

TIDINGS

Mid-week Lenten Service at Zion – April 1
Spring Clean-up – Saturday, April 4
Family Easter Event – Saturday, April 4
Palm Sunday – April 5
Holy Thursday/Maundy Thursday – April 9
Good Friday – April 10
EASTER – April 12
New Member Sunday – April 19
Tidings Deadline – Sunday, April 19
Angel Food Ministries – Saturday, April 25

HOLY TRINITY EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN CHURCH
Burlington, N.J.

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center of your faith”

April, 2009

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Confession of Faith

This congregation confesses the Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior; and the Gospel as the power of God for the salvation of all who believe.

PASTOR'S REPORT

What place does “Holy Week” have anymore in our a-holy, secular culture? Is there any relevance for a “Maundy Thursday” - a day when the average American would look at you askance, much less spell it “MaundAy,” if you asked him about the meaning of the day? And “Good Friday?” Oh! That’s the day those strange Christians talk about a cross, about a bloody sacrifice, about atonement for “sin”!

What’s that all about! How archaic. How passé. That’s all for the unenlightened of centuries past, but today it belongs in the dusty annals of religious superstition.

So, the modern mind often asks, What place does “Holy Week” have anymore in our a-holy, secular culture?

It all depends what your basic assumptions, your presuppositions are...

Like many profound human dilemmas, the answer to the question is disarmingly simple. The answer is totally based on the interpretation of the Resurrection event.

St. Paul said it all so well centuries ago:

“If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all men most to be pitied.”

(I Corinthians 15:12-19)

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If...then. Either...or.

Either Jesus Christ has been raised from the dead, or He has not been raised. If He was not raised, then the skeptic (modern or otherwise) has it right, and there is no relevance for Holy Week. But if - and since - Jesus Christ has been raised from the dead, there is not only relevance, but necessity, privilege, obligation, to walk through

the washing of the feet;

the breaking of the bread;

the sharing of the cup;

the hearing of the seven last words;

the journey via Dolorosa, once again.

What place does “Holy Week” have anymore in our a-holy, secular culture? That’s not really the question. The question should be: “What place does our a-holy, secular culture have in Holy Week?”

And the answer is: Everything!

For the washing of the feet;

the breaking of the bread;

the sharing of the cup;

the hearing of the seven last words;

the journey via Dolorosa, was for us all.

Grace and Peace this Holy Season,

Pastor Harald

PASTORAL ACTS

BAPTISMS

- 3/22 Joseph, Natalie, Lauren & Hannah Ebner
3/22 John Aaron Jacob
3/22 Robert Alexander Jacob
3/22 Cory & Caden Smith

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.”
(Matthew 18:19)

MEMORIALS

A Memorial gift has been given to the Glory of God by Dr. Carl Weber in loving memory of Marion Weber.

*Birthday Greetings on April 7th!
We all wish charter member
Ed Shewell
a very happy 93rd birthday
and good health in the coming year.*

From the Tidings Editor

- Gentle Reminder...

Have you noticed how congested the entrance foyer and hallway become after worship? It is difficult for our members, older and younger, to make their way through that intersection. Please join us in the social hall for coffee and fellowship.

- Ministry Need...

Do you have 20 minutes per week to minister to the children of Holy Trinity? The “Busy Bags” provide our youngest members and visitors with activities while they are in the sanctuary. Linda Nelson, Shirley Worthington, and Laura Poethke have prepared the Busy Bags for many years. They are now in need of a new coordinator for this ministry. This work of the church truly only requires 15 to 20 minutes of your time each week and is done **AT YOUR CONVENIENCE!**

If you are interested in helping make “coffee time” more inviting **OR** in knowing more about the Busy Bags ministry, contact Laura Poethke at 609-387-2296 or poetfam@comcast.net. Thank you!

All of you are Christ’s body,
and each one is a part of it.

I Corinthians 12:27



Spring is here! Can Easter be far behind? What a wonderful time of year. We watch the flowers poke through the earth and the trees start to bud. This always reminds me of God's promises to us. Over and over he gives us a chance to bloom for him. Over and over he forgives us and reminds us of his love. Over and over I see people hearing his call and volunteering to take care of his house and spread his word. It's not too often that we think of why we do these things. It just seems the thing to do. I know that God is pleased that you keep on "doing".

I think it is wonderful that we have had a cantor every Sunday in Lent. More people are getting involved in his work! Thank you Jim Jacob, Madeline Poethke, Doris Davidson and Jeanne Quinn. Look for some more changes on the altar as we welcome assisting ministers. (See the article in this edition of the *Tidings*.) Does this sound like something you would like to do? I'm sure Pastor Peeders would like to hear from you.

Finally, let me thank Rick for subbing for me while I was recovering from cataract surgery. It's nice to know there is someone there to back you up, someone who gets involved. Thanks, also, to all of you who get involved in the work of the church and especially all those who volunteered their services during this Lenten and Easter season.

