

Trinity Tidings

Thursday 8. October 2015

Christians worshipping, learning, nurturing and serving together for 58 years.



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Our Mission

Trinity welcomes all to a community in Christ; serving others, growing in faith, living in hope, and reaching out in love.

A Reconciling in Christ and a Stephen Ministry congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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HAPPENINGS

11. October — Generosity Bible Study, a 4-Sunday Bible Study taught by David Kleiner, Conference Room 10, 9:30 a.m.

18. October — Kickoff Sunday Join us for celebratory activities and special coffee hours at both Services.

24. October — Oktoberfest 5:30 p.m. Trinity Social Hall. Wonderful food and a BIGGER Than A Building! video and short presentation.

15. November — Commitment Sunday

Little Ones Fellowship

11. October 12 noon - 1 pm

This is a brand new group for babies - Kindergarten youth and their parents to enjoy a time of fellowship, play and support. We'll meet in Room 2. Please RSVP to Anita.



CALLING ALL YOUTH

Youth Gathering

11. October 6:00 PM

6th -12th Graders are gathering for the first time this school year. Come join us for pizza and we'll talk about the year ahead. Please RSVP to Anita (aksmallin@gmail.com).

20th Sunday after Pentecost

11. October 2015

Assisting Us in the Liturgy this Sunday

Acolytes
Assist. Ministers
Children's Church
Greeters
Lectors
Ushers
Coffee Hour
Altar Custodian
Bulletin Assembly
Tellers

8:15 am
Jerry B
Anita S
Joan E
Nancy J
Mike J & Ross A

10:45 am
Andrei S
Miriam M
Anita S
Margo W
Jerry B
David C & Robert P

Jill L, Patricia S, Carol B
Shirl & Wes O
Lynn & Bud B



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Adult Form

Today: Generosity Bible Study! In support of Trinity's BIGGER Than A Building! mission appeal, please attend the study on the biblical practice of generosity. As a part of Trinity's Adult Forum, classes will be given today, 18., 25. October, and 1. Nov. in Room 10 at 9:30 am, led by David Kleiner and based on the book *Generosity: Moving Toward Life that is Truly Life* by Gordon MacDonald.

Next Sunday: Continuing Generosity Bible Study!

The Word in Season for October-December 2015 is in the tract rack in the Social Hall.

You Said Lutherans Believe What? An Adult Inquiry Class

Six Sundays at 9:30 am.
27. Sept. – 1. Nov. 2015 Room 11

If you are interested in becoming a member of Trinity, or learning more about Lutherans and Trinity, please join us for this class. Please talk with Pastor Berner (prberner@aol.com) or contact the church office (office@TrinityELCA.org or 301-881-7275).



The Lutheran magazine (October issue) is on the coffee table in the Lounge. Please take one to read (& return it, if you wish). This subscription is a gift from Trinity's Mission Endowment Fund.



20th Sunday after Pentecost 11. October 2015

- ✚ Amos 5:6-7, 10-15
- ✚ Psalm 90:12-17
- ✚ Hebrews 4:12-16
- ✚ Mark 10:17-31

Bowing In

In Bethlehem, a large, old church marks the spot where some believe Jesus was born. Tourists visiting the Church of the Nativity quickly notice a peculiar architectural feature: the entrance to this massive building is so small that all but the littlest visitors have to duck low to enter it. The idea is that the tiny door forces all who enter to bow before they can see the mystery of Christ. This appropriately named "Door of Humility" is like the opposite of an amusement park ride: You have to be *this small* to enter.

The rich young man and the disciples discover in today's gospel that the same is true for the kingdom of God: you have to be small to enter it. The news of salvation in Jesus Christ is only good news to those who need it. And when we feel big and in charge and things are going well—as they were for the rich young man—it is easy to pretend that we are completely self-sufficient and that the things and gifts we have are ours alone.

But life—both in its wonder and its tragedy—often cuts us down to size. Gazing at nature or learning about science and history reminds us that we are actually quite small and insignificant in the grand scheme of things. Illness and age remind us that our bodies are fragile and we are not all-powerful. Losses and setbacks remind us that all we are and have comes from God and goes back to God.

This the truth, but it is not the whole story. We may be small, but we are also claimed and loved through baptism by the God for whom "all things are possible" (Mark 10:27). Out of our smallness, weakness, and lostness, God is fashioning a new world that has already been ushered in through Christ. Let us bow down and enter in!

