

PASTOR'S DESK

Theologians often refer to the Christian church as "Easter People", a shorthand way of saying that the church exists as a result of the events of Easter and that Christians live in an "Easter manner". That the church was birthed by Easter is a given. That Christians live in an "Easter manner" may or may not be true.

What is an "Easter manner"? What behaviors and attitudes define us as Easter people? St. Paul spends significant portions of his letters contrasting the "old person (old self)" with the "new person (new self)", the person of the flesh with the person of the Spirit. The behavior and being of the person of the flesh is determined, if not at least influenced, by the impact of the things of this world, the culture in which we live, the impulses which motivate our behavior. The desire to "keep up with the Joneses" is the old person. The tendency to deal with people in stereotypes rather than as unique children of God and, therefore, brothers and sisters, is a manifestation of our "old self". By contrast, the "new person (new self)" is guided by the ministry of Jesus, by a living out of our status as loved children of God. When living out of the "new self", we act as people who are blessed by God to be a blessing to the world.

Now it seems to me that this life-style contrast between old and new self is a hard row to hoe. Even when we mean well and work at living in a just, loving, and gentle manner, we keep being tripped up by our innate human tendencies. No sooner do we perform some act of kindness toward another then we become impatient and angry about someone's actions toward us. That is why it is important to be part of a Christian community. When the church is being the church, we support one another and hold one another accountable to the gifts of grace and faith. If I am not being kind to others, I hope someone will call to my attention my insensitivity. If you are being narrow in your acceptance of others, I hope someone in the community reminds you that we are to act "like Jesus" in dealing with others. When we suffer, I hope there are people there to lean on, people who carry you through difficulties when you have little strength left in you.

That is what it means to be "Easter people". I hope Trinity is filled with "Easter people". Are you one of them?

All my love,

Joe

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The following members and friends of Trinity were included in our prayer list during March:

Emily Saylor	Karen Saylor
Linda Lescaleet	April Ellis
Elouise Himes	Lorraine & Don Hair
Jean Carr	Esther Semler
Lisa Lewis	Steve Riddle
Lucy Eshelman	Lorraine Griffin
Scott Auby	Andrew Himes
Susan Brown	Rachelle Gross
Judy Negri	

ATTENTION

Announcements for the bulletin must be submitted to the church office **NO LATER** than **9:00 Friday morning**.

Newsletter articles should be submitted into the church office **NO LATER** than the **15th of the month**

SECRETARY AND PASTOR OFFICE HOURS:

Wednesday	9:00 AM – Noon
Friday	9:00 AM – Noon

Apr.	1	Brandon Garver
	1	Cameron McClellan
	2	Trinity Hi-Lites 55 years old
	2	Paula Ford
	2	Ruth Howell
	3	John Clark
	3	Jason Deater
	4	Avery Smith
	5	Connie Ford
	6	Brenda Dellinger
	6	Mary Ann Phillips
	7	Robert Bidle
	7	Jenny Garver
	8	Susan Gahs
	9	Mark Bikle
	9	Carol DeBaugh
	11	Josh Henry
	11	Craig Poffenberger
	12	Jay Metz, Jr.
	13	Betty Swain
	14	Hilda Harshman
	14	Jeremy Holder
	14	Ruth Leizear
	14	Kim Nally
	17	Brandon Turnbaugh
	18	Abigail Fazenbaker
	18	Eileen Gaylor
	20	Howard Boyer
	20	Ryan Tribett
	23	Thomas Schnackenberg
	23	Naomi Summers
	24	Martha Harshman
	25	Jessica Doyle

THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone at Trinity for the cards, visits and food following my mother's death. Thank you also for the wonderful reception after the funeral. We are so blessed to have such a caring and loving church family.

Sincerely,
Jenny, Steve Jamison and family



APRIL ALTAR FLOWERS

April 3
April 10
April 17 Herb Brenneman family
April 24

The above dates are open to place flowers on the altar in honor or memory of a loved one.



NURSERY SCHEDULE FOR 10:15 WORSHIP

April 3	Karen Cunningham
April 10	Jennifer Poffenberger
April 17	Theresa Foster
April 24	Julie Hartman

Please be considerate to others when placing your children in the nursery during worship time. The nursery is for children age infant to 4 years old. Older children 5 and older should not be in the nursery. Thank you for your cooperation to ensure our little ones are properly well cared for.



The Men's Bible Study meets in the Funk Center at 8:00 AM each month on the first and third Sundays. We meet on April 3 & 17. We always have room around the table for a few more men. Join us as we gather over pastries and coffee to discuss Christian disciplines.



Our Children's Church Program at Trinity is a wonderful ministry to our young people ages 4 through grade 3. Children's church is offered the 3rd and 4th Sunday's of the month as part of our 10:15 A.M. worship service. The leader for April is Jen Poffenberger.