Happy Easter! Shirley



ASSISTING MINISTERS

“Recent liturgical renewal in most denominations has worked at recovering the idea that the congregation is primary to worship. **Liturgy is the people’s work** as they gather around word and sacrament. Liturgical renewal has looked at the biblical witness and the history of the apostolic church and discovered a Spirit-led church where each member discerned his or her gifts and used them for the benefit of all. It is the assembly that does the work of worship. God receives thanks, praise, adoration, intercession, and supplication from the assembly. God also responds with gifts of God’s very presence in word and sacrament so the assembly might be assured of God’s unconditional love and forgiveness. Thus the assembly is nurtured and strengthened to exercise its ministry in the world.” – *Assisting Ministers and Readers: A Worship Handbook*, 2001 Augsburg Fortress

What we sometimes forget is baptism’s role as an ordination into the priesthood of all believers; not just something that happened to babies to make sure they got saved. Most of us were raised in an era that emphasized the pastor’s job as performing the church’s ministry, with the congregation serving as passive spectators. As we look back at the earliest followers of Jesus and how they came together to worship, we begin to understand how we are to become involved in the worship service. They worshiped as they had previously done as faithful Jewish people and also did the things that Jesus had commanded them to do. They sang hymns, read from the scriptures, heard a commentary on the reading, offered

prayers, and shared the bread and cup of the Lord's Supper.

Through the years this has evolved into a pattern that is sometimes called the *ordo*, a very familiar pattern to Lutherans, – the gathering, the word, the meal, the sending. In order for the worship to be done decently and in good order, there are leadership roles to be filled. The presiding minister customarily preaches from the scriptures, prays the great thanksgiving, and blesses the people prior to their dismissal. However, this does not account for all the leadership roles during a worship service. This gives members of the assembly a chance to share in the leadership roles. Someone is needed to read the scriptures, offer prayers and intercessions on behalf of the assembly, assist at the altar, help distribute the bread and wine and dismiss the congregation for service in the world - an assisting minister.

We, at Holy Trinity, have been blessed to have so many followers of Christ step up and be a lector on Sunday mornings, serve during communion and prepare the table for the meal. Now it is time to extend the chance to be more involved by having an assisting minister. True, not everyone has this special gift. It requires a person who is mature in his or her faith and is comfortable in front of a group. Some training is required, but the responsibilities of an assisting minister brings great joy, nurtures spiritual growth, and deepens the faith of those who offer themselves as leaders of worship.

Let us pray that we may soon be blessed with assisting ministers. Let us pray that we will be more aware of our part in worship. Let us pray that we will not be passive spectators, but active participants in our worship services.

Lenten Fellowship

We had a great turnout for the 1st of our Lenten suppers and services on March 4. Each Wednesday in Lent our congregation joins with St. Luke, Willingboro and Zion, Riverside. Holy Trinity will host again March 25. The soups were all so outstanding that I want to share the information with people who could not be with us that evening...

Cream of mushroom by Mike Manning, Spanish black bean & beef by our new daddy, John Jacob (Becca & Johnny came also), Lentil & Barley, Gary Schwoebel's favorite, Tomato & cheese by Terry Tholen, and baked potato & beef by Bonnie Mazza. To accompany the soups we enjoyed lots of delicious breads: rye, rosemary & olive, Irish soda, and potato scallion, as well as dozens of rolls!

If that wasn't enough, there were desserts by Millie Gorman, Sabra Jernigan, Lynn Immendorf, Judy Hirt, and a masterpiece birthday cake by Helene Covert to celebrate Pastor Peeder's 67th birthday!

I appreciate the time and effort that went into the meal. Just think – we only had one hour to make it all disappear! My thanks also to all who gave a helping hand – the many unnamed who set up and cleaned up.

Louise Sena

- The modern English word *lent* has its origin in Middle English, from the “lengthening” daylight hours.
- Maundy Thursday derives its name through French from the Latin word “command.”

And now I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.

John 13:34

PRAYER LIST

Members and friends ill, hospitalized, or convalescing for whom prayers were offered on Sunday mornings:

Cindy Harris, Chip Williams, Sallie Hogeland, Martha Siwak, Carol Bijak, Mary Anne Alfred, Marie Santore, Joe Ricci, Jonathan Ricci, Nicole, Sarah, Janet Kerr, Allison Marshall, Ruth Shull, Marie Jaggar, Rita & Art Dulla (M), Sherry Ferguson, Trish Eaves, Ethel Matz, Virginia Hunt, Gene Staer, Eleanor Thompson, Ike, Dennis Damm, Phyllis Pollio, Bob Powell, Thanks for prayers answered, Emma Kiesel, Jim Halstead, Doris Entwistle, Fran DeNucci, Ed Shewell, Charles Gentile, Michael, Jeff, Jack Kistenmacher, Sgt. Andrew Concepcion (M), Tony Gallagher, Clark Perry Sr., Ruth Guse, Tom Waltz, Walt Howarth, Florence Bartolomei, Jennine Lund, B.J. Lund, Brian Lund, Eric Winter, Josie Montgomery, Ralph Notaro, Rusty Notaro, Diane Stahl, Edith Veach, Vivian Hill, Annette Galante, Lisa Sickler, Bill Marshall, Jenny, Grace & Don Ryan, Norman Stahl, Mary & Wayne, Mary Fitzpatrick.

