

Trinity's Trumpet

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Proclaim the Message of the Kingdom

Our scripture lesson for this Sunday from I Timothy 6:11-12, is what I most want to communicate for my last sermon here at Trinity Lutheran Church. St. Paul says nearly the same in II Timothy 4:1-7 as he gives Timothy and all Pastors the solemn charge to "proclaim the message of the kingdom, whether in favorable or unfavorable circumstances." We believers are called to a higher standard than the world and we know that in all events "the grace of Christ is sufficient for us," as Paul writes to the Colossians. Nothing can happen in our own lives which is worse than the horrors that people in other ages have endured for Christ.

During the dark hours of the late summer of 1940, Winston Churchill said to his people, "Let us brace ourselves to our duty and so bear ourselves that if the British Commonwealth and Empire lasts for 1000 years, people will still say, "This was their finest hour," It is human nature to see difficulty and danger as altogether bad. But is often the case that the finest and noblest things come from situations which are so hard and perilous that no one would deliberately want them.

Such was often the experience of the early disciples and the martyrs of the church throughout the centuries. St. Paul's life was packed full of difficulty and hardship. Beaten, stoned, shipwrecked, imprisoned, deserted by friends, persecuted by enemies, bearing always a thorn in the flesh, he was still not broken. These only served to increase the stature of his mind and heart. For through them all he "fought a good fight, kept the faith."

In our scripture for today Paul writes to Timothy – "But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses." Each of us wants to live our lives modeling these ideals for our relationship with God, for eternal life, and for our own deep peace. In the difficult days of our lives we often find it impossible to model these ideals. We need to train ourselves so that we can be Christ-like. We can be the kind of person we want to be.

Paul also charged Timothy in II Timothy 4 – "Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and dead, I charge you, in the name of his appearing and of his kingdom; proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, give encouragement – but do all with patience and with care to instruct. The time is sure to come when people will not accept sound teaching, but their ears will be itching for anything new and they will collect themselves a whole series of teachers according to their own tastes; and then they will shut their ears to the truth and will turn to myths. But you must keep steady all the time; put up with suffering; do the work of preaching the gospel; fulfill the service asked of you." Every pastor has been charged with this message and we all pray that we are faithful to Jesus.

I have preached the Gospel throughout my ministry. People may not always like what the Gospel and the scriptures say, but I have communicated them. St. Paul continues, "I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come for me now is the crown of uprightness which the Lord, the upright judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but all those who longed for his appearing."

I want to emphasize the gift of eternal life and the love of Jesus. As followers of Christ, we hear the words of Mark 16:16 "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved but whoever does not believe will be condemned." I also want to share from my favorite theologian, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, as he wrote about grace in "The Cost of Discipleship." Grace is the incarnation of God. There is cheap grace and costly grace. "Cheap grace is the deadly enemy of our Church." "Cheap grace means the justification of sin without the justification of the sinner... The world goes on in the same old way, and we are still sinners 'even in the best life' as Luther said. Well, then, let the Christian live like the rest of the world, let him model himself on the world's standards... Cheap grace is the kind of forgiveness without requiring repentance, baptism without church discipline, Communion without confession, absolution without personal confession. Cheap grace is grace without discipleship, grace without the cross, grace without Jesus Christ, living and incarnate."

"Costly grace is the treasure hidden in the field... Such grace is costly because it calls us to follow, and it is grace because it calls us to follow Jesus Christ. It is costly because it cost a man his life, and it is grace because it gives a man the only true life. It is costly because it condemns sin, ... it is costly because it cost God the life of His Son... It is grace because God did not reckon his Son too dear a price to pay for our life, but delivered him up for us."

Many people in every age, in every congregation, in every community have chosen to follow Christ regardless of the cost. Bonhoeffer was martyred a day before the Allies liberated his prison camp at the end of WWII. The church was driven underground in Russia during persecutions under the Communist rule. With the destruction of the Berlin wall and subsequent fall of oppressive rule in many of the European countries, Christians renewed their worship and it was discovered that many people had always been faithful to Christ. Let us continue to witness for Jesus and demonstrate His love wherever we are led.

