

TIDINGS

HOLY TRINITY
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN
CHURCH
Burlington, N.J.

Car Wash at Holy Trinity in Support of the Burlington Township Middle School at Springside 8th Grade Advancement Project- Saturday, May 2 from 9AM to 3PM
5th Grade First Communion - May 3 @ 11AM
Bring-a-Friend Sunday - May 17
American Legion Memorial Service - May 17 @ 12 noon
Ascension Day - Thursday, May 21
Angel Food Ministries - Saturday, May 30
Pentecost - May 31
N.J. Synod Assembly - Friday & Saturday, June 5 and 6
Sunday School in the Park - June 7

"Let the church in the center of town be at the center of your faith"

May, 2009

Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

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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

THESE 50 DAYS OF EASTER

This year's Easter readings for the 50 days are direct. Here is the witness of our faith - salvation through Jesus Christ. Here is our purpose as a church - to share the story of Jesus Christ with the world, and to make disciples. The Easter lectionary takes us on the journey of faith and discipleship: We have seen the risen Lord! Now we understand the scriptures and believe Jesus really is the Messiah! So, what do we do now?

Matthew, Mark, and Luke record the events of Jesus' ministry, and John explores further the meaning of what Jesus said and did. The readings help us look back and see with new eyes of faith. In John 15 we discover God's plan for Easter people: abide in and stay close to Christ; bear fruit by loving others as Christ loved you; testify, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to the risen Lord.

The plan for sharing good news begins with fearful disciples locked behind closed doors. Jesus appears to his disciples with purpose and power saying, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you" and "Receive the Holy Spirit." Seeing Jesus and the fulfilled scriptures, the disciples are to preach repentance and forgiveness to all, starting right there in Jerusalem. The Good Shepherd continues to walk ahead of his sheep, calling them forward as shepherds who also will give their lives to bring other sheep into Jesus' fold. Gathered to Christ the vine, they draw their strength from "the true vine" and are pruned to produce more fruit that glorifies the Father. Growing in Christ, the disciples are not just servants with limited knowledge of God's desire, but friends chosen to fully know and do God's will. Knowing God's plan and their part in it, the disciples are sent out, protected and united with Jesus' prayer and God's word of truth. The Spirit of truth will testify to the disciples, and the disciples will testify to the world after Pentecost.

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The actual sharing of the good news is recorded in Acts. A community united in purpose and trust gathered around the apostles' testimony to the resurrection. In the temple they witnessed to ordinary Jewish people, and thousands converted. Before the religious leaders they testified to the power of the risen Jesus. Philip is called to leave town and witness to a Jew from a foreign country; a new believer is baptized. Peter is called to a distant land to witness to a gentile, the powerful Roman soldier Cornelius; a household of friends and family believes and is baptized. The Holy Spirit arrives, Christ is proclaimed, and three thousand are converted. From the least to the greatest, from family to foreigners, the good news is shared and received with joy.

For living and witnessing in the world, I John gives guidance for discerning and living the true faith. The way of the world is darkness, lies, hatred, and sin; the way of Christ is light, truth, love and righteousness. All other messages must be tested against these truths.

The Easter season can prepare the assembly for weeklong witnessing. Gospel and epistle readings recall the story of our faith from its earliest beginnings, and reveal to us how God intends us to be witnesses in the world. The book of Acts models a steady progression from witnessing at home with familiar situations and people to a larger world of unknowns. How are our fears similar to those of the first disciples? How can we overcome the hindrances in our witness today? With Peter, we may struggle to hear and accept God calling us beyond the familiar. The 50 days of Easter can teach and prepare those called to witness on home's familiar ground, and those called to leave the familiar behind. Acts reminds us that both are necessary.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Harald
(Sundays and Seasons-2009)

PASTORAL ACTS

FUNERALS

4/3 Georgiana Ogden

4/3 Ethel Segerstrom

“I am the Resurrection and the Life” (John 11:25)

MEMORIALS

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

Thank You Notes

THANK YOU

Dear Pastor Peeders & Holy Trinity,

Thank you so very much for your kindness. We would like to thank you for your caring support of our family during our recent loss of Georgiana. Your attention to every detail from water bottles to special hymns helped our family in this difficult time.

The Ogden Family

THANK YOU

Dear Church Council Members,

Thank you again for the use of the social hall on March 7th. We had a wonderful time! Enclosed is a donation for the Youth Group's retreat. We have such wonderful young people in our church, and I'm grateful for the guidance the church gives them.

In Christ's Love, Terry Tholen

2009 LENTEN FELLOWSHIP

Since the soups we enjoyed at the March 4th supper were mentioned in April Tidings, I'm sure you've waited to hear the menu from March 25!

