

The Trinity Trumpet

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Upcoming Events

Monday, May 14

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM - TCNSK
7:00 PM - Women's Group Meeting

Tuesday, May 15

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM - TCNSK
7:00 PM - Executive Council Meeting
7:30 PM - **PEAL** Rehearsal - *New Sanctuary*

Wednesday, May 16

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM - TCNSK
12:00 PM - ROMEO's Lunch
7:30 PM - **SALT Rehearsal** - *New Sanctuary*

Thursday, May 17

Pastor Peterman's Last Day on Campus
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM - TCNSK
6:30 PM - Property Committee
7:30 PM - **CAPPELLA** Rehearsal - *New Sanctuary*

Friday, May 18

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM - TCNSK
4:45 PM—**RSCM** Rehearsal - *New Sanctuary*

Saturday, May 19

10 AM - Tech Crew Training

Sunday, May 20 - Pentecost Sunday

Guest Presider, Pastor John Bhajjan & Guest Preacher Christian Hicks
10:00 AM - Trinity United Eucharist
11:15 AM - Spring Congregational Meeting
12:30 PM - Garden Committee Meeting
12:30 PM - Tech Crew Training

Important Dates at Trinity

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Your
Calendar

Sunday, May 13th - Pastor Peterman's Last Sunday
Thursday, May 17th - Pastor Peterman's Last Day
Sunday, May 20th - Pentecost: 1 Service at 10:00 am &
Congregational Meeting Immediately Following
Thursday, May 31st - Installation of Pastor Skyle at 7 pm
Friday, June 1st - Pastor Skyle's Start Date
Sunday, June 3rd - Pastor Skyle's First Sunday

Coffee Hour Help Needed

If you can help to set up coffee hour before the 9 am worship service or help with cleaning up after 11:15 service please let Marilou Doughty know at mdoughty@montcopa.org We are in need of some extra helping hands....it's an easy way to serve and to keep the welcoming atmosphere for new people (and our new Pastor) going all Sunday morning!!

Trinity's Clergy:

The Reverend Janet Peterman, Interim Pastor
pastorpeterman@trinityfairview.com

Pastor Patricia Davenport Elected Bishop



Pastor Peterman, Craig Moyer, Marilou Doughty & Reese O'Brien were voting members of this year's assembly from Trinity.

Bishop-elect Davenport, 63, currently serves as the Director for Evangelical Mission/Assistant to the Bishop, and is a member of the Spirit and Truth Worship Center in Yeadon. She also has served as a Pastor/Mission Developer for the Spirit and Truth Worship Center and as Acting Bishop for three months. She earned a degree from the Community College of Philadelphia and a M.Div. from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, in addition to three other educational certificates.

Pastor Davenport has been active with various Synod and community groups, including her current positions as co-chair of the Guiding Coalition, Churchwide, and as a member of the Congregational Vitality Team. She attributes her success in her various endeavors to her open mind and spirit to learn as well as lead and gift to speak truth to power in situations of injustice.

She believes the Synod's cross-generation of gifted lay leaders and rostered ministers highlights its ethnic and cultural diversity and is one of its greatest strengths. This gift will allow the Synod to reach beyond its borders, sharing God's story, and combatting the challenges of lack of physical, human and financial resources—decline in attendance, dwindling resources and lack of outreach.

Her favorite Jesus story is that of Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well. He went out of his way to reveal the truth of who she is, and this story reminds her of her own life experience.

Thank You!

"In all things, give thanks..." - 1 Thessalonians 5:18

*Thank you to EVERYONE who supported the Youth Group's Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser. Whether you attended the event or provided a donation, **you** were instrumental in allowing the youth to raise the necessary funds towards the ELCA Gathering in Houston this summer. Through your generosity, we raised **\$2383**, which surpassed our goal by over \$700. Thank you Trinity family for your continued support of our youth and youth ministry.*

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, May 20th - Pentecost

1 Service at 10 am

Spring Congregational Meeting Immediately Following

Agenda:

- Nominating Committee Election, fill 3 seats (Outgoing council members on committee-Meg Smith, Susan Chambers and Rick Cole)

