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Pastor's Corner

When I first began writing this column for this month's Pastor's Corner, I was overwhelmed with *all* the things. Packing, moving, goodbyes, three young children, and more, had my head spinning. I sat down in utter exhaustion and asked God just what I could possibly say to the good people of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church. Eventually, I closed my laptop with its blank screen, defeated.

Today, I am surrounded by wall-to-wall boxes. We have been generously fed and supported by so many wonderful people in our new community of faith, some carrying or unpacking boxes, others entertaining our children... the list goes on and on. I am utterly overwhelmed but in a much different way.

I'm overwhelmed with the reminders of resurrection and new life around every corner. From my empty page and exhaustion, God breathed joy and hope into our chaos. I don't presume to know what may have you feeling overwhelmed these days—grief or busyness, the demands of business and family, aging parents or perhaps it's *all* the things! I hope you are able to step back and see the hope and love of the community surrounding you. I pray, you too, can recognize the pattern of resurrection in your life.

Pastor Jason and I are so excited to join you this Easter at Trinity. I hope you will join us through the many offerings for worship through Holy Week and Easter weekend. I pray you'll consider inviting a friend who could use a word of resurrection hope in their life, too.

Peace,

Pastor Jess

Updates from the March 21, 2023 Council Meeting

- Treasurer's Report
 - While giving is on the increase, there is still a large dependence on the endowments.
 - The year end Endowment Report was given.
- Ministry Report
 - Digital Ministry-The new website will be going live very soon. All Lenten and Easter services will be livestreamed.
- Approval of Jason Sheppard to serve a three year term on the Audit Committee.
- Both the Procedure Committee and the Safe and Secure: A Ministry Approach Committee are currently Ad Hoc Committee and will work in conjunction with the Property Committee.
- Postcards will be mailed out to the congregation to "Come and See" the next chapter in the life of Trinity with the arrival of the Pastors Felici.
- LaBlast exercise class will be asked to complete a Facility Request form and provide proof of insurance to the Council.
- A motion to accept a grant check for Sisters in Christ (\$1500) from the Synod by Trinity was passed. It was recommended that the Finance Committee determine how to process the check.
- A motion from the Finance Committee to renew our \$20,000 Mission Bond for 3 years at the fixed rate of 3.46% was passed.
- A motion from the Special Gifts Committee to approve \$500 from the Yost Family Memorial Fund for a monetary gift to Pastor Clement from the congregation.



February Treasurer's Report

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Total Income	\$47,020.31	\$38,907.00	\$8,113.31
Total Expenses	\$46,193.56	\$54,115.00	(\$7,921.44)



ELCA World Hunger

Offerings collected each week go a long way to bring hope to many in need. Thank you!

ELCA World Hunger Offerings YTD: 2,231.00

Mother Hubbard's Cupboard

*(located in the front narthex or drop off in the office). In April we will be collecting **Kleenex** for the Greater Latrobe Food Pantry.*

Lenten Worship

Holy Week Worship

Palm Sunday Service

Saturday, April 1st 5:30pm

Sunday, April 2nd 8:15am & 10:45am

Holy Wednesday

Wednesday, April 5th

7:00pm-Service of Confession and Forgiveness

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 6th

7:00 pm-Service of Holy Communion

First Holy Communion

Good Friday

Friday, April 7th

12:00pm-3:00pm-The Seven Last Words Service

7:00pm Tenebrae

Vigil of Easter

Easterfest following worship

Saturday, April 8th 7:30pm

Easter Sunday Celebration

Sunday, April 9th 8:15am & 10:45am

9:30 **Sunday School**

Drive-Thru Communion Sundays

During Lent & Easter

April 2nd & April 23rd

12:15pm



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Shepherd Shop

The Shepherd Shop is in need of tall kitchen bags. Anyone interested in donating some, it would be greatly appreciated.



