

PASTOR'S DESK

When you read this message school will be in session, summer vacations a memory and the leaders at Trinity will be placing the finishing touches on fall programs. Sunday School begins with Rally Day on Sunday, September 14. We all take a welcome break from our usual schedule during the summer months but now we want you back...in church, in the classroom, in discussion groups, in ministry.

Over the years, I've come to approach fall the same way I approach the beginning of a new calendar year; a time of reflection, renewal and recommitment. There is solid precedent for this in the ministry of Jesus. Scripture reports that numerous times Jesus got away from people and his ministry to reflect and refresh. I invite you to join me in this process. Reflect upon your priorities in life. September often means we get back to the "busyness" that consumes our lives. I regularly hear people complain about the stress of too many activities, too many demands on their time and space. For families with children at home, much of the "busyness" revolves around the needs of our children and cannot be significantly modified. However, some of it can be modified and we might even be doing our children a favor by restricting some of their activities when it seems to us that their lives are swirling out of control.

Renewal and recommitment follows reflection. The purpose of a vacation is the renewal of our bodies, minds, spirits and energy level. I hope you have also renewed your passion for pursuing what you determine to be important in your life.

This summer's time away helped me clarify my spiritual life and what I need to do to deepen it. I decided I need to spend more time in meditation and reading and reflecting on scripture. I realized, again, that I need to prioritize how I spend my day doing parish ministry so that I can spend more time with people and leading our ministry together and less time feeling like "The Administrator". I realized that I'd better shorten that personal "to do" list and accomplish some of the personal goals I've put off for too long.

How was your summer? Did you take time for reflection, renewal and recommitment? I hope the process revitalized your life and makes you a better parent, grandparent, spouse and employee. I hope you deepened your spiritual life and can better hear Jesus' voice and see Jesus' presence in your life. May God bless all