

## Pastor's Desk

There was a time when Trinity designated one Sunday each year as “Bring a Friend to Church Sunday”. We would ask members to invite and host an unchurched relative or neighbor at worship that Sunday. Now I know that this is NOT the best approach to involving unchurched folks in the life of faith. It really makes little sense to expect that someone for whom structured worship and “faith language” is foreign will connect with one hour of worship on a Sunday morning. Oh, don't misunderstand what I'm saying; I still feel it's valuable for you to invite people to worship but that invitation needs to be within the context of a fairly deep relationship between you and the person you invite.

The real purpose behind the “Bring a Friend” to worship Sunday was to emphasize to YOU that our primary job as Christians is to effectively reach out to people to help them encounter the God of unconditional love. Trinity is not a country club, not an elect group of people who simply gather occasionally to enjoy a little ritual (worship) and fellowship together. Our real purpose is to (in Jesus' words in the Gospel of Matthew), “make disciples of all people...teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you...” Our real purpose is to find any and every way to communicate and be the power of love in folks' lives. Our purpose is to help people to develop a relationship with God and with the community that is called by God to live out love, peace, justice, mercy and servanthood in the world.

The primary responsibility for reaching out to the unchurched and to members of Trinity belongs to ALL of us, not just the pastor, the outreach committee and the congregation council. In truth, NO Christian congregation should need an evangelism program. An evangelism program should not need to exist because the work of speaking, sharing, and acting out the gospel should be shouldered by every member and attendee of the congregation.

So let me challenge you this month with a little reminder of our individual and corporate responsibility. Perhaps this newsletter article will jog us to action, raise questions within us (e.g. Just how do I spread the gospel to others? What can I say and do? What about my faith do I have to share with others?) and make us feel a little guilty if we aren't doing our job. All the above is good...if it makes us better disciples of Jesus!

## TRINITY HI-LITES "ABOUT US"

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### June Birthdays

June	1	Dylan Ellis
	2	Scott Gahs
	2	Donovan McClellan
	3	Shannon McClellan
	6	Joel Henry
	7	Ashley Turnbaugh
	8	Jennifer Poffenberger
	10	Susie Dalton
	11	Edda Brenneman
	11	Todd Garver
	12	Otto Solberg
	12	Cullen Talhelm
	13	Meredith Fouche
	16	Zachary Poffenberger
	21	Steven Jamison
	21	Janeen Solberg
	22	Rylan Ruse
	22	Kristy Smith
	23	Karen Tribett
	24	Nathan Michael
	25	Daniel Schnackenberg
	26	Jane Walkley
	26	Andrea Smith
	27	Courtney Long
	30	Marie Bikle



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

Sarah Ellis	Saylor Family
Amanda Ales	Ginger Jones
Ronny Prunty	Bill Shaheen
Jack Latimer	April Ellis
Peggy Beeler	J.J. Bain
Jolie Brantner	Brian Eskridge
Susi Shaver	Susan Horvath
Lucy Eshelman	Joe Howell

### 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



### JUNE ALTAR FLOWERS

- June 7
- June 14
- June 21
- June 28

The above dates are for flowers to be placed on the altar in honor or memory of a loved one.



### NURSERY SCHEDULE FOR 10:15 WORSHIP

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|---------|-----------------------|
| June 7  | Julie Hartman         |
| June 14 | Karen Cunningham      |
| June 21 | Jennifer Poffenberger |
| June 28 | Theresa Foster        |



### ~ Summer Sunday School ~

Our Children's Church program at Trinity is a wonderful ministry to our young people ages 4 through grade 3. Children's Church will be offered during June, July and August in the place of regular Sunday School due to a lack of attendance throughout the summer months. Therefore, there will be **no regular Sunday School for children starting June 8<sup>th</sup> through September 8<sup>th</sup>** (we will resume classes with our annual Rally Day on Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup> (due to Boonesborough Days September 7<sup>th</sup>). However, Children's Church will be offered the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the

months. Volunteers are needed for months June, July, August and September. If you have children who attend this program and have not yet volunteered please consider leading one of the above months (3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays) so that we are able to continue this ministry throughout the summer. Please contact Laura Iager at [meidvm@aol.com](mailto:meidvm@aol.com) or 301-739-4885. Thanks so much.



### FIRST FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP

Due to Boonsboro High School graduation festivities, we will not have a First Friday event in June. We know you miss them! We hope to return in August!

Why not consider coordinating one of these fellowship events, or offering a constructive suggestion for other activities to include?

[kristyathome@hotmail.com](mailto:kristyathome@hotmail.com) or 240-285-8894



The June Gaggle is a riverside picnic! Join us on Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm for an old-fashioned cook out at the Potomac Fish and Game Club.