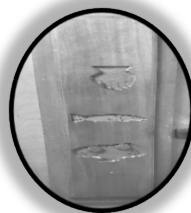
Baptism

Theodore James Nicely—3/12/2023

Trinity Art Tour

This month we will take a tour of the office and educational wing to view the artistic skills of George Fagan. He was an industrial design teacher at Greater Latrobe School District for 32 years and he and his family are long time Trinity members.

As you walk down the hallway from the small Narthex you will see a beautifully designed wooden panel on the door of the pastor's office. George crafted it to replace a glass panel broken in a break-in several years ago.



In the next hallway, honoring our military, he made a frame for the flag from "Iraqi Freedom". On our Wall of Honor, in the library/café, is an intricate copper-tooled plaque with a cross design, created by George. He also made all the frames that hold the Confirmation pictures in the hallway.

In Fellowship Hall, the lectern was designed and crafted by George. He also erected many bulletin boards throughout the church, repaired and framed the church charter.

We thank him for the time and skills used to enhance the beauty of Trinity.

Trinity Art Committee

Car Hop

Come join us at our 2nd annual Car Hop meeting on April 2nd at 12:00pm. We will be meeting in the

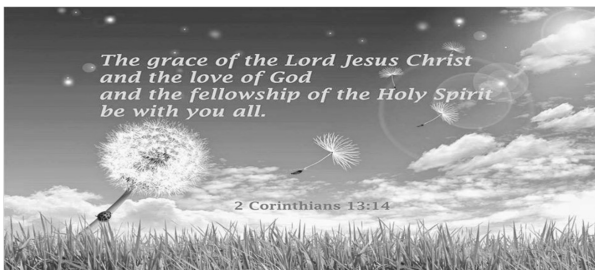




Heartfelt Thank You from Pastor Clement

I wish to thank everyone for their expressions of support and love. It has been my privilege to be with you these past 6+ years. Love and support to Pastors Felici and that will make me most happy.

Love & Peace
Pastor Clement



Trinity Gardening

'Trinity Beautiful' has been truly happening in our landscaping this past year. The Reiner Garten is continually being updated. There are now new dogwood trees that were planted by the drive through in Honor of Bishop Emeritus McCoid. The front of the church has all new shrubs and ground cover exposing the cornerstones again and there is a new Pandemic Memorial Garden near the Parish House entrance. There will also soon be more names added to the Trinity's Military Honor Roll.

We thank those who have helped in past year and look forward to having some new people volunteer this year to help plant, water, and weed. If you have suggestions on what you would like to see done that would be greatly appreciated also. Please consider helping as you can this year. You do not have to have a 'green thumb' to help. This could be a great project for families to help with. Please contact Karen Mowry at 724-516-8219 or karencmowry@hotmail.com for more information or to answer questions. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board across from the lounge.

Friends,

Thank you so much for your love, prayers and kind gifts. Walking the walk these last 7 months were easier with my faith family. Please continue to pray as we still don't have any answers yet.

In Christ,
Grace, Emily and Lynette Patterson

Thank you to my Trinity Family!

I want to thank you for the many kind words, cards, thoughts, and prayers that were offered when my dear mother passed. You all have helped to make a very difficult time bearable. Your love and support will always be cherished by me. Many, many thanks to you, my Trinity family!

Kathy Ferlin

GARDEN FLOWER MEMORIAL GIFT

We invite you to make a memorial contribution toward the purchase of flowers and plants for the Reiner Garten and courtyard beds.

Name: _____

Amount: _____

In Memory Of: _____

In Honor Of: _____

*Please return this form to the church office
with your donation. Thank you.*

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IMPORTANT HOSPITALITY UPDATE
Jesus calls us all to 'Serve!' Jesus us calls us to 'Welcome'

The number of ushers serving has declined during the Covid and Post-Covid era. There is an urgent and critical need for Ushers. A huge thank you to those who will serve as Training Ushers to oversee each worship service: Saturday, Linda McDowell and Donna Showalter; Sunday 8:15, Sandy Kisick and Herb Harris; Sunday 10:45, Matt and Kelly Clever. PLEASE consider serving in this ministry. Just contact the Trainers at *your* service to answer the call and say, "Yes, I will serve!" Remember: The greater the number of hands that serve, the lesser the frequency of serving.