Lorena Carlson

Janet Fontaine

Dennis Hannifan

Sid Harris

Beth Keenan

Liz Kemner

Jeff Shadle

Tom Smith

Sharon Wilson

- Introduction of Task Forces as Trinity Moves Ahead
- Introduction of Constitution and By-Laws Review/Revision
- Financial Update
- Ministry Leadership/Team Development

2018 Schedule of Trinity United Sundays - One Service at 10 am

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| May 20 | Pentecost Sunday | Spring Congregational Meeting |
| September 30 | | Fall Congregational Meeting |
| October 28 | Reformation Sunday | Octoberfest...Congregation Gathering |
| November 25 | Christ the King | Ribboning of RSCM Choristers |
| December 16 | Advent III | Christmas Pageant |
| December 30 | Carols with Organ | |

OUTTA HERE!

Nina Wason, Christian Education Director

True confession: I spend an inordinate amount of time watching baseball on TV. Sometimes I just watch without much volume because, honestly, most of the announcers/commentators are not that great. I listened to Vin Scully for too many years and so I was spoiled. But it is fun that each play-by-play guy (and gal!) has his/her own way of calling the home run. Here are a few favorites:

Holy Cow! – Phil Rizzuto (Yankees)

It could be, it might be., it is...A HOME RUN! – Harry Caray (Cubs)

That ball is going and it ain't coming back - Jeff Kingery (Rockies)

Watch that baby....OUTTA HERE – Harry Kalas (Phillies)

Forget it! – Vin Scully (Dodgers)

They usually show movies on a flight like that - Ken Coleman (Red Sox)

Jesus did not have a home run call. You knew that already. But he did have a way of marking events with words that stayed with people. [This Sunday](#) we hear him praying for his close friends on that last night, at that final supper together. In this prayer we get completely immersed in the relationship of Father-Son-Us. In the first five sentences alone, personal pronouns (I, you, they, me, your, them, yours) come up 26 times. For example: *I shared the teachings that you placed within me, and they have come to believe that it was yours, that you sent me, that I am truly from you.* On and on it goes like that through the rest of the chapter. We are intricately woven together – Jesus, the Father, the followers – flowing in, through, around and with one another.

Jesus winds the prayer up with another one of his signature expressions involving “as....so” “*As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.*” It’s a simple but loaded statement (How *did* the Father send him? How are *we* to be little Christs to the world?), but is essentially Jesus’ way of calling the walk-off homer:

They are OUTTA HERE!

(I wonder if they make movies about lives like that?)

A Point of Clarification...

At the recent Meet and Greet and Congregational Call Meeting for our new pastor, Pastor Skyle, a question arose regarding Trinity's position, and Pastor Skyle's position, on gay marriage. Church Council wanted to clarify Trinity's position and remind congregation members of the vote that occurred in October 2017 at a congregational meeting. There were two questions, one on the question of allowing gay marriage in the sanctuary at Trinity and the other about Trinity's willingness to accept candidates for Pastor who are openly gay or lesbian and openly in a committed relationship. How the congregation answered these questions would determine what kind of pastoral candidates would be included in the pool of candidates on Trinity's slate of candidates.

As part of the transition process, the congregation had the opportunity to participate in two Bible studies led by Pastor Peterman to learn about how people on both sides of this divisive issue appeal to scripture to explain their positions. Participants were given the opportunity to hear Biblical theological positions on both sides as they are expressed within the Lutheran Church (and other churches). They were assisted in their listening to each other by a process called a Dialogue Circle in which each person was given the same amount of time to speak who wanted to react to the teachings about each position. Dialogue Circles are designed to enhance participants' listening to each other in conversations that can be difficult, where people hold vastly different perspectives from each other.

Materials were also made available to congregational members who preferred to read them privately, and a few responded to the teachings in writing, rather than in the public forum setting.

51 people participated in the studies and a dozen more took materials. Participants granted permission for notes to be taken from what they shared; many also wrote reflections based on their perceptions of the teachings. Council then reviewed all the notes and reflections.

Following this thoughtful and prayerful approach to the topic, the 2 questions named above were brought to the congregation with Council recommendations for a vote.

Question 1: Should the congregation allow marriages of committed gay and lesbian couples to take place in the sanctuary of the church? Recommendation of the Council: Yes. Vote of the Congregation: 77-9 with 3 abstentions.

Question 2: Should the congregation be open to receiving gay or lesbian candidates in the candidate pool, if the skills and abilities of such a pastor match what Trinity identifies as what it needs as defined by the transition year of study and by the Ministry Site Profile prepared by the Transition Team and edited and adopted by the Church Council? Recommendation of the Council: Not for the pastoral positions that will be open this season. Vote of the congregation: 37-48 with 4 abstentions. The ballot was clear that a vote no meant the voter wanted the pool to be open to all candidates with no restrictions about whether they happened to be openly gay or lesbian.)

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The questions that were addressed were part of Trinity's church Ministry Site Profile (MSP) submitted to the Synod for all potential candidates to read. It was important that whoever chose to be considered as our new Pastor be aware of both the process and the strong yes vote to allow gay marriage at Trinity of committed partners. Pastor Skyle had that information prior to considering a call at our church. This has now been clarified for her as well since a number of people felt confusion around how the questions were asked that weekend. We also want to clarify for the congregation that this is **Trinity's** position on gay marriage. We are not all of one mind, but this is the position we hold as a congregation, it is our policy position, a part of who Trinity is.

Your Executive Council:

Ann Dungan

Susan Chambers

Mike Martorelli

and Pr Janet S. Peterman

Shoe Collection Fundraiser

Donate your gently worn, and new shoes to: Lucas Travetti's
Methacton Baseball 12U Team

Help the team raise funds for their trip to Cal Ripken Experience in
Aberdeen, MD in July by doing some spring cleaning of your closet!



All sizes and styles are accepted; kid and adult sizes - Athletic, Dress or Sports.

Bag your shoes & place them in the collection box in the narthex. If you can't bring them to church, email or call Kim & we can pick them up.

Collection runs through May 31st.

The collected shoes will be used to support micro-enterprise vendors. Micro-enterprise vendors are small businesses in developing nations. They are typically operated by one person or family and friends.

Any questions, please call Kim at 610-842-5110 or email her at kimtravetti@trinityfairview.com

Thank you for your support of the team!

Lucas & Kim Travetti



Happy Birthday



Amanda Fry May 1
 David Mendenko May 1
 Jeanette Sassi May 1
 Nancy Klein May 2
 Meaghan Emery May 3
 Allie Verna May 3
 Kate Wason May 4
 Dena Bailly May 6
 Brian Bontempo May 7
 Sarah Booz May 8
 Ally Chialastri May 8
 Michael DiPrinzio May 8
 Drew Pugliese May 8
 Bryan Allen May 9
 Ethan Carlson May 9
 Abigail Gemzik May 9
 Carolyn Wason May 9
 Jan Contino May 11
 Elisabeth Kemner May 11
 Hayden Bailly May 12
 Debbie Casey May 12

Kristie McIntyre May 13
 Andre DiPrinzio May 14
 Linda Fulton May 14
 Bryce Allen May 15
 Mike Pugliese May 16
 Emily Chambers May 18
 Jean Hembrick May 18
 Katie Anderson May 19
 Mary Mulligan May 19
 Julia Jablonski May 21
 Lorraine King May 22
 Ron Moorehead May 23
 Tyler Woolsey May 23
 Heddy Martorelli May 24
 Ray McIntyre May 24
 Jeff Castor May 25
 Tara Booz May 28
 Chris Carlson May 29
 Karen Mendenko May 29
 Julianne Mohr May 30
 Caitlyn Nolan May 30

Happy Anniversary



Todd & Kristie McIntyre May 8
 Bob & Mary Heuer May 9
 Bill & Doris Mohr May 10
 Peter & Lynne Schell May 12
 Herb & Catherine White May 17
 Robert & Meredith Booz May 30



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