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Remember in Your Prayers

... the church

our synod & bishops

Bishops Elizabeth Eaton and Richard Graham

our missionaries

Stephen Deal & Marta Giron, *Central America*

our congregation

Trinity Church

... the nations

Afghanistan, Ctr African Rep., Congo, Egypt, Haiti, Indonesia, Iraq, Iran, Israel, Liberia, Libya, Myanmar, Namibia, Nigeria, Palestine, the Philippines, Somalia, Sudan (Darfur), Syria, Ukraine, the United States, and Zimbabwe

... the sick and suffering

hospital

Helen H, *Shady Grove Adventist Hospital*

nursing/rehabilitation center

Margaret B, *Aarondale Assisted Living*

Dottie B, *Villas at Suffield, Warrenton, VA*

Elaine D, *Potomac Valley N. & W.*

Marc N, *Springbrook Rehab*

home

Louise G

Fred K

June L

Vimala P

family and friends

Terri B, *friend of Marilyn C*

Edith B, *aunt of John B*

Georgette B, *friend of Marilyn C*

Lastenia C, *mother to Joe C*

Lori & Joel C, *friends of Kathy & Ralph L*

Eldred C, *friend of Sue K*

Abel G, *son of Tigi G*

Rachel H, *friend of Anita S*

Aris P, *nephew Nancy & Tom M*

R family, *cousins of Sarah M & Thomas K*

Jack R, *friend of Marilyn G*

Carl S, *father of Bethel S*

Quentin S, *friend of Margaret F*

Susan T, *mother of Leslie C*

... in the Middle East

Alexander L, *son of lone & Brian L*

Bryan S, *nephew & cousin of S family*

Generosity
changes everything

This Week at Trinity

20th Sunday after Pentecost

11. October

LSS Coat Drive

	8:15 am	Holy Communion
	9:30 am	Sun. School/Adult Classes/ Adult Inquiry
	10:45 am	Holy Communion
	12:00 pm	Little Ones Fellowship/PreK-K
	12:00 pm	Property Committee
	6:00 pm	Youth Group Gathering/6-12
Mon.	7:30 pm	Heavenly Handbells
Tues.	10:30 am	Women's Circle (10)
	11:15 am	Staff Meeting
	5:30 pm	Confirmation Class
	7:30 pm	Congregation Council (10)
Wed.	10:30 am	Bible Study (11)
	7:30 pm	Bible Study (11)
Thurs.	9:00 am	Trinitarian Deadline
	7:30 pm	Trinity Singers (MR)
Sat.	11:00 am	Altar Guild Workshop & Luncheon

Next Sunday 18. October

21st Sunday after Pentecost

BIGGER Than A Building! Kick-Off Sunday
Paper Products Sunday/LSS Coat Drive

	8:15 am	Holy Communion with <i>Installation of Altar Guild</i>
	9:30 am	Sun. School/Adult Classes/ Adult Inquiry
	10:45 am	Holy Communion with <i>Installation of Altar Guild</i>
	1:45 pm	Bethesda H&R-Get the Word Out
	6:30 pm	Jr. Youth Group/6-12

Looking Ahead at Trinity

24. Oct.	Oktoberfest, 5:30 pm
25. Oct.	Reformation Sunday, wear red
15. Nov.	BIGGER Than A Building! Commitment Sunday
21. Nov.	Trinity Singers Choir Retreat, 9:00 am

Birthdays

11. Oct.	Kathy D, Gail R
13. Oct.	Sarah G, Julianne N
17. Oct.	Jon S

Anniversaries

16. Oct.	Rebecca & Joe G
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A Bible Study Circle for Women will meet at Trinity on the second Tuesdays at 10:30 am in Room 10. Our meeting this month is scheduled for Tues. 13. Oct. We will be using the lesson from the October issue of Gather magazine.

Please let Susan S know if you are planning to attend. If you don't subscribe to Gather, we will make a copy for you.

RESCHEDULED
Altar Guild Workshop & Luncheon
for
17. October at 11:00 am



You are invited to attend a no-obligation workshop and luncheon on **Saturday 17. October at 11:00 am** to learn more and to meet other altar guild members. Men, women and families are welcome to participate! Call Carol B with questions or more information.



Join the Trinity Singers!

We sing at the 10:45 am Sunday service starting on 13. September. The choir rehearses on Thursdays from

7:30 pm to 9:00 pm. Adults and high school students are always welcome to join--speak with Sarah B if you have questions.

Please consider becoming a Trinity Greeter on Sunday mornings by extending the hand of Jesus in welcoming those who come to worship him.



Contact Jim K or call the church at 301.881.7275 or send an email to office@trinityelca.org to add your name to the list.