Joyful Noise Choir

Children ages 3 and older are encouraged to participate in the Joyful Noise choir. We practice the last 15 minutes of Sunday school and sing to the congregation on the 4th Sunday of each month. If you have any questions, please call Jen Poffenberger at 301-432-0456



Pastor Donovan is offering a woman's weekly Tuesday Bible study at 9:15 a.m. in the church lounge in the education wing. The Bible study topics will vary depending upon the topics the group suggests. Please feel free to bring your Bible and join us!



Trinity will have a workday on **Saturday, April 2 from 9:00 a.m. to noon.** The Property Committee wishes to organize items that need to be kept and rid the church building and parsonage of discardable items. If you have items behind the stage in the social room, in the church office, the third floor education wing closets, belfry or the first floor of the parsonage, we ask you to be at the church by 9:00 to organize your respective material and indicate what may be discarded. If you are not available for the project on April 2 and are responsible for materials in the church, please tidy up your area and identify those items you wish to have discarded or recycled. We need your help with this project. Many hands make for light work! Thank you so much!



FIRST FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP

First Friday Fellowship, No Foolin'! Join us Friday, April 1st to celebrate picnic season! We will cook some burgers on the grill, and welcome your sides and desserts.

Burgers, buns and beverages will be provided. The fun begins at 5:30 PM. RSVP to Kristy Smith by calling **240-285-**

8894 or email her at **kristyathome@hotmail.com.**



MAR-LU-RIDGE NEWS

Come and join us this upcoming summer for a wonderful week of camp! The summer camp brochure with a full schedule and camp descriptions is available here at the church as well as online at www.Mar-Lu-Ridge.org.

Mar-Lu-Ridge offers:

- a fun, small group, Christ-centered week in the woods
- affordable pricing starting at \$405 per week for overnight and \$165 for day camp
- friendships and memories that stay with your child
- camperships to ensure that all children can attend camp
- a wide variety of unique specialty programs for all ages!
- ACA certification means MLR meets the highest safety standards

Interested families may consider joining us at one of our open houses from 2:00 to 4:30 PM on April 24 and May 22.

If you have any questions, please contact MLR by e-mail at MLR@Mar-Lu-Ridge.org or by phone at 301-874-5544.

Do not miss this opportunity to send your children to Mar-Lu-Ridge. Trinity offers a scholarship of \$200 per child to make MLR affordable for every family!

Registration opened January 1, 2016!



Do you like to crochet or knit? Would you like to learn how to crochet or knit? Would you like to learn new techniques or share your knowledge of crocheting or knitting? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, join other folks in the social room at **7 pm** on Monday, **April 11 and April 25**. Please contact Kim Nally at 301-432-4434 or email her at kimmyrt@myactv.net if you have any question. Join us! We have fun!!



Prime Timers are taking to the road in April with a trip to the National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes in Emmitsburg, MD on **Wednesday, April 20**. We gather in the church parking lot to leave at 10:00 a.m. Following our time exploring the grotto and enjoying the wonderful spring flowers in the grotto area, we will eat lunch at The Palms restaurant in Emmitsburg. If you wish to

journey with us, please sign the sheet on the podium in the narthex. Please indicate if you are willing to drive, as we will car pool for this event. All are welcome! You need not be a "seasoned citizen" to join us. The rain date for the trip is Wednesday, April 27.



SCHEDULE FOR CRUCIFERS & ACOLYTES

April 3 – Second Sunday of Easter - Communion

Crucifer	-	Zane Poffenberger
Acolytes	-	Cullen Talhelm Owen Smith Avery Smith Andrew Himes

April 10 – Third Sunday of Lent– Contemporary

Crucifer	-	
Acolytes	-	Leah Pippin Taylor Williams

April 17 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

Crucifer	-	Cameron McClellan
Acolytes	-	Noah Iager Gavin Hartman

April 24 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

Crucifer	-	Dylan Ellis
Acolytes	-	Ryan Tribett Kieran Bowl

If you are unable to serve on the day you are assigned, please switch with someone else.

Thank you kindly.

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LIONS CHICKEN BARBECUE

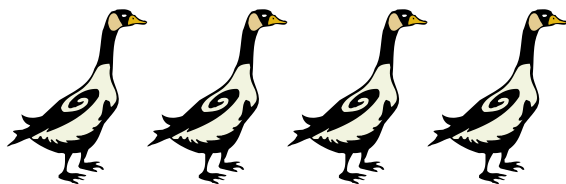
The Boonsboro Lions will hold our first barbecue of this year on Saturday, April 2 in the lot next to Columbia Bank on North Main Street. We will be using the same "special blend of spices". We will be serving from 9 am until sold out. Treat yourself to something special. All proceeds are used for the benefit of the local community.