Carpool will leave Trinity promptly at 5:30 pm and valid RSVPs are absolutely necessary. Maybes won't work, as space is truly limited. Contact Kristy Smith for more information: Phone 240-285-8894 or [kristyathome@hotmail.com](mailto:kristyathome@hotmail.com)



The Sunday School Breakfast will be held on Sunday, June 7 from 9:00-10:00 A.M. Teachers will be honored for their service and will be given a small gift card.



Mar Lu Ridge Summer camp: Registration is Open! Check out our brochure on line and choose from a huge variety of summer camp opportunities. Horseback, Swimming, Cooking, Arts, Day camp, Family Camp and more - ages 6-17 - there's something for everyone. Scholarships are available for those in need and Trinity Lutheran offers camp support of up to **\$200 per camper!** If you have questions, please contact Sarah Lefler. Many of our Trinity youth have had life-changing experiences at MLR and would love to share their stories. Days are spent outdoors, away from electronic distractions, learning more about whom we are as God's children in a safe, loving environment - pick up a brochure from the information table or visit our website to learn more. [www.mar-lu-ridge.org](http://www.mar-lu-ridge.org) Sarah can be reached by calling 301-874-5544



Interested in providing special music this summer? Please contact a member of the Music and Worship committee to get on the calendar! We'd love for you to share your gifts.

Concerts for Shafer Park in Boonsboro, MD:

July 11 – 7 p.m. – Williamsport Band

July 18 – 7 p.m. – US Navy Country Current

August 2 – 5 p.m. – South Mountain Jam with Jeff Taulton

August 21 – 7 p.m. – US Air Force Max Impact

Sept. 6 – 3 p.m. – Mason Dixon Barbershop Chorus

Sept. 18 – 7 p.m. – US Army Dixieland Band  
Bring lawn chairs.

## PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THIS ANNOUNCEMENT

For quite a while now, Meritus Medical Center has NOT informed area clergy when one of their parishioners is hospitalized. The only way clergy can know of a patient admission is for the pastor to physically go to the hospital and check the clergy information available at the information desk or for you to call the pastor and inform him. If one of your loved ones is admitted to the hospital and you wish Pastor Joe to visit, please let him know IMMEDIATELY that your loved one is in the hospital. Please call him on his cell phone, 240-675-1604. He would love to visit any patient in the hospital but needs to know they are there!



## SCHEDULE FOR CRUCIFERS & ACOLYTES

### June 7 – 2nd Sunday after Pentecost - Communion

Crucifer - Tristan Talhelm  
Acolytes - Donovan McClellan  
Taylor Williams  
Andrew Himes  
Zoey Hutchinson

### June 14 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of after Pentecost - Contemporary

### June 21 – 4th Sunday after Pentecost – Father’s Day

Crucifer - Jared Tribett  
Acolytes - Owen Smith  
Avery Smith

### June 28 – 5th Sunday after Pentecost

Crucifer - Cameron McClellan  
Acolytes - Kieran Bowl  
Ryan Tribett

# Confirmation

Each Pentecost Sunday, as part of the confirmation service, each confirmand presents a brief statement of faith. We are proud of their accomplishments and of their faith at this junction in their spiritual journey

### **Ailey Bodenheimer**

God is a very important part of my life. He is always there for me and comforts and supports me. I am especially grateful for the way He made me. My athletic ability helps me to be a good volleyball player. God blessed me with a special voice to sing and allows me to share that blessing. My sense of humor lets me spread smiles and laughter to others. The free spirit God has given me makes me unique. My family is very important to me and I am blessed to have such love. My friends help me live every day to the fullest. I am truly blessed for all these wonderful gifts. Thank you God.

### **Madeleine Davis**

I believe in God the father. He has given me many blessings such as the roof over my head, the food on my plate and my wonderful loving family. I know that He loves me and will forgive me when I make a mistake. I know that he has a plan for me, for everyone, and that whatever may happen it is for the best. "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11.

### **Seth Hutchinson**

I feel God's love everywhere. My faith in God is what gives me strength. I follow the Ten Commandments. I believe in our creed and that Jesus died for me and you. I am blessed to be the son of Charles and Cindy and a member of Trinity. My parents, church family, and my Sunday School teachers have helped me to become a child

of God and I thank everyone for their commitment to me.

I have felt God's love here at Trinity. When my brother, CJ died and went to heaven, my faith, the faith of my family, and the love shown us from all of you has taught me the spirit of God. As our family grew, I saw the church share in my family's joy.

I intend to join with you to spread God's love.

### **Donovan McClellan**

Much like our own universe, the realm of belief is vast, and seemingly never ending. However, I have chosen God to be my Earth, a single jewel in the rack that is our world. Believing in God, Jesus and the Holy Bible have brought happiness to my life, and I feel that everybody should have the same joy. But, I do not like it when people are beaten for their religion. I believe everyone can think what they want, but I believe in God, and that is what matter for me. I have always wanted to be an astronaut, not only to go to the moon or visit the stars, but to be one of the lucky and brave people who got to touch the face of God.