CareNotes

CareNotes offer inspirational booklets on a variety of topics to help individuals heal mind, body and spirit.

CareNotes are available for grief and loss, spiritual care, personal healing and growth, end of life, aging, and depression as well as holiday care notes, and prayer notes.

There are also ***CareNotes for kids and teens*** as well as for their parents.

CareNotes display racks are in the Lounge, Front Narthex (on the side wall rack), and available in Fellowship Hall.

Take one – and take heart. Give one – and give hope.

Happy Easter

April 2023

But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. – Acts 2:24

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
HEAD START WILL MEET AT 8:00AM MONDAY THRU FRIDAY UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED						1 9:15 Fellowship Mtg 1:00-3:00 Easter Egg Hunt Legion Keener
2 8:15 Holy Communion 9:30 Sunday School (Easter Pageant) 10:45 Holy Communion/ Palms 12:00 Car Hop Mtg 12:15 Drive-Thru Communion	3 1:00 Grief Group	4 9:15 Prayer Group 10:00 Shepherd Shop 10:00 Bible Basic 11:00 Pericope 6:00 LaBlast 6:30 Executive Mtg 7:00 Handbells	5 9:00 WELCA Quilters 12:00 AA Mtg 7:00 Service of Confession/ Forgiveness 7:15 Choir	6 1:00 Purls of Prayer 3:45 Club FRED 5:30-6:30 Shepherd Shop 7:00 Maundy Thursday (1st Communion) 7:30 AA Mtg	7 10:00 Kids Worship 12:00 AA Mtg 12:00-3:00 Seven Last Words 10-2 Day Camp 7:00 Tenebrae Service	8 7:30 Easter Vigil Easterfest Following worship
9 8:15 Holy Communion 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Holy Communion	10 1:00 Grief Group	11 9:15 Prayer Group 10:00 Shepherd Shop 10:00 Bible Basic 11:00 Pericope 6:00 LaBlast 6:00 Finance Mtg.	12 9:00 WELCA Quilters 11:00 NCR 12:00 AA Mtg 5:30 Outreach Mtg 6:30 Line Dancing	13 1:00 Purl of Prayers 3:45 Club FRED 5:30-6:30 Shepherd Shop 7:30 AA Mtg	14 12:00 AA Mtg	15 5:30 Spoken Communion
16 8:15 Holy Communion 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Holy Communion	17 10:00-12:00 Social Chit Chat 1:00 Grief Group 2:15 Loyalhanna Church Svc	18 9:15 Prayer Group 10:00 Shepherd Shop 10:00 Bible Basic 11:00 Pericope 6:00 LaBlast 6:30 Council Mtg.	19 9:00 WELCA Quilters 12:00 AA Mtg 6:30 Line Dancing 7:15 Choir	20 1:00 Purl of Prayers 3:45 Club FRED 5:30-6:30 Shepherd Shop 7:30 AA Mtg	21 12:00 AA Mtg 1:30 Esther Circle	22 5:30 Spoken Communion
23 8:15 Holy Communion 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Holy Communion 12:15 Drive Thru Communion	24 1:00 Grief Group	25 9:15 Prayer Group 10:00 Shepherd Shop 10:00 Bible Basic 11:00 Pericope 6:00 LaBlast 7:00 Handbells 7:00 Miriam Circle	26 9:00 WELCA Quilters 12:00 AA Mtg 6:30 Line Dancing 7:15 Choir	27 1:00 Purl of Prayers 3:45 Club FRED 5:30-6:30 Shepherd Shop 5:30 Worship & Music Com. 7:30 AA Mtg	28 12:00 AA Mtg	29 9:00-12:00 Sisters In Christ 5:30 Spoken Communion
30 8:15 Holy Communion 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Safety Mtg 10:45 Holy Communion						