I would like to end on a personal note. Linda and I came here to Trinity 12 years ago with a mission. First, we were to fulfill the pastoral vacancy and to bring healing to this congregation and secondly, we were to lead in the reconstruction and renovation of our facilities. Filling this vacancy brought stability to the church. Our ministry here has included an increase of young families and children in our Sunday School at a time when many families reject the traditional and conservative way of the Lutheran Church. Families and children grew here at Trinity over the past 12 years. Our young people have found success with the Christian Education at Trinity. Our church has produced young adults who have gone on to college and their adult lives with a foundation of Christ who live lives according to God's word. My ministry has mentored youth who became pastors, musicians, nurses, and teachers and more have chosen to serve God in their own way.

On another note, through my ministry the building was brought from antiquity to modernization. The enormous building project was not only completed, but entirely paid for in my time at Trinity. Most never expected the congregation to achieve these goals, but we did accomplish them.

Linda and I have given Trinity our very best over these years. Our entire identity has been ministering here at Trinity. Our daughters were married here; our granddaughters were baptized here. You have touched our lives deeply and we hope we have given as much to you. Our ministry at Trinity is finished. Our prayers are that you will be positive witnesses for Jesus in this community.

For His Will,

Pastor Lindsey



Pillars of the faith

Because Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses, or thoughts, to a church door in Wittenberg, Germany, on October 31, 1517, many Christians remember that day and the major changes, or Reformation, that resulted.

Luther's theses contained three main pillars, which have stood for almost 500 years:

1. ***Sola Scriptura* (Scripture Alone)** – The Bible is the sole authority in matters of faith, life and conduct. “All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness” (2 Timothy 3:16, NRSV).

2. ***Solo Fide* (Faith Alone)** – Christians are justified, or declared righteous, only through believing in Jesus Christ as Savior. Although morality and good works are important, they alone cannot lead to salvation. “A person is justified not by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ” (Galatians 2:16, NRSV).

3. ***Solo Gratia* (Grace Alone)** – Grace is God's unmerited, or underserved, favor. Salvation is a free gift from our gracious God. “For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God – not the result of works, so that no one may boast” (Ephesians 2:8-9, NRSV).



October 31, 2010

Based on the response from our Palm Sunday Cantata, the choir will perform another Cantata of Special Music on Reformation Day. Accordingly, on Sunday October 31 we will hold only one worship service at 10:15. The morning will start at 8:30am with a pancake breakfast, followed by Sunday School at 9:15am. The single worship service will start at 10:15am and will feature a “Cantata” performed by our choir. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us for this day of music and celebration.

In-the-hospital

In the hospital since our last newsletter were: Mark & Beth Deputy, John Siekerman, Nadine Resh, Larry Spahr, Gloria Gruver and Bob Brown.

We ask that you please keep these and all who may be in need, in your prayers.

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+ Christian Symbols +

Lion

A lion represents watchfulness and alertness. It also symbolizes Christ, the Lion of Judah (Revelation 5:4-5). A winged lion is the symbol of St. Mark, whose gospel focuses on Jesus' royalty and resurrection.



Pass it on



Pass on the word of encouragement in an honest compliment

Pass on the look of encouragement in a generous smile

Pass on the touch of encouragement in a hearty handshake

Pass on the kindness of encouragement in a thoughtful deed

And let the encouragement of Christ flow through you.

Shoe Box Ministry

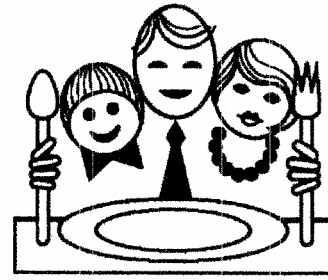
Is your heart broken by the desperate plight of millions of children around the world? Whether they are refugees of civil war, survivors of a natural disaster, or victims of extreme poverty, these little ones need to know that they are precious to God.

