

# Trinity Tidings

Thursday 5. May 2016

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



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

## Mother's Day Collection Sun 8. & 15. May & Shower Sun 15. May *after both services* for Lutheran Social Services

As Mother's Day approaches, so does our annual Mother's Day shower for LSS. This year our focus is on the months that follow Mother's Day – when kids go to summer camp! Many of us know what a wonderful place summer camp can be, but it's much more fun with the right gear. Lutheran Social Services sponsors the Youth Haven camp, and this year they have asked us to focus our donations on:

- Tie-dye kits (from craft stores)
- Flashlights with batteries
- Flip-flops (children, youth and adult sizes, girls and boys styles in equal numbers)
- Canisters of sanitizing hand wipes (Wet Ones-- not Clorox)
- Multi-packs of individually-wrapped snacks (cereal bars, raisins, peanuts, cheese crackers)
- Gifts cards (\$15-25) from Walmart, Target, Payless Shoe Source (for emergency clothing/bathing suits/sneakers needs)

Recipients from our Family Camp and Kids' Camp this summer are between the ages of 4 and 14. We will collect items from 8. May until May 15. If you have any questions, please contact Robyn K-V.



## 7th Sunday of Easter - Ascension Sunday 8. May 2016

### Assisting Us in the Liturgy this Sunday

8:15 am

10:45 am

**Acolytes**

Anders S

**Assisting Ministers**

Carol B

Nalini A

**Children's Church**

Donna S

David C

**Greeters**

Tom M

Margo W

**Lectors**

Tom M

Leslie C

**Ushers**

Donna & Steve S

Julie N & Mike J

**Bread Baker**

Leslie C

Leslie C

**Coffee Hour**

Jane R & Eric S

Social Ministry

**Altar Custodians**

Marilyn G & Carol B

**Bulletin Assembly**

Trinity Singers

**Tellers**

Lynn & Bud B

**Altar Flowers**

Given to the glory of God by Vimala P in honor of her daughter, Nalini, and her granddaughters, Anjali and Anusha.

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## Stewardship Update as of 1. May



65 families have pledged \$290,443 to our annual stewardship campaign.



63 families have pledged \$481,000 to our 3 year mission appeal, and \$162,473 has been contributed to BTAB!

If you have returned your commitment cards, THANK YOU! If you have not returned your commitment cards for **Trust in the Promise** and **BIGGER than a Building!**, please prayerfully consider the blessings God has given you and respond generously. The information for our annual stewardship program and our special mission appeal are on the Trinity web page under the "Giving" tab. Thank you and God bless you in your generosity!

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## Sunday Christian Education for Every Adult!

### Adult Forum Sundays at 9:30 am Room 10

We will continue with the study of Genesis through May. Please join us. All are welcome.

### L.I.F.E. Class – Living in Faith Every Day

#### Sundays at 9:30 am the Library – Room 1

We study the scripture readings a week ahead of the Sunday worship. We discuss and share how these Bible readings relate to our own lives. See you there!

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## New Elected Congregational Officers 2016-2017

Nathan L	President
James T	Vice President
Tom M	Treasurer
Jeanine B	Assistant Treasurer
Bethel S	Financial Secretary
Susan Sm	Secretary

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## 7th Sunday of Easter - Ascension Sunday

8. May 2016

- ✚ Acts 1:1-11
- ✚ Psalm 97
- ✚ Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21
- ✚ John 17:20-26

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### A Body of Witnesses

When Jesus calls his disciples witnesses he is speaking also to us. Like our sisters and brothers from the first century, we too have witnessed death and resurrection. Think of estranged family members reconciling over the deathbed of a loved one, or a recovering alcoholic rediscovering freedom and life, or a sudden unemployment making space for the courage of new ventures, or a prolonged illness resulting in a new appreciation for the preciousness of life. All around us there is death and resurrection.

Of course, Christ's own resurrection is the defining moment in the Christian story. And yet, Easter is only the beginning. That is why the resurrected Jesus withdraws from the scene so mysteriously. With a gesture of blessing, he returns to God, leaving the disciples and us behind to continue as his presence in the world. Why did he not simply stick around? It is a daunting thought, but maybe Jesus wants us to step up and be his body in the world. Jesus can now touch, heal, bless, preach, comfort, sing, pray, and celebrate life through us and our lives. So, we are his witnesses, but we are also his hands and heart to everyone we meet.

