

Renewed in Grace

a joint newsletter of the co-op ministry
of Trinity, Steelton and St. Peter's,
Highspire

APRIL 2020

Dear Partners in Ministry,

As I write this column, we are in the middle of the COVID-19 virus. We did not have church services for the past two Sundays. We had great plans to do an Outreach Concert with our Praise Band, but that has been cancelled. I am also concerned with the spread of the virus and to a certain extent things look bad.

Yet, I reflect on Romans 5: 1-11. This was the reading for my sermon on March 15 that I did not get to preach, but Paul's words still inspire me. In Romans 5: 3-5, Paul writes, "We also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us....."

I can't say that suffering is an issue for me, but I know about disappointments. Still, there is something about faith that can move us beyond that disappointment because we have endurance and character and hope. As Paul tells us we have the hope because "God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us."

As we approach the Easter Season, I am further reminded that we are Easter People. We are baptized into Christ's death and resurrection and sealed by the Holy Spirit

which produces endurance, character, and a hope that does not disappoint us.

So as Easter People living on Holy Spirit inspired hope, we will triumph. I know this because I know of the hope given us through Christ our Lord. He is risen!



Pastor Mike

Services During Isolation

While we are in isolation, we will continue to do Sunday broadcasts on FaceBook. The services will begin every Sunday at 10:15. You can watch them on St. Peter's FaceBook page. Thanks to Pat and Jill Hawkins, our service technicians.

If anyone would like to participate, we could use readers, service assistants, and people to sing a solo. Let Pastor Mike or Pat Hawkins know of your interest.

Please Note!

We will have Easter services, even if we cannot celebrate on April 12. We will celebrate Easter on our first Sunday back at worship. Christ is risen!

Offering

Even though church services are not taking place right now, the expenses of the church continue. Please be sure (if you are financially able) to send your contributions to the office, or when you return to services, please be sure to “make up” for the Sundays which you have missed *if possible*.

General Info

SERVICES FOR APRIL: IF we return to a normal schedule!

If in doubt, please call Trinity (717-939-4998) or St. Peter’s (717-939-3492) as the service places and times will be on each church’s answering machine for the month.

Apr. 5 Trinity 10:15 AM
Palm Sun.

Apr. 12 Trinity 9:00 AM
St. Peter’s 10:45 AM
Easter

Apr. 19 Trinity 10:15 AM

Apr. 26 St. Peter’s 10:15 AM
followed by refreshments in social hall

Special Services during Holy Week

Apr. 6 *Stations of the Cross*
St. Peter’s 7:00 PM

Apr. 7 *Public Confession*
St. Peter’s 7:00 PM

Apr. 8 *Paschal Meal (reservations needed)*
St. Peter’s 6:30 PM

Apr. 9 *Maundy Thursday*
Trinity 7:00 PM

Apr. 10 *Good Friday*
St. Peter’s 7:00 PM

Apr. 11 *Easter Vigil*
St. Peter’s 7:00 PM

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Sponsors Found for Guatemalan Student

We now have 12 sponsors for our Guatemalan student that we are sponsoring through David and Jenn Hope-Tringali’s school in the country of Guatemala.

Please be sure to make out your checks to *Trinity Lutheran with Guatemalan student sponsorship* on the memo line. Put the check in an envelope, label it appropriately, and put it in the offering plate or mail it to the office. Please get your contribution in as soon as you can. That way, you won’t forget! THANKS!



Reminder about Parking

There are 26 spaces marked off for parking at Trinity – 20 in the large lot and 6 in the top lot. There is also a spot in front of the social hall where handicapped may be dropped off in front of a lower handicapped-accessible curb. Parking is also available on both sides of Front Street directly in front of the ArcelorMittal Steel admin building.

Thanks to the “younger” folks who are parking there and freeing up spaces in the two lots.

St. Peter’s has a small parking lot on the side of the church. Parking is also available along the streets in front of and behind the church. If you would like to use the handicapped ramp in the back of the church, you may park your car in the grassy area near the ramp.