Faithful Gary Schwoebel made another winner "Country Comfort" (veggie). Bobbi & Wayne Goerlich made "Reuben" - not a sandwich (corned beef, cabbage and swiss cheese). Chris Storz brought tasty Pasta Fagioli. Dorothy Lumadue's was rich, smooth Shrimp Bisque and Debbie Osterhage's was wonderful Italian Wedding soup. All were great!

The various breads and delicious desserts were provided by Laura Poethke, Rick Krause, Ellie Brusco, Debbie Mayo, Eleanor Johnson, Bob Miller and Denise Savary.

At both suppers, helpers just appeared and worked wherever needed, in the kitchen or social hall - dedicated people who do not need to be asked - God's gifts to us. My thanks!

Our fellowship and Lenten services provide time for us to spend with God. Pastor Peeders and the pastors from Zion and St. Luke prepare the weekly services to keep us focused on this holy time of year. We thank them for their inspiring messages and the blessings that they are to us always. Please keep all these details in your mind and join us for Lent 2010!

Louise Sena

P.S. Thank you, Pastor, for the Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services. They were a blessing to all present.

MAY BIRTHDAYS*

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| 4-Alexavior Castle | 19-Chuck Paul |
| 8-Jaclyn Sadlier | 21-Nicholas Tirone |
| 12- Wendy Pollack | 27-Nicole Sadlier |
| 16-Carol Morgen | 27-Pauline Edge |
| 18-Allison Stark | 30-Stefni Emmons |

*If you would like your birthday posted in *Tidings* and have not filled out a church update form, please contact the church office at 609-387-1202.

Church Committee News

Your Church Council has voted and approved of a restructuring format for committee meetings. All committees (except Church Council) will be meeting during the first full week of each month. The reason for doing this is to free up the rest of the month for Bible study, small group meetings, fellowship activities, movie nights etc. While there is a downside, as some members may have more than one meeting to attend in one week, we believe the long-term benefits will outweigh the initial problems. Please check the monthly calendar for the dates and times of committee meetings.

Ballroom Dancing, Anyone?

Have you ever thought that you might like to get up to dance at a wedding or party and NOT look like Big Bird putting on a girdle? We have the opportunity to have ballroom dance lessons here at Holy Trinity – for members AND friends! Lessons would last one hour and the cost would be \$5.00 per person. In order to start, we need at least 12 people willing to make a once-a-month commitment. Please contact Bobbi Goerlich at 856-303-1126. This is for singles as well as couples. It is great exercise, but it is also low impact and the teacher is very low key and encouraging.

To our Holy Trinity Family,

30-Hour Famine

We, the Youth of Holy Trinity and Grace Alliance Chapel thank you for your support, prayers, and love. The 30-hour famine taught us many things. We learned that we can make a difference in this world when we come together in the name of our Lord, Jesus. We now have a better understanding of just how much hunger affects so many in our world; our focus became less about our own hunger and more about the lives of others. Because of your support and donations, we were able to raise \$33,527.00! This is enough money to feed 86 children for an entire year.

Lutheran World Relief

Health Kits

People must flee their homes quickly in times of disaster and often do not have time to pack essential items. Lutheran World Relief (LWF) health kits can help children, men, and women maintain personal hygiene with health kits we assemble. Each health kit contains:

- One hand towel, dark color recommended
- One washcloth, dark color recommended
- One bath-size bar (4-5 oz.) of soap, any brand, in its original wrapping
- One sturdy comb
- One metal nail file or nail clippers with file attached (do not substitute cardboard emery boards for the file)
- Band-Aids® (or similar brand), preferably 1/2" to 3/4"

The Women's Groups will be collecting the items. Look for a box in the Social Hall if you would like to donate any of the above items.

There is an immediate need for a new Busy Bag Caretaker. Can you give 20 minutes per week to minister to the children of Holy Trinity? Contact Laura at 609-387-2296 or poetfam@COMCast.net.

PRAYER LIST

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

Baby Estelle, Diana, Carla, Linda, Joe Ricci, Allison Marshall, Nicole, Sarah, Gail Keohane, Art Dulla (M), Janet Kerr, Ruth Shull, Barbara, Marilyn Peeders, Esther Peeders, Pr. Gerry Fosen, Sandra Gaus, Bob Brock, Ethel Matz, Dwight Koger, Sallie Hogeland, Dennis Damm, Emma Kiesel, Jim Halstead, Frank & Betty Tucci, Doris Entwistle, Jack Csaszar, Eric & Virginia Hunt, Loretta & Alexander Irion, Baby Andrew Dodd, Randy, Gene Staer, Martha Siwak, Chelsea, Trasko Family, Ray & Patty, Diane Stahl, Lori-Ann Tirone, Edith Veach, Vivian Hill, Lisa Sickler, Bill Marshall, Jenny, Grace & Don Ryan, Josie Montgomery, Jennine Lund, B.J. Lund, Brian Lund, Eric Winter, Ralph Notaro, Rusty Notaro, Mary & Wayne, Dolly McCabe & Family, Mary Fitzpatrick, Elizabeth McSweeny, Sandra Gaus.

