave in the graveyard. Worshippers are welcome to bring flowers to place on the graves of loved ones.

8:30 a.m. Potluck Breakfast and Sunday School Activities.

10:30 a.m. Worship

See Inside for more details...

Mother Daughter Banquet April 20.

Bishop Eaton's visit April 18.

Relay for Life upcoming events:
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* Crazy supper April 17