Renewed in Grace Cooperative Ministry Call Committee Update

It has been a while since the last update and wow, a lot has been going on. As this update is being prepared, we are in the second week of social distancing and not having our regular Sunday gatherings. However, even though we are not gathering, the work of the church goes on knowing that God is with us. Since our last update, the call committee has finished the first draft of the mission site profile (MSP). The next step is for the MSP to be reviewed and updates recommended by both congregation councils. We were planning to meet in-person, but the current events are not allowing that to happen. Therefore, an on-line meeting was scheduled for March 30th and we are moving forward with the process. When the MSP is complete it will be approved and published for candidates to view. We will continue to keep you informed with as much information as we can and ask that you continue to pray for the call committee, our congregations and our cooperative ministry. As always, if you have any questions please don’t hesitate to reach out to any member of the call committee.

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Past Monthly News

Ash Wednesday Service at Salem

Salem hosted this service on February 26 beginning at 7 PM. All four churches (Salem, St. Peter’s, Trinity, St. John’s) participated and attendance was between 50 and 60 people. Pastor Eza led the service with Pastor Seifried giving the sermon. Imposition of ashes and holy communion were offered. A combined SOHL choir (20 members strong!) sang during the offering. It was a very sobering start to our Lenten journey.

Sunday Fellowships

We had a delicious meal of meatloaf, mashed potatoes, peas, rolls, and desserts on Sunday, March 1 immediately after the service at Trinity. We want to thank Mike Anthony and Gay Rezin for the preparations and all those who helped set up, serve, and clean up afterward. We especially want to thank Pastor Mike for sponsoring the meal.

We will **NOT** have fellowship on April 5 as previously scheduled due to the coronavirus. Hopefully, we can resume on May 3!



Souper Bowl News Wrap-Up

On Sunday, February 9, we had the wonderful opportunity to welcome seminarian, Andrew Berdahl, coordinator of the food pantry at United Lutheran Seminary at Gettysburg, to our service to present a Temple Talk about the workings and benefits of the food pantry. Thank you to everyone for giving Andrew a warm welcome at the service and during the fellowship time. He enjoyed his time with us and expressed his gratitude for our support and partnership. Below you can read Andrew's presentation that he kindly shared to be printed in the co-op newsletter. Again, my biggest thanks for everyone's support for "Souper" Bowl Sunday and for the photograph taken by Richard Deutsch. *(from Clydene Strauss)*

Grace, peace, and mercy be unto you from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! On behalf of United Lutheran Seminary, I would like to thank you for your generosity in collecting nearly 2000 canned goods for our Food Pantry. Attending seminary is a wonderful blessing and a privilege but does not come without its challenges. One of these challenges is finding a way to eat sensibly on a very limited income. Your generous donation and the support of other donors helps to stock our pantry and provide for this need. We are so deeply thankful.

I hope to quickly provide you with some information about the ULS (Gettysburg) Food Pantry. Firstly, we are licensed as an educational pantry which allows us to feed members of the seminary community and their families. The Central PA Food Bank has assessed that there is a clear need and we are set up as a "member agency" which means we can order the food that they have available. Secondly, we typically order 800 pounds of food (required minimum for deliveries) for about \$250-300. In these orders, we often get

cereal, eggs, milk, meat, fruit juices, snacks, canned goods, pasta, and various produce. We are fortunate enough to have congregational donations and school funding as a means of covering the costs of these orders. Lastly, we feed roughly 65-80 individuals a month on average which equates to 40-50 households (most of which use the pantry on a weekly or biweekly basis). What food some might reject, we happily embrace as an abundance to be shared and enjoyed.

This abundance of food is cause for reflection upon just how much food insecurity still exists even with so much food available. It also helps us know that we have more than we need to put food on the table so that we can break bread as a community. Lastly, it reminds us of an important part of our Lutheran witness; we are reliant upon each other, we cannot "do it on our own", we must lean on God and our neighbor and always look to those in need. Your community embodies this kind of spirit and it is a joy to witness.

Again, thank you for your support! We are grateful for your warmth and generosity. It was a pleasure to worship with you this past Sunday! Peace and blessings to you in 2020!

*Yours in Christ,
Andrew Berdahl
ULS Gettysburg Food Pantry Coordinator*



Upcoming Events

SOHL Meeting Scheduled

The four churches of Trinity, St. Peter's, St. John's, and Salem make up **SOHL**, which stands for **S**teelton, **O**berlin, and **H**ighspire **L**utherans. Members from each congregation usually meet the first Monday of each month to share light refreshments, get to know each other, and discuss the activities going on in each of the churches.