Ilda Kerr, Dorothy Manee, Walter Goodlin, Millard Howell, Virginia Hunt, Eric Jaggars, Paul Faherty, Jones Family (+), Buster Hayes, Kathy Joyal, Bertha & John, All Service Personnel, Family & friends of Charles Simmons (+), Shirley Worthington, Diane Flowers, Tony Bogden, Ralph Stevenson, Linda Anderson, Betty Tucci, Meredith Schwoebel, Olga Zimpelman, Amy & Joe Pires, Clare McGrade, Karol Johnson, Marie Vail, Jackie Osterhage (T), Gina Tipton, John & Bertha, Charlotte Potent, Pat Murphy, Dolly & Family, Lillian Cordes, Pastor Steele, Sandra Gaus, Claudia Wilms, Diane Snipes, Georgiana Ogden, Ilda Kerr, Dwight Koger, Gail Keohane, Jim Muldowney, Doris Cliver, Fred Schildkamp, Mary D'Amico.

Military (M) Deceased (+) Travel (T)

*For where two or three come together in my name,
I am there with them.*

Matthew 18:20

Scholarships Available Through Christian Education Committee

The Christian Education Team is blessed to be able to award scholarship money to qualified applicants. The scholarships are listed below, along with an outline of who may apply. This is not a complete list of requirements. Please see the individual applications for a complete list of requirements. Applications are available on the Youth bulletin board.

The application deadline is May 3, 2009.

<u>Scholarship</u>	<u>Who May Apply</u>
1. Anne L. Shewell	High school senior
2. Harold E. Stinson & Ruth B. Stinson	preparing for post-high school
3. Philip Waldman	studies

4. Pastor Charles Immendorf	Seminary student; college student; returning college student; person taking college courses to enter another field

5. Otto P. Andersen	Trade or technical school student

6. Christian Education	Post-high school student

Genius without education is like silver in the mine.

Benjamin Franklin

April Calendar Highlights

Worship

- 5** 9AM & 11AM Palm Sunday Communion Worship Services
- 9** 7:30PM Maundy Thursday/Holy Thursday Service
- 10** 12 noon to 3PM Seven Last Words
- 10** 7:30PM Tenebrae
- 12** 9AM & 11AM Easter Communion Worship Services
- 19** 9AM & 11AM Worship Services – New Members Sunday
- 26** 9AM & 11AM Communion Worship Services

Lenten Schedule

- 1** At Zion, Riverside 6PM/7PM

Meetings

- 6** Social Ministry @ 1:00PM
- 6** Evangelism @ 6:59PM
- 6** Christian Education @ 8:00PM
- 7** Worship & Music @ 7:30PM
- 20** Finance @ 6:45PM
- 20** Church Council @ 7:30PM
- 21** NCD @ 7:30PM

Fellowship

- 3** Lunch Bunch at the Dolphin Diner @ 12 Noon
- 4** Spring Clean-up 9AM to 1
- 4** Easter Family Event 3PM

Adult Study

- 1** “Hannah” @ 10:30AM
- 14** “Lydia” @ 7:00PM

Sunday School

- 5, 19** @ 9AM
- No Class on Easter**
- 26** @ 9AM Family Worship

Communication

- 19** Tidings Deadline

Confirmation Classes

- 6** 8th Grade only @ 6:45
- 20** 7th Grade only @ 6:45PM
- 27** 7th & 8th Grades @ 6:45

Music Ministry

5, 19, 26 Cherubs @ 6:30PM
2, 16, 23, 30 Adult Choir @ 7PM

Outreach

25 Angel Food Ministries
26 Monthly Food Collection

Mini Directory

Bell Choir - Cheryl Chiarello

Christian Education - Laura Poethke

Church Historian – Lois Hepler

Cluster – Bobbi Goerlich

Endowment – Elwood Tryon

Evangelism – Debbie Mayo

Finance – Steve Anderson

Financial Secretary - Izzy Rivera

Hospitality - Gunda Simpkins & Leslie Manning

Lunch Bunch - Sheila Powell

Memorial Fund - Louise Sena

NCD - Pastor Harald Peeders

Property - Chris Storz

Social Ministry - Joan Schnabel

Tidings - Laura Poethke

Website – Nancy Davenport

Women's Ministry - Debbie Mayo

Worship & Music - Walt Mayo

Youth - Bonnie Mazza

- The Color of Lent

The color used in the sanctuary for most of Lent is purple, red violet, or dark violet. These colors symbolize both the pain and suffering leading up to the crucifixion of Jesus, as well as the suffering of humanity and the world under sin. But purple is also the color of royalty, and so anticipates through the suffering and death of Jesus the coming resurrection and hope of newness that will be celebrated in the Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

- The Number Forty

The number 40 is connected with many biblical events, but especially with the forty days Jesus spent in the wilderness preparing for His ministry by facing the temptations that could lead him to abandon his mission and calling.

- Holy Week

Palm Sunday at 9AM and 11AM

Maundy Thursday at 7:30PM

Good Friday

Seven Last Words: from noon to 3PM
Tenebrae: at 7:30PM
Easter Sunday at 9AM and 11AM