Outerwear Drive In October
Help New Refugees Stay Warm this Winter



During the month of October, Trinity will collect new and gently used outerwear, comforters, and sheets for the Refugee & Immigrant Services Program of Lutheran Social Services of the National Capital Area (LSS/NCA). All items should be clean and in good repair.

Items especially needed include:
Outerwear (all ages and sizes): Coats, Fleece s , Winter Hats, Gloves & Mittens;
Bedding (full and twin size): Comforters, Duvets, Sheets;
Baby equipment: Cribs (manufactured 2011 or later), Strollers, Car seats (infant and toddler); and/or
Gift cards: Refugee case managers also appreciate cards for Walmart and Target to help their clients with special emergency needs.

Please contact Kathy T with any questions.



Gifts of Hope
 3rd Annual Benefit Concert
 Sunday 18. October
 4:30 pm

Featuring the
18th Street Singers

First Trinity Lutheran Church Free Admission
 501 4th St. NW (Judiciary Square Metro)
 Washington, DC





**Saturday 24. October
5:30 - 8:30 pm**

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Presentation

JOIN THE FUN

Oktoberfest music by Trinity DJs

**BRATWURST, HOT DOGS, GERMAN WURSTS
AND BEVERAGES PROVIDED**

Bring your favorite German side dish or dessert
OR whatever you would like to share
GREAT RECIPES IN THE TRINITY COOKBOOK

Mark your calendars now – see you there !

RSVP: Tear off and place in the offering plate or put in the envelope on the easel in the Social Hall.



Name: _____

Number Coming: _____

Please tell us what you will bring to share:

Side Dish _____

Dessert _____

ALL SAINTS' MEMORIAL DISPLAY

*To honor the saints who shared the
Christian faith with you!*

Please bring a photo on Reformation Sunday 25. October 2015 of those who have died in the faith – family members or friends. These will be placed near the altar during our worship on All Saints' Sunday, and then on a display table in the Social Hall for the remaining Sundays of November.



All Saints' Day

1. November 2015

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

*Please remember my departed loved ones
at the Holy Eucharist on All Saints' Sunday.*

PLEASE PRINT NAME

DATE OF DEATH

Please return this form to the church office by
Sunday 25. October 2015

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Trinity's Mission Appeal, **BIGGER Than A Building!** (BTAB) will not only pay down the mortgage on our building, it is also a vision to grow our ministries, serve others, and share God's love. Many Trinity members spent the summer visioning about new ministries that our congregation could develop in the future. Working with David Misenheimer, a consultant from Kairos and Associates, we were encouraged to dream big and envision how Trinity could grow in service to God. The Visioning group determined that a new position of Connections Coordinator would be necessary to accomplish our ministry development ideas. All Trinity members were asked to participate online in the Church Assessment Tool (CAT) that helped us gather information to guide our decisions and provided a clearer picture of who we are as a church and what directions might be important for our future. Our visioning ideas and CAT resulted in An Emerging Vision for Trinity Lutheran Church, shared with the

congregation at Listening Group sessions in August and September.

Paying down our mortgage and reducing our debt is a vital part of BTAB. As of 1. August 2015, Trinity still owes \$759,659, on its mortgage. With this three-year mission appeal, we will reduce our facility mortgage by making our monthly payments from BTAB. (\$80,000 yearly for 3 years for a total of \$240,000). We will use 75% of BTAB money received beyond the \$240,000 reserved for mortgage payments to further reduce our debt, and we will use 25% beyond the \$240,000 for ministry. Council has set the following BTAB financial goals:

Basic Goal — \$550,000 Challenge Goal — \$700,000 DEBT FREE Goal — \$1,000,000

The **\$550,000 goal** would provide \$472,500 for mortgage payments and \$77,500 for Ministry Development.

The **\$700,000 goal** would provide \$585,000 for mortgage payments and \$115,000 for Ministry Development.

The **DEBT FREE Goal of \$1,000,000** would provide \$810,000 to pay down the remainder of the mortgage and \$190,000 for Ministry Development.

The Kick-off date for BIGGER Than A Building! is 18. October.

Commitment Sunday is 15. November, for both BIGGER Than A Building! and Trinity's annual Stewardship Campaign. There will be two pledge cards: one for Trinity's 3-year BTAB Mission Appeal and one for Trinity's annual Stewardship Campaign. We encourage you to pray and discern your household's most generous response to both the BTAB mission appeal and the Stewardship Campaign. Consider the many gifts your faith has given to you and let your giving reflect your many blessings.

David C and *Miriam M*, Co-Chairs,

BIGGER Than A Building!