The next meeting in April will NOT be held. Hopefully, with God's grace, we will be able to resume regular meetings beginning again in May.

Trinity Soup/Bake Sale

Hopefully, our primary election will take place on **Tuesday, April 28** this year! Be sure to get out and vote. It's also time for Trinity's Soup and Bake Sale. We will have 3 kinds of soups, blue ribbon prize-winning fudge, and other baked goods available for purchase. There is a preorder form in this newsletter and in bulletins. Return them to Jan Holwig's mailbox by April 12 so that you don't miss out on your favorites!



We are also asking for baked good donations. We appreciate anything that you could contribute. We ran out of everything by 4:00 at our last sale in November! We'd love to have more to sell.

Sign-up sheets are out on the table in Trinity's narthex. Please volunteer to help bake and/or sell all the goodies. If you have any questions, please contact Jan Holwig.

Trinity's Women's Banquet

We have about 40 ladies interested in attending the banquet on Saturday, May 16. Our committee will decide whether or not to have the dinner after this Covid-19 shutdown is over. Thanks for understanding!

VBS Update

Because of Covid-19 concerns, we have canceled the VBS meeting. Stay tune for our next VBS meeting which we, hopefully, will be able to have soon.

Family Promise Update

As you can imagine, with the COVID-19 situation, St. John's will not be hosting Family Promise as we had been scheduled to. Family Promise will be keeping their families in one location throughout the month of April. That being said, Karen Harris has told me that they are **in need of food**. Please do not make your own dishes, as that may inadvertently lead to the spread of the virus. They do have their own kitchen where they are able to make food for themselves. Please buy whatever you would buy to make your own meals, and then contact Karen at 717-889-6499 to arrange for pickup. If you have any questions about what to buy, please be in touch with Karen.

Thank you for continuing to be the church in these trying times.

Peace,
Pastor Tonya

In Other News...

April Trinity Birthdays (*80 or older)

- 4th Bernie Campbell *
- 11th Sandy Canning
- 21st Bob Wertz
Ben Whittington
- 24th John Michtich
- 27th Beth Defibaugh

April St. Peter's Birthdays

- 2nd Luka Benkovic
Jill Hawkins
- 3rd Brendan Leahy
- 6th Della Lippert
Bruce Sauder
- 10th Sally Schonewolf
- 18th Barbara Hawkins
- 20th Ryan Leahy
Dot Smith
- 26th Frank Nigro
- 27th Denise Swartz
- 28th Georgia Beard



If there are any additions/corrections to these lists, please email Trinity's office. Those listed should be active or homebound members.

Memorial Gifts

Contributions have been received in memory of the following. We thank the contributors for their generosity and thoughtfulness.

in loving memory of John Schenfelt

Henry & Vicki Koller
Ronald Schenfelt
Jacqueline Acri

Thank You Notes

Trinity Family,

Thank you for the beautiful flowers you sent me for my 80th birthday. It really made my day!

Thank you and God bless you all!

Joan Hogentogler

Dear Trinity Lutheran,

Thank you for your generous gift of \$810 to Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) ministries through ELCA Good Gifts. *(These were the contributions you made through buying the Advent ornaments.)*

Your Good Gift is a very good gift, indeed. With resources like seedlings and seminary courses, vaccinations and vegetable gardens, Bibles and blankets, you're equipping God's people – around the world and around the corner – with what they need to live abundant lives.

Thank you for your leadership in the vital ministries that we do together – and for your very good gift!