As we receive the blessing and nourishment of Christ's own life in word, meal, and community, how will we carry this life into our daily lives? For example, how can we be Christ in our workplaces? Imagine: we might be the only pieces of Jesus a colleague is receiving that day! Or, how are we Christ's presence in our families and circles of friends? Who in our lives needs a word of healing or truth? And how does our participation in civic responsibilities like voting, volunteering, and speaking out flow from being Christ's representatives? For us who are Christ's witnesses, these are daily questions. Let us explore them together!

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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, Belgium, 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

Kathy Bo, *Montgomery General Hospital*

#### nursing/rehabilitation center

Margaret B, *Aarondale Living*

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

Elaine D, *Potomac Valley*

#### home

Fred K                      June L

Carolyn L                  David S

Ani S-G                      Don T

Rob W

#### family and friends\*

Scotty A, *friend of the A family*

Georgette B, *friend of Marilyn C*

Trey E, *brother-in-law of John B*

Irene F, *friend of Nancy M*

John G, *friend of Marilyn & Bob C*

Bob H, *uncle of Kathy H*

Barbara P, *friend of Nancy N*

Jack R, *friend of Marilyn G*

Isabel S-G, *sister of Ani S-G*

Noble S, *cousin of Miriam M*

Rita V, *friend of Joe C*

### ... in the Middle East

Alexander L, *son of Lone & Brian L*

*\*For the family and friends, prayer requests will be kept on the list for 4 weeks. After 4 weeks, please complete another prayer card. Thank you.*

## This Week at Trinity

8. May 2016

### 7th Sunday of Easter - Ascension Sunday

#### Mother's Day & LSS Shower Collection

	8:15 am	Holy Communion
	9:15 am	Coffee Hour
	9:30 am	Sun. Sch./1st Communion Class/Adult Classes
	10:45 am	Holy Communion
	11:45 am	Coffee Hour
Mon.	7:30 pm	Heavenly Handbells (Wor)
Tues.	11:15 am	Staff Meeting
	5:30 pm	Confirmation Class
	7:30 pm	Congregation Council
Thurs.	7:30 am	Trinity Singers (MR)
Sat.	10:00 am	Pentecost Decorating

**Wear RED tomorrow for Pentecost**

### Next Sunday 15. May

#### Day of Pentecost

#### Paper Product Sunday & LSS Shower Collection

	8:15 am	Holy Communion
	9:30 am	Sun. Sch./Adult Classes
	10:45 am	Holy Communion with <i>First Communion</i>
	12:00 pm	Little Ones Fellowship (PreK-K)
	12:15 pm	Social Ministry
	1:45 pm	Bethesda H&R-Mutual Ministry/Staff Support
	6:00 pm	Youth Group Gather (6-12)

### Looking Ahead at Trinity

16. May	Trinitarian Deadline
22. May	Music Appreciation Sunday & Public Examination of the Confirmands
5. June	Teacher Appreciation Sunday & Graduation Recognition

### Birthdays

9. May	Diane Mc, Noah M
10. May	Tigist G
11. May	Luke W
14. May	Kevin D, Billie J

### Anniversaries

10. May	Sarah B & Brandon T Kathy & Charles T
14. May	Kristin & Todd G



**Bloomin' Spring Sale,**  
on **Saturday 7. May**, 9:30  
am to 1:00 pm, 9701 Veirs  
Drive, Rockville, MD.  
Proceeds are used to  
enhance the life of each

resident. Come shop for Mother's Day. Items for sale: plants, candy, jewelry, flower pots, baked goods, gift shop items, bird houses and coffee & donuts.

**Trinity Music Appreciation Sunday**  
**Sunday 22. May 2016**



Each year we set aside a special day to give God thanks for the gift of music – and to express our gratitude to the musicians of our congregation.

The most significant music is the united voice of the congregation singing the praise of God. And please be sure to thank all those who lead and inspire us in God's praise, especially our vocal choir and organist (Sarah B), our handbell choir (Marilyn C), Sunday School Singers (Ross A) and our other instrumentalists. Together we make beautiful music – all for the glory of God.