The 14th annual Jerry Daniel Landsman (JDL) 5K will be held on Saturday, April 30, on the campus of Salisbury University. Registration for the run begins at 8:15 a.m.; the run itself starts at 9:00.

As a family, we are grateful to SAFERIDE for continuing to hold this 5K in Danny's name. It has grown larger each year, and continues to raise money for a good cause. This has been a wonderful way to honor our son's memory on the college campus that meant so much to him. If anyone is interested in running/walking the 5K, or in making a donation, please contact us for more details.

Thank you, Jerry and Cathy Landsman



Gaggle Gathers to Giggle

The next gaggle is slated for April 7th at the home of Kristy Smith. Fellowship begins at 6:15 PM. Women ages 18-105 are welcome, but RSVPs are a must. See Kristy to get your name on the list!



ELCA World Hunger

More than 800 million people — that is 1 in 8 people in our world today — are hungry. As members of the ELCA, we are called to respond. We are a church that rolls up our sleeves and gets to work. Working with and through our congregations, in the United States, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands Lutheran churches overseas and other partners, **ELCA World Hunger** is uniquely positioned to reach communities in need. From health clinics to microloans, water wells to animal husbandry, community meals to advocacy, our gifts to ELCA World Hunger make it possible for the ELCA to respond, supporting sustainable solutions that get at the root causes of hunger and poverty.

Hunger facts

- 868 million people - that is 1 in 8 - are chronically hungry and cannot lead active daily lives.
- 1.2 billion people live in extreme poverty, living on less than \$1.25 per day.

- In the United States, more than 50 million people do not know where their next meal will come from.
- 46.2 million Americans are living in poverty.

At the 2015 Delaware-Maryland Synod assembly, the synod passed a resolution to support a world hunger emphasis by using educational hunger materials and giving money to combat local and world hunger. Trinity already is very active in combating local hunger by our active support of the southern Washington County Food Pantry and Micah's Backpack. Now we encourage you to broaden your work to alleviate hunger by making donations using the hunger envelopes you will find in the pew each week and participating in the **"Noisy Change Offering"**. Begin the daily habit of depositing your pocket change into a tin can during April and May. On **Sunday, May 22**, bring your can(s) to worship to be blessed and placed into the chancel area. Your change will be taken to the upcoming DE-MD Synod Assembly in June and added to and blessed with the other "Noisy Change" offerings brought by all the synod's congregations.

We can make a difference to combat food insecurity in our community and throughout the world!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Mark your calendars **Sunday, June 12-Thursday, June 16th** ages 3-11; 6:15-8:15pm for Trinity's Cave Quest VBS. Registration forms are on Trinity's website at Trinitylutheranboonsboro.org and in the education hallway. Sign up early and let us know you will be joining us for this exciting adventure. We need volunteers. Please see Laura Iager to help out during the week.

Trinity's Cave Quest
Registration Form
(Ages 3-11; one per child)
June 12th -16th; 6:15pm – 8:15 pm

Child's Name _____

Child's Age: ____ **Date of birth:** _____

Last school grade completed: _____

Name of parent(s): _____

Street address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ **Zip:** _____

Home telephone: (____) _____

Parent/caregiver's cell phone: _____

Home e-mail address: _____

In case of emergency, contact: _____

Relationship to child: _____

Allergies/medical conditions: _____

Home church (if applicable): _____

Are you willing to help the week of VBS? Yes ___ No ___

** Completed forms can be mailed to
Trinity Lutheran Church, 64 S. Main St. Boonsboro, MD 21713
or dropped off at the church office 301-432-2226.

Come join the adventure!



The Bulletin Board

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 5:30 PM First Friday	2 9 AM Work Day 9 AM Lions Club Chicken BBQ
3 8 AM Men's Bible study 9 AM SCS 10:15 AM worship - Communion	4	5 5:30 AA 11 th Step	6 7 PM Contemp Choir 7 PM Support Group	7 1-3 PM Food Bank – Micah's Backpack 6:15 Gaggle 7 PM AA Meeting	8	9
10 9 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Contemporary Service	11 7 PM Knitting Group	12 9:15 AM Bible Study 5:30 AA 11 th Step 7 PM Council	13 3 PM Girl Scouts 7 PM Adult Choir 7 PM Support Group	14 1-3 PM Food Bank– Micah's Backpack 6 PM Girl Scouts 7 PM AA Meeting	15	16
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24 9 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM worship – Children's Church	25 7 PM Knitting Group	26 9:15 AM Bible Study 5:30 AA 11 th Step 7 PM Outreach Team 7 PM Boonsboro Hist. Soc.	27 10 AM Prime Timer trip rain date 7 PM Adult Choir 7 PM Support Group 8 PM Contemp Choir	28 1-3 PM Food Bank– Micah's Backpack 6 PM Girl Scouts 7 PM AA Meeting	29	30