In God's abundant grace,
Rachel Wind
Exec for Development

Trinity's April Participants in Services

Date	Communion Assistants	Ushers	Lay Reader	Acolyte	Flowers \$25	Bulletins, Candles \$17
Apr. 5 Palm Sunday Trinity 10:15 AM	Jan Holwig, Judy Krovic	Shelley & Mark Radic	Lenny Bowling	Jim Canning	Bowlings	Richard Schultheisz
Apr. 9 Maundy Thursday Trinity 7:00 PM	?	?	?	?	X	X
Apr. 12 Easter Trinity 9:00 AM	?	Ed Holwig, Zack Szekeres	Ed Holwig	Judy Krovic	?	Richard Schultheisz
Apr. 19 Trinity 10:15 AM	?	?Matt Hunt, Carl Zeiders	Jan Holwig	Jim Canning	?	?
Apr. 26 St. Peter's 10:15 AM	X	X	X	X	X	X



April:

Jan Holwig, Judy Krovic (Trinity)

May:

Matt & Mary Hunt, Shelley & Mark Radic (Trinity)

Office Hours and Pastoral Care

Barb Johnson is in the office at Trinity on Monday through Thursday from 1-4 PM.

Jill Hawkins is in the office at St. Peter's at varied hours during the week. Please call 717-939-3492 for more specific times.

In case of a pastoral emergency, you may contact Pastor Mike at 717-579-9023 or by email at mseif55@aol.com.

Special thanks to:

all our first responders, nurses, aides, doctors, grocers, pharmacists, sanitation workers, and all those who are putting their lives on the line to minister to the sick and needy.

This is America, one nation under God, and this is how we do it!!!!



This calendar of events is contingent upon when the church will be reopening after this period of the Covid-19 crisis.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 9:30am - Morning Worship 7pm - Choir @St. Peter's	2 6:30pm - Council	3	4
5 - Palm Sunday 10:15am - Co-Op Worship @Trinity 6pm - Life & Death 	6 9:30am Bible Study  7pm - Stations of the Cross @St. Peter's	7 6:30pm - Bible Study 7pm - Service of Confession & Forgiveness @St. Peter's	8 9:30am - Morning Worship 6:30pm - Paschal Meal	9 - M. Thursday 7pm - Co-Op Worship here @Trinity 	10 - Good Friday 7pm - Co-Op Worship @St. Peter's 	11 7pm - Easter Vigil @St. Peter's
12 - Easter  10:45am - Sunday Worship @Trinity 6pm - Life & Death	13 9:30am - Bible Study	14 6:30pm - Bible Study	15 9:30am - Morning Worship 7pm - Choir @St. Peter's	16	17	18
19 - Easter 2 10:15am - Co-Op Worship @Trinity Worship & Music meets after service 6pm - Life & Death	20 9:30am - Bible Study	21 6:30pm - Bible Study "Renewed in Grace" April newsletter deadline 	22 9:30am - Morning Worship 12:30pm - Golden Agers 7pm - Choir @St. Peter's	23	24	25
26 - Easter 3 10:15am - Co-Op Worship @St. Peter's Sunday Fellowship 6pm - Life & Death	27 9:30am - Bible Study 6:30pm - Co-Op Council @St. Peter's	28 6:30pm - Bible Study	29 9:30am - Morning Worship 7pm - Choir @St. Peter's	30		



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
 5 Palm Sunday Renewed in Grace Co-op Worship @Trinity 10:15am	6 9:30am Bible Study at Trinity Stations of the Cross 7pm 	7 Bible Study at Trinity 6:30pm Confession and Forgiveness 7pm	8 Service @ Trinity 9:30am Renewed in Grace Choir 7pm Bell Choir 8pm	9 Property Committee 7:30pm	10 Good Friday Service at St. Peter's 7pm 	11 Food Pick-Up 10:30am Easter Vigil at St. Peter's 7pm
12 Easter Day Worship @ Trinity 9am Worship @ St. Peter's 10:15am 	13 9:30am Bible Study at Trinity	14 Bible Study at Trinity 6:30pm Council 7:30pm	15 Service @ Trinity 9:30am Renewed in Grace Choir 7pm Bell Choir 8pm	16 Maundy Thursday Service at Trinity 7pm 6:30pm-8:30pm Laundry Love & Thankful Threads	17 Jill's ChristCare 3pm	18
19 Easter 2 Renewed in Grace Co-op Worship @Trinity 10:15am Worship and Music Committee Mtg	20 9:30am Bible Study at Trinity	21 Bible Study at Trinity 6:30pm	22 Service @ Trinity 9:30am Renewed in Grace Choir 7pm Bell Choir 8pm	23 Pat's ChristCare 7:30pm	24	25 Food Pick-Up 10:30am
26 Easter 3 Renewed in Grace Co-op Worship @ St. Peter's 10:15am Fellowship after Worship	27 9:30am Bible Study at Trinity Highspire Historical Society 7pm	28 Bible Study at Trinity 6:30pm	29 Service @ Trinity 9:30am Renewed in Grace Choir 7pm Bell Choir 8pm	30		
		Meals on Wheels are delivered daily, Monday-Friday...	...Please contact Pat Spotts 717-939-2101 if you would like to volunteer.			

