

# Pastor's Desk

May and June are months of transition for many young(er) people. In Trinity's community, we celebrated the confirmation of four eighth graders, the graduation of four students from high school, one student from community college, two students from four-year colleges and one adult from a graduate doctoral program. Each of these occasions closes one chapter in the lives of these members and ushers in a new chapter. The confirmands move from middle school to high school, from the top of the totem pole to the bottom, with the change of schedules, environment and people with whom they will relate. Our college graduates transition from a student identity to employees in companies or continue their student role in graduate work. Each of these transitions poses unknown challenges and the possibility of tremendous excitement and rewards.

It is the challenges and joys of the future that Jesus addresses in the message of the gospels to the disciples at the resurrection. In the synoptic gospels (Matthew, Mark and Luke), when Jesus' followers go to the tomb looking for Jesus body, they find an angel/messenger awaiting them with the message; "You seek Jesus. He is not here; he has risen. Go and tell his disciples that to go to Galilee. There Jesus will meet you".

This is the message that sustains Christians of all times and places. Jesus will meet you in the future, wherever you are, whatever you are doing. Go about your daily life, working, beginning families, making plans for the future, enjoying to the fullest the present and, in the living of life, Jesus will be there!

The resurrection promise of Jesus' continued involvement amidst our life changes is particularly poignant for Trinity in our time of transition. Trinity will journey through a period of insecurity as an interim pastor leads us through the time between my retiring and calling another settled pastor to lead us. It will, at times, be a difficult process. It will also be a time of great joy as we discover abilities and passions for ministry we did not know we had. At any rate, we can be confident that, whatever the next six to twelve months holds for Trinity, Jesus will go ahead of us to meet us at each step along the way.

This is the message for the confirmands and graduates of our congregation whose transitions we celebrate in May and June. This is the message for all of us. Jesus will meet us. Have no fear! Rejoice!

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### June Birthdays

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



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

Emily Saylor	Karen Saylor
Kristi Lescaleet	April Ellis
Elouise Himes	Don Hair
Jean Carr	Esther Semler
Lisa Lewis	Lucy Eshelman
Judy Negri	Peggy Costion
Nelson Semler	Robert Domer
Anna Burkett	Dixie Patton
Nancy Accipter	Mary Wolfe
Clyde Snyder	

### 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



**OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY** goes out to Beth & Jacob Rockwell at the death of Beth's mother, Lorraine Hair. May God comfort them in their time of need.



### JUNE ALTAR FLOWERS

June 5  
 June 12 Walkley  
 June 19  
 June 26

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

June 5 Theresa Foster  
 June 12 Julie Hartman  
 June 19 Andrea Smith & Jean McCammon  
 June 26 Lindsay & Mike Norris



~ 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 5<sup>th</sup> through September 4<sup>th</sup>** (we will resume classes with our annual Rally Day on Sunday, September 11<sup>h</sup> (due to Boonesborough Days September 3<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



Our June Gaggle will take place on Tuesday, June 7th at the home of Kristy Smith. All women, ages 18-105 are welcome to come enjoy this time of fellowship.

This month's menu will be a true pot luck dish. Super busy? Don't bring a thing! RSVPs are necessary. See Kristy or email [kristyathome@hotmail.com](mailto:kristyathome@hotmail.com).



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 Mike Beeler at [fanfareman@hotmail.com](mailto:fanfareman@hotmail.com) or 301-667-2661 to get on the calendar! We'd love for you to share your gifts.

**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!

## 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

### Joel Henry

Faith to me is seeing God's love everyday in my family, in nature and the things that I do. My faith shapes who I am in what I do, where I go and the decisions I make. To me it helps me growing up, and to make the right choices when my friends try to pressure me. Faith means pleasing God. I know God is with me when playing hockey and giving me the strength to keep on working hard and in school when things get tough.

### Noah Lager

I believe that I've come closer to God throughout my activities associated with church, youth group, FCA camp (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) reading devotions each morning before school and praying at each meal and at bedtime. I

believe I was born a child of God and to be one of God's disciples. What faith means to me is that God will help and guide me throughout difficult times and even though I cannot see him I trust he will always be with me. I believe my faith has shaped my life by helping me make wise decisions, choosing good friends, getting good grades in school and respecting others. I believe God loves me, gives me knowledge to do things and has a plan for my life. Lastly, my family has been a big influence on my life by supporting me and bringing me up in the church.