That's the motivation behind Operation Christmas Child, the unique project of Samaritan's Purse that enables caring people to share God's love with hurting girls and boys in the far corners of the globe.

Take an ordinary shoe box fill it with toys and other presents, and you have an extraordinary gift for a child in need of joy and hope. Most important of all, these shoe boxes provide wonderful opportunities to tell children and their families about the greatest gift of all – Jesus Christ.

Don't forget that the most important item to pack in your shoe box is *prayer*. Remember to pray especially for the child who will receive your shoe box. Through Operation Christmas Child, you can make a world of difference.

Please pick up a shoe box gift pamphlet at the exits, fill a shoe box using the guide, and return them to the coat rack area near the rear entrance on or before November 7th. These gifts will be distributed to children in desperate situations in over 100 countries. Help give these children joy this Christmas.



The Parish Life Committee is hosting a Public Beef Vegetable Soup Supper with bread, dessert and beverages on Saturday, October 16th from 5-7pm.

A sign-up sheet for donations for the soup supper has been posted on the downstairs bulletin board. Please stop by and support this ministry of Trinity.

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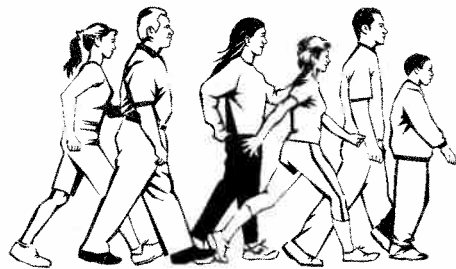
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Just do it

“Fold the arms of your faith and wait in quietness until the light goes up in your darkness. Fold the arms of your faith, I say, but not of your action. Think of something you ought to do, and go do it. Heed not your feelings. Do your work.”

- George MacDonald

CROP WALK



CROP Hunger Walk

CROP (Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty) is a nationwide interfaith mission of Church World Service that provides hunger relief via local food pantries to millions in the USA. Last year \$5,682 was raised by individual and business donations with 10 churches participating. The Abbottstown/East Berlin Food Pantry received \$1,420.50 (25%) of the proceeds. This represents the highest amount since the mid 90's.

Trinity is one of 13 local churches invited to participate having goals of a minimum of 10 walkers from each of the churches on 10.10.10. Last year there 49 walkers with 69 sponsors contributing \$1,000 in that effort. We hope to exceed our participation in this year's walk.

The walk this year will feature redesigned 2 & 5 mile routes to encourage members, their families and friends to help make a difference in the lives of those in need. Consider walking one of the routes by registering at the Zwingli UCC social room on Sunday, October 10 at 1:00pm. Each of us can make a difference. To learn more about this event, speak with Mike & Sherry Brown, Trinity's coordinators for this year's walk.



We want to extend our congratulations to Arthur and Victoria Mason on celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on July 10th of this year. Art & Vickie were married here at Trinity Lutheran Church by the Rev. Harold Stoudt.

Art is retired from Columbia Gas Company and now has his own propane business (Mason's Propane) here in East Berlin.

Vickie is retired from Rite Aid and is a domestic engineer.

They are the proud parents of four daughters and nine grandchildren, one of whom we are sorry to say, that was recently deceased.

Best wishes for many more happy years of wedded bliss!



On October 25th, Bill and Ruthann Bowen will be celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary. They, too, were married here at Trinity Lutheran Church by the Rev. Michael Kincheloe.

Bill is employed by ABF and Ruthann is a bus driver at the Bermudian Springs School District.

Through the years, they were blessed with two sons, Harry and William.

We want to extend our sincere best wishes to Bill and Ruthann for many, many more years of happiness as husband and wife.