### **Sarah McElroy**

I believe in God the father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. I believe that God is greater than all sin, and that his love shines through even the thickest blankets of sin, if you are willing to open your eyes. In Lutheran faith I believe God and the believer have a bond stronger, cleaner, and easier than most other religions because our confessions are a secret between God and us. 2 Timothy 4:7 says; "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." And that is what I believe.

### **Nathan Tribett**

I believe that God's love for us is stronger than any other love. He send his only son to earth to show his children how he wants us to live. Jesus died for our sins to allow us to be forgiven and let us enter His kingdom. God has helped us to create this place of

worship here we can learn about Him and build friendships with those within the congregation. As God's child, I know that God is there to protect and guide me and wants me to find ways to help and serve others like helping with Vacation Bible School. God's words in the Bible guide me to make smart choices and good decisions in my life.



### **SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Please note that we will **NOT change our Sunday education and worship schedule** for the months of July and August. The Sunday school classes that wish to continue to meet during the summer will begin class at 9:00 a.m. and worship will remain at 10:15 a.m. **year-round.**



During summer Sunday school, which runs from June 7 through August 30, two adult classes will continue to meet at 9:00 a.m. The class that meets in the church lounge will meet weekly and continue their Bible study from the Augsburg Series. The social room class will meet June 14 and 28, July 12 and 26, and August 9 and 23 to discuss the Fruits of the Spirit (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control).



On Saturday, June 20, the meeting of Church Women United of Maryland will meet in the Social Room. Our youth group will provide a luncheon for the group at a cost of \$10 per person. Twenty to forty women are expected to attend.



**The Boonsboro Lions will hold our next barbecue on Saturday, June 27**  
in the lot next to Columbia Bank on North Main St.

We will be using our same "private blend" of spices and 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.**



~Do-Nuts for Dad's ~

Come share a donut with your dad on **Sunday, June 21<sup>th</sup>** in the social room from **9:30AM to 10AM** in honor of Father's Day. Father's Day readings and statements from Sunday School children about why they love their fathers will be read during the service. A pen will be given to each gentleman during the service. We decided to discontinue giving special gifts to the Oldest Father and Father of the Youngest Child.

All men of all ages are invited to attend in celebration of Father's Day.



Do you want to schedule the social room or other space at Trinity for a church related or family activity or an event for an organization to which you belong? To schedule an event, contact the church office, Steve Jamison or Pastor Donovan. The master event calendar is kept electronically through Google calendar. Before you contact the office, you may view the Google calendar at Trinity's web page.

Go to [www.trinitylutheranboonsboro.org](http://www.trinitylutheranboonsboro.org). Click "home" at the top of the page to make certain you are on the home page then scroll to the bottom of the page and click on "Calendar - See What's Happening at Trinity". This takes you to the Google calendar and you will be able to scroll through the entire year to find available dates. Knowing Trinity's schedule in advance will help you plan your events! We try to keep the calendar up-to-date as best we can!



Thank you for all the thoughts, prayers, and cards after the passing of my father. Your support means a great deal to me and to my family!

Thanks  
Jeff Himes



**Vacation Bible School- Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup> – Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup>.**

Join us for a fun filled week at Everest where kids will conquer challenges with God's mighty power. Each day kids will trek through various activity stations with their climbing crews. Don't miss out on this awesome adventure and bring a friend too! 6:15-8:15 PM each night, Sun.-Thurs. ages 3 to 11. Volunteers are needed! Please contact Laura lager at [meidvm@aol.com](mailto:meidvm@aol.com) or 301.739.4885 if you can help.

Trinity's Everest VBS  
Registration Form  
(Ages 3-11; one per child)  
June 14<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup>; 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
	17 AM Young Life	2	3 7 PM Contemporary Choir	4 1-3 PM Food Bank 7 PM AA Meeting	5	6
7 8 AM Men's Bible study 9 AM SCS Breakfast 10:15 AM Worship w/Communion	8 7 AM Young Life	9	10 7 PM Adult Choir	11 1-3 PM Food Bank 7 PM AA Meeting	12	13
14 9 AM Sunday School- 10:15 AM – Contemporary Worship 11:15 Congregational Meeting 6:15-8:15PM VBS	15 7 AM Young Life 6:15-8:15PM VBS	16 6:15-8:15PM VBS	17 7 PM Adult Choir 6:15-8:15PM VBS	18 1-3 PM Food Bank 7 PM AA Meeting 6:15-8:15PM VBS Closing	19	20
21 8 AM Men's Bible study 9 AM SCS 10:15 AM w/Children's Church - <b>Father's Day</b>	22 7 AM Young Life	23	24 7 PM Adult Choir	25 1-3 PM Food Bank	26	27 Lions Chicken Barbecue 9AM until ?
28 9 AM SCS 10:15 AM Worship w/Children's Church	29 7 AM Young Life	30				28