### **Adam Metz**

I believe that we as God's children were put on this earth to live out the life that God wants for us; peaceful, helping, caring, loving. This is what He wants and this is the way we should live our life, if we do, then our life will be fine. I use my faith as a guide to living my life, whether it be in troubling times, bad situations, or situations that just need hope. I also feel that it is important to be active in the church community and have good fellowship with the church and congregation.

### **Cullen Talhelm**

I believe that God created everything I can and cannot see. I believe that Jesus Christ came to earth to spread God's love and die for my sins. I believe that all people have a place in heaven because of God's grace. I believe that my purpose on Earth is to spread God's love and live like Jesus. I believe that I can have a scientific mind and still embrace God's love. All of the people at Trinity have helped me from my beliefs. They showed Jesus's love when they helped me through my leg surgeries. As I grow into

an adult, I will continue to show God's love and live like Jesus

## **OUR 2016 GRADUATES**

Andrew Landsman recently graduated from the University of Delaware with his Ph.D. in Entomology & Wildlife Ecology, where he studied spider community ecology and nutritional dynamics of food webs. Andrew had received a full tuition scholarship for his research, which he completed while working as the Biologist and GIS Specialist for the U.S. National Park Service at the C&O Canal. He continues to work for the NPS and teaches wildlife ecology and evolution to graduate students at Hood College where he is an adjunct professor. Andrew also will be conducting post-doctoral research for the University of Delaware as an affiliate faculty member.



### **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).



**Vacation Bible School- Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup> – Thursday, June 16<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.



**RELAY FOR LIFE** - American Cancer Society - I am participating this year in the RFL - ACS event held **June 17, 6pm - June 18, 7am** at Hagerstown Fairgrounds Park. I am going to be walking all night for the cause. If anyone would like to support my efforts for this, you can contact me [mashogan@myactv.net](mailto:mashogan@myactv.net) or 240-469-4569. You can sign up for our team or simply make a donation to the ACS via check or the website that I can send you via email. Checks are to be made out to the American Cancer Society not to me personally. Thank you in advance for any help you can give. Warm regards, Melissa Schwalbe



The **Community Free Clinic** is in need of **new or gently worn** shoes: sneakers, heels, boots, sandals, and children's shoes. These shoes will be used to create "micro businesses" in under developed countries like Haiti, Ghana, and others. If the Clinic collects 300 bags of 25 pairs of shoes in each bag, the Clinic will receive \$3000.00 which will go directly to Patient Health Care. I will be collecting shoes in paper bags starting May 1<sup>st</sup> through July 17<sup>th</sup>. I will place the paper bags, with a flyer attached, in the Narthex. Thank you very much. Susan Layos, Parish Nurse



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 <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.



**What if today, we were just grateful for everything?**

### **VISITATION TEAM MINISTRY BEGINS**

The Outreach Committee is very pleased to announce the formation & beginning of the ministry of the Visitation Team. This is a ministry to ensure that Trinity's homebound members & many of those in assisted living & nursing home facilities receive a monthly visit from a member of their church family. These visits are in addition to any made by the pastor.

A Visitation Team Orientation was held on May 24 for the eleven people who have agreed to be Visitors . Each of the Visitors has committed to make one visit per month, either individually or partnered, to a shut-in or homebound person. Some team visitors have been

making visits on their own for some time and some have committed to make more than one visit per month. There are currently ten people who will be recipients of their visits.

\*Safety Notice - Open-toe shoes, sandals or flip flops are not allowed in the work area.

Many thanks to Trinity's Visitation Team Visitors - Melissa & Chuck Schwalbe, Barbara Holder, Jean McCammon, Susan Layos, Edda Brenneman, Gene & Teresa Dayhoff, Elaine Scrivener, Audrey Poffenbergwr, and Elaine Michael.

If you would like to join the Visitation Team and be part of this very important ministry, please speak with Melissa Schwalbe (240-469-4569).



### **WORK DAY AT SERRV**

Volunteers from Trinity will have a work day at SERRV in New Windsor on Wednesday, July 20. We will leave Trinity's parking lot at 7:30 a.m., and plan to be at SERRV from 8:30 a.m. til 3:30 p.m., processing craft items from various parts of the world. An hour lunch break is included, in which volunteers may enjoy the ample free lunch provided and shop at a discount in the gift shop.

This is a fun and rewarding service activity.

A sign-up sheet for volunteers will be on the podium. Please indicate whether you can provide transportation.