Trinity Soup and Bake Sale

The primary election has been delayed because of COVID-19 until **Tuesday, June 2!** We will still plan to have our soup and bake sale on that day!

Below, please find the pre-order form for soups and fudge. We ask that you complete this form and return it to **Jan Holwig** (in her mailbox at church) by **MAY 17** so that we are sure to have your soups and fudge ready and waiting for you on Voting Day.

The Committee would like to thank everyone in the church who helps to make this sale a success! Some of our profits have been used to shorten a pew and buy a new cushion for the choir area in the sanctuary.



*Soup and Fudge Order Form – due MAY 17 – put in Jan Holwig’s mailbox or mail to Trinity,
221 S. 2nd St., Steelton 17113 or email trinitysteelton221@yahoo.com*

Your name _____ Phone _____

\$3.00 per pint (soup) \$7.00 per lb (peanut butter fudge)

You may pay for your food at the time of pick-up.

vegetable beef (*made by Peg Bowling & Ken Smith*) _____ (number of pints)

chicken corn (*made by Shelley Radic*) _____ (number of pints)

ham & bean (*made by Gay Rezin*) _____ (number of pints)

peanut butter fudge (*whole pounds only please*) _____ pounds

(Fudge is made by Karen Schlott who won first prize for it at the Farm Show!)

Trinity Shut-ins and Those Who Need Our Prayers

The following are those who cannot get to church because of physical problems, etc. Please remember them with a card, a visit, and/or your prayers.

Bold type indicates change of address or added member.

Alice Brown 71 Edenvue Road, 1802 Folkemer Circle Apt. 103, York, PA 17404

Nancy Brunner 2115 James Buchanan Dr., Elizabethtown, PA 17022

Bernie Campbell 100 Freemason Dr., Masonic Village, Elizabethtown, PA 17022

Jackie Day 335 Wesley Dr. Apt. 601, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055 phone 717-550-2495

Fran Dubesky 517 Kelker St., Steelton, PA 17113

Christine Miller Ecumenical Retirement, 624 Wilhelm Rd., Harrisburg, PA 17109

Katarina Schuech 4805 E. Circle Dr., Harrisburg, PA 17111

Rene & Joyce Stickle 224 Elm St., Steelton, PA 17113

Ray Stoner S310-A Spring Creek, 1205 S. 28th St., Harrisburg, PA 17111

St. Peter's Shut-ins and Those Who Need Our Prayers

Nancy Crow Spring Creek Room 419, 1205 S. 28th St., Harrisburg, PA 17111

Warren & Esther Nelson 1018 Southfield Ct., Harrisburg, PA 17111

Della Lippert Manor Care Health Services, Rm 100, 1700 Market St., Camp Hill, PA 17011

Bruce Sauder 26 2nd St., Highspire, PA 17034

Mildred Lindsay Artis Senior Living, 150 N. 12th St., Lemoyne 17043

Betty Herb Middletown Home, Rm 338, 999 W. Harrisburg Pike, Middletown 17057

Barbara Hawkins Building 3, Rm 5, Ecumenical Retirement Community, 3525 Canby St., Harrisburg 17109

Geraldine Reider **277 Highland Rd., Hershey 17033 (717-533-3506)**



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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April Worship and Study Opportunities

Sunday Church Services with Holy Communion:

Trinity (Apr. 5 & 19):	10:15 AM
Holy Week services:	see details in newsletter
Easter services (Apr. 12):	9 AM at Trinity; 10:45 AM at St. Peter's
St. Peter's (Apr. 26):	10:15 AM

Monday Bible Study (at Trinity): 9:30 AM

Tuesday Bible Study (at Trinity): 6:30 PM

Wednesday Chapel Service (at Trinity): 9:30 AM