Birthdays/Anniversaries

Birthdays:

Oct.	1	Shane Smith
	2	James E. Hoak Bill Bowen Terry Yealy Logan Byers Leslie Deardorff
	4	Rachael Black
	7	Riley Jackson
	11	Beth Deputy Rachael Erdman
	12	Adam Kline
	13	Doris Edris
	17	Rebecca Rinehart Estella Ruth
	18	Vicky Mason
	19	James Ernest Hoak Marsha King Heather Young
	20	Jason Merritt Tim Raubenstine
	21	Pat McSherry
	23	Beth Clauser Brandon Palmer
	24	Barry Mechling
	25	Barry Jacobs Debra King
	27	Judy Burgard
	29	Madison Hoak Sarah Wonderly
	30	Gerald Streck
	31	George Spahr



**Look Who's Having
a Birthday!**

Anniversaries:

Oct.	08	Greg & Julie Myers
	14	Jeff & Kim Erdman
	23	Brad & Michele Boyer
	25	William & Ruthann Bowen

Celebrating Their
ANNIVERSARY



The autumn harvest is a time of thanksgiving and celebration of our good fortune. With a good harvest we can enjoy the fruits of our labors, save for the future and share our bounty with others. Once again, Lutheran Social Services invites you to celebrate the harvest season by sharing your gifts with your friends and neighbors. Although government regulations now prohibit our acceptance of food donations, we continue to be blessed with generous financial donations from caring congregations. Your financial support will help LSS purchase special foods and nutritional supplements that the residents may need. Please look for the Harvest Home envelope in your offering envelope box, or place your gift in an envelope and indicate that your gift is designated for the Harvest Home appeal. Thanks, so very much, for supporting this ministry of Trinity.



Thanks to the WELCA Ladies

A big special "Thank You" to the ladies of WELCA for their \$1,000 donation for the purchase of new technology for Trinity. Plans are to use those funds for the purchase of an LCD projector, a basic laptop computer and a wireless hub for internet access. Over the past year the adult SS class, Social Ministry, Retreat Committee, and other committees/groups have used personal laptops and borrowed projectors for their different functions. We expect to purchase this equipment within the next couple of weeks so we can begin to use it immediately in Sunday School, Council Meetings, Committee Meetings, Youth Group Meetings, etc.



Technology Enhancement

Here we are in the 21st century and like it or not we must upgrade our technology to keep in step with the times. Internet and email are the tools of the present and we need to use and take advantage of these tools as one means of communication. One thing that we will be doing in the new few weeks is upgrading our internet service and remodeling and updating Trinity's website. Jason Ohrum has graciously volunteered his time and expertise to complete the website remodeling. Our new website will feature areas for general information, calendar of events, photo gallery, newsletters, and other pertinent Church related information. We'll keep you informed when this new website is in place. Secondly, we would like to update our records with your email address. Please email Janet Bollinger at janetbollinger@trinitylutheraneb.org with your email address so we can begin to build an email address book for "Email Blasts" to inform the congregation of upcoming events. We know not everyone will have an email address, so don't fear...we'll continue all current forms of congregational communication, as well.

Sunday School/Rally Day



Sunday School classes for all ages will begin October 3. We will gather the children for Rally Day in the Social Room at 9:00am and share songs, a Bible Story, a craft, snacks, balloons and a gift bag for each child. Bring your school backpack, lunch box, notebooks, crayons and pencils for a special blessing that morning.

Kim Erdman, Sunday school superintendent encourages suggestions and additional volunteers for teachers and helpers. Teachers will "team teach" each class; each teacher will be responsible to teach one class once every six weeks. Kim has materials and other supplies prepared for each class.

Please call Kim (259-6190) to volunteer or give encouragement.

If you want to be on an email communication list for all Youth and Family related activities, including Sunday School, please email Kim at kimberlyerdman@comcast.net.

Abbottstown/East Berlin Food Pantry

During the month of September, fifty-four households were served at the Pantry for a total of 146 individuals. There were three new households which included nine individuals. The Pantry is in need of all food and paper products, and is currently looking for volunteers to serve the first Wednesday of every month for one hour. Please contact John & Nancy Brodbeck at 259-0943.



FOOD PANTRY

Music News!!

Trinity was certainly blessed with beautiful talent from our congregation and friends of Trinity with special music throughout the summer. Thank you to all! Thank you to the anonymous person who gave a gift to each visiting musician this summer. Your generosity is certainly appreciated.