Steve Stackhouse, Sherry Ferguson, Georgiana Ogden, Ruth Guse, Shirley Worthington, Trish Eaves, Diana Flowers, Pat Alexander, Marie Santore, Victims of Midwest flood, Doris Cliver, Jamie Carter, Michael, Jeff, Lonnie Brown, Meredith Schwoebel, Betty Ann, John & Eddie (T), Molly, Fran DeNucci, John Sakmary, Patricia Perry, Clark Perry Sr. (+), Tony Gallagher, Tom Waltz, Shirley Stevenson, Victoria Snoke, Charlotte Potent, Bob Powell, Joseph & Harold Rockhill, Family of Ronald Powell, Ralph Stevenson, Paul Faherty, Tina Herbst, Family of Victoria Snoke (+), Family of Nan Measey (+), Family of Georgiana Ogden (+), Family of Ethel Segerstrom (+), Susan Schmeck, Tiffany & Family, Ray McCunney, Patty McCunney, Rita & Charlie Gentile, John & Bertha, Cecelia Gregg, Buster Hayes, Joanne D'Amato, Carol Kaiser, Ebert Family, Sheila Mullin, Mike Sultzer.

Shirley Fennell, Lylan Ngo, Dorothy Sakmary, Jen Diaz Pellot, Joey Sudo, Eva & Ted Koerner, Charles Schneider, Ruth Blattenberger, Kayleigh Scassero, Frank Todd, Celia Manning, Hogan Family, Lee Duffy, Daniel Cliver, Judy Wood, Phyllis Pollio, Thanks for prayers answered, Diane Rogers, Harold Fawcett, Harold Schmeck, Frank Daly, Our Military, Our Church, Carol Bijack, Pat, Family of Harry Kalis (+).

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

Scholarships Available at Holy Trinity

The Christian Education Team is blessed to be able to award scholarship money to qualified applicants. Applications are available on the Youth bulletin board.

The application deadline is May 3, 2009.

Scholarship

1. Anne L. Shewell
2. Harold E. Stinson & Ruth B. Stinson
3. Philip Waldman

4. Pastor Charles Immendorf

Who May Apply

High school senior preparing for post-high school studies

Seminary student; college student; returning college student; person taking college courses to enter another field

5. Otto P. Andersen

Trade or technical school student; medical technology

6. Christian Education

Post-high school student

Angel Food Ministries

Angel Food Ministries is a great way for families to save money every month on their grocery bill. You can get a variety of food that would cost \$50 to \$70 in most of the large grocery stores for as little as \$28 or \$30 per month. That's the basic box you get every month. Additional monthly specials vary for about \$20 each and represent excellent values. Holy Trinity has partnered up with Destiny Family Worship to provide this ministry to our neighbors in Burlington.

Orders will be taken between services on **May 10 & 17**. The May distribution is **Saturday, May 30** between 10:00 - 11:00. Volunteers are needed on the 30th between 9:00 and 11:00 to help with the distribution. Please consider helping with this important ministry.

May Calendar Highlights

Worship

- 3** 9AM & 11AM Communion Worship Services
- 10** 9AM & 11AM Worship Services – Mother’s Day
- 17** 9AM & 11AM Worship Services – Bring a Friend Sunday!
- 24** 9AM & 11AM Worship Services
- 31** 9AM & 11AM Communion Worship Services - Pentecost

Meetings

- 4** Social Ministry @ 1:00PM
- 4** Finance @ 6:45
- 4** Evangelism @ 6:59PM
- 4** Christian Education @ 8:00PM
- 5** Worship & Music @ 7:30PM
- 7** Hospitality @ 6:30
- 7** Property @ 7:30PM
- 18** Church Council @ 7:30PM

Fellowship

- 1** Lunch Bunch at the Dolphin Diner @ 12 Noon

Sunday School

- 3, 10, 17, 24** @ 9AM
- 31** @ 9AM Family Worship

Adult Study

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

Confirmation Classes

- 4, 11** 7th & 8th Grade only @ 6:45
- 18** 7th Grade only @ 6:45PM
- 25** NO CLASSES

Communication

- 24** Tidings Deadline

Music Ministry

- 3, 10, 17, 24, 31** Cherubs @ 6:30PM
- 7, 14, 21, 28** Adult Choir @ 7PM

Outreach

- 1** Pastor’s Discretionary Fund
- 2** Car Wash in support of BT Middle School 8th Grade Advancement
- 7** National Day of Prayer
- 30** Angel Food Ministries
- 31** Monthly Food Collection

Memorial Day Observed

- 17** American Legion Memorial Service @ 12 noon
- 25** The church office is closed.

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