**Trinity's Vacation Bible School**

Sundays 26. June, 17. July, and 21. August



Trinity has had Vacation Bible School (VBS) in the mornings and in the evenings. This has become a challenge for our youngest members. Therefore, we will have VBS on three (3) Sunday afternoons, one (1) Sunday per month throughout the summer. When will the awesomeness happen? 26. June, 17. July and 21. August. The fun will begin at 3:00 pm, dinner served at 5:45 pm and conclude at 6:15 pm. We will use the Youth Room and Sunday School Rooms for fun, games, and learn about how God Calls Us to do God's work wherever we go. Come join us for as many as you can! For more information, please contact Anita S.

**YOUTH NEWS**

**Graduation Recognition Sunday** 5. June 2015  
On Sunday 5. June, Trinity will recognize all graduates – high school, college, graduate school, etc. If someone in your family is graduating or graduated this year, please tell the church office their names and graduating school by 15. May. We would like to include the graduate names in the prayers and the worship folder.

**Mar Lu Ridge Summer Camp!**

There is one more Open House date, 22. May, for people interested in learning more about our summer camps. You will have a chance to meet some of the staff, tour the grounds and facilities, and ask questions from 2:00 – 4:30 p.m. A light lunch and snacks will be provided. No appointment is necessary, just come and check us out! If this date does not fit your schedule, please call us at 301.874.5544 to set up a personal tour.



Looking Ahead...

- 15. May - Youth Group End of Year Party
- 22. May - Jr. Youth Group End of Year Party
- 5. June - Graduation Recognition & Teacher Appreciation Sunday
- 12. June - End of Year Sunday School Picnic



**Mark Your Calendar Now!**

Our 27th annual concert with the combined handbell choirs of Trinity and Holy Trinity Lutheran churches will be held on Saturday 4. June at 6:00 PM. Location is at Holy Trinity - 7607 Sandy Spring Road, Laurel, Md. Concert is FREE and open to the public. If you need a ride or can give a ride to others, please contact Marilyn C. Hope to see you there!



# Summer Music 2016

**Do you sing? Play an instrument?**

**Or have a son, daughter, friend who does?**

**Solo? Duet? Trio? Ensemble?**

We would love to hear you (or your's) during worship – during the offering or during the Communion – at 8:15 am or at 10:00 am – **or at both!** Sing or play your favorite piece, hymn, or anthem. If you (or your's) can play or sing at one of the services, please sign up on the sheet located on the Bulletin Board near the Social Hall Kitchen for one or more Sundays this summer.



## Red Geraniums for Pentecost Sunday



15. May 2016

Deadline for ordering  
8. May 2016

I wish to order \_\_\_\_\_ red geraniums  
@ \$5.00 each

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

You may place your order form and cash or check, made payable to Trinity Lutheran Church, in the flower envelope (which you will find in the card rack in the pews), and place the envelope in the offering plate, mail it to the church, or give it directly to Julie N.



**What is a chasuble?**

Our First Communion Class checking out the Sacristy

# Mission Endowment Fund



## 2016 Awards from Trinity's

This month, the Mission Endowment Committee will present five awards during Sunday services. In total, the endowment will support \$4,077.55 in awards for 2016. The awards have been decided by the Mission Endowment Committee based on nominations received from the congregation and committee members in accordance with the bylaws.

The recipients of this year's awards are:

### Special Program of Trinity Church

Trinity Youth Mission Trip	\$ 500.00
Trinity Columbarium	\$ 859.19

### Special Community Ministry

Montgomery's Kids	\$ 679.59
Mid-county United Ministries	\$ 679.59

### Special Benevolence

Antiochian Orthodox Children's Relief	\$ 800.00
Southeast Ministries	\$ 559.18

Since 2006 when the fund first distributed awards, and including this year's awards, the Mission Endowment Fund has awarded a total of \$36,573.45 ...it is the gift that keeps on giving!

Please consider gifts in honor or memory of loved ones or as part of estate planning – and no gift is too small. It's simple—just note Trinity's Mission Endowment Fund on the envelope and on the notes section of your check or use the designated envelopes in the pews. We can also accept stock certificates (which has tax advantages in bequests).

*Kim B*

Chair, Mission Endowment Fund