All singers are encouraged to join choir for fall and into Advent and Christmas season. Trinity's congregation is blessed with excellent musical talents that need to be shared in worship for God's glory. Our choirs will present a cantata on Reformation Sunday, October 31 at the 8am and 10:15am service "Legacy of Faith," by Joseph Martin. Rehearsals will begin in October. Four special rehearsals are planned on October 17th @ 9:30am & 11:30am and October 24th @ 9:30am & 11:30am.

Other festival music is planned in October for Harvest Home and a Healing Service. Our congregation will host the Community Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, November 21st at 7pm, with a combined choir from Zwingli UCC. As always, it is a joy to serve Trinity Lutheran and the music ministry of the church.



Choir Rehearsals

Tuesdays @ 6:30pm:

Jr. Chimes ages 7 years & older

Wednesdays @ 7:00pm:

Trinity Ringers (handbells)

Sundays:

Rise N' Shine Choir 7:30am

Children's Sunday School Choir 9:00am

Chancel Choir 9:30am

Special 30 minute Cantata Rehearsal:

October 17th 9:30 & 11:30 am

October 24th 9:30 & 11:30am

Sunday Music Schedule

October 03 ~ Blanket Sunday

Rise N' Shine Choir

Chancel Choir

October 10 ~ Harvest Home

Fall Food & Flower Festival

Rise N' Shine Choir

Chancel Choir

October 17 ~ Healing Service

Rise N' Shine Choir

Chancel Choir

Handbells ???

October 24

Children's Sunday School Choir

Adult Sunday School Choir

October 31 ~ Reformation Day

Reformation Cantata 'Legacy of Faith'

Adult Choir

November 07 ~ All Saints Day

Rise N' Shine Choir

Chancel Choir

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Food & Flower Festival Update!

The Food and Flower Festival was a 'blooming' success! A total of \$261.00 was donated. This money went to our local food pantry. A HUGE thank you to the many people who donated produce from their gardens, lovely flowers, delicious baked goods, and home canned treats! We are blessed with God's bounty. We thank you all for contributing to this worth-while event.





Board Meeting

The September 16th meeting was called to order by the President, Bob King, and to the agenda under Old Business added Mike Resh on the kitchen, Kim Erdman's request tabled from last month, two council members election and supply Pastor arrangements for October and November. Under New Business he added a request from a Girl Scout Troop, Endowment Fund Constitution amendment and establishing a nomination committee for 2011 council seats.

Pastor Lindsay led devotions with John 15.

The Secretary and Treasurer's reports were approved as read and both motions carried. Sue reported that Colonial Day income was \$6,458. She also reported that contributions were down \$5,000 year to date.

Old Business ~ Mike reported that the tankless water heater in the kitchen needs a condensation drain tube installed to keep the tank in warranty. There are blue stains forming in the sinks, he will have the water tested to see if there is a problem that may be addressed.

Kim Erdman's request to use the small storage room for her weekly training meetings for her Mary Kay business for a donation of \$150 a month was discussed. Judy moved to table the issue again until they could examine the items in the room and see what we actually need the storage room for. Motion carried.

The election of council members was held to fill the two seats left vacant when George Young and Eric McClintic resigned. Results were Les Herman and Jay Smith will now fill the seats for the remainder of 2010.

Don made arrangements for Supply Pastors as follows:

Oct. 03 ~ Rev. Leonard Shertzer

Oct. 10 ~ Rev. Francine Lantz

Oct. 17 ~ Rev. Leonard Shertzer

Oct. 24 ~ Rev. Francine Lantz

Don will continue to work on this.

Council will meet on September 23 at 7pm with Pastor Patricia Snyder, Dean of the Hanover Conference to work on requirements for an Interim Pastor for Trinity.

Ministry Reports

Learning & Youth ~ Bob reported that Jay Smith and Kim Erdman will head up the Sunday School program. The Youth Group will meet at 4pm on September 26 for a make your own pizza and game night.

Sunday School will start Sep. 26 for pre-school with the remainder starting Oct. 11. On Oct. 3 there will be a "Bless Your Backpack" for the children. Jay Smith will teach the teen age class.

Finance ~ Budget information will be given to Council and will be voted on at the October meeting.

Outreach ~ Don reported that Colonial Day was a great success and the day went very well. A meeting will be held very soon to decide on the distribution of the money made that day.

Parish Life ~ Mary reported that they will host coffee hour on Sep. 26. A soup supper is planned for Oct. 16 with tickets being given to food pantry participants. On Nov. 14, a bowling outing will be held at 2pm at the Hanover Bowling Lanes. A January dinner will be served at the York Rescue Mission.

Social Ministry ~ WELCA's next meeting will be held Oct. 5 to start working on plans for our 200th Anniversary. A bake sale is scheduled for Oct. 21 & 22.

Worship & Music ~ Sue's written report suggested that we use loaves of bread instead of pita bread. A concern was raised about communion and we will continue having communion every Sunday while we have supply pastors.

Mutual Ministry ~ Kay Hinkle offered to work on this committee. They serve as our "Personnel Department" for our church.

Bob reported that the Mission Group continues to work on analysis points on the ELCA, the LCMC and the NALC to present to our congregation later this year.

Pastor's Report

Pastor Lindsay reported that Nadine Resh fell and fractured her hip in three places. She is currently in Hanover Rehab. Others in the hospital and in need of prayers are: Gloria Gruver, John Siekerman and Mark & Beth Deputy.

Pastor asked council to consider having only one service year round for our congregation.

New Business

Mike moved to allow Cadet Girl Scout Troop #8418 to continue using the Flex Room for their meetings on Sunday evenings. Motion carried.

Bob reported that an amendment was made to our constitution, voted on and approved in regards to the Endowment Fund, but the paperwork was not forwarded to the Synod will be forwarded now.

Judy and Mac offered to serve on the Nomination Committee for the 2011 election of council members.

Our annual meeting will be held on November 21st.

Council thanked Pastor Lindsay for his faithful service to Trinity and wished him well in retirement.

Mary made a motion to adjourn.

Next meeting will be a special meeting on Sep. 23 with Pastor Patricia Snyder. Our October meeting will be held October 14 at 7pm.

WELCA News!!



The ladies of WELCA will meet in the flex room on October 5 at 7pm and work on plans for the 200th Anniversary celebration in 2011. Anyone with photos of Trinity and our happenings, who would like to share them, please join us. If you are unable to make it to our meeting and have photos we could use, please get in contact with Karen Sheaffer (259-6555) or Leslie Deardorff (524-1532). We would like to create a 2011 calendar that highlights important events in Lutheran history and Trinity's history throughout the year. Photos would add a memorable touch to the pages. Please join us and share in the plans for our congregation.



On October 21 and 22, the ladies of WELCA will hold an Apple and Pumpkin Pie Sale. A sign-up sheet has been posted just outside the downstairs elevator for you to choose your favorite pie and to indicate your pick-up time. So please stop by and support this delicious ministry of Trinity.

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Parish Life News!!



The Parish Life Committee has schedule some activities that you may want to put on your calendar within the next few months.

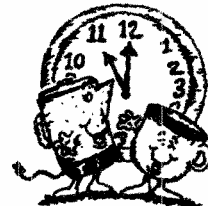
It will start with a pubic Beef Vegetable Soup Supper with bread, dessert and beverages on Saturday October 16th from 5-7pm. There will be a sign-up sheet for donations in the near future.

On Sunday, November 14th at 2pm they are planning a family bowling afternoon at the Hanover Bowling Lanes. There will be a sign-up sheet for that, as well.

A January trip to serve a meal at the York Rescue Mission is being planned. More information on this vital ministry of Trinity will be forthcoming.

The Valentine Dinner is scheduled for February 19, 2011.

COFFEE



HOUR

Please check the bulletin board for our 'coffee hour' sign-up sheet and choose a month that you and maybe a friend would like to host for our monthly fellowship time.

Watch for more info and other activities throughout the year in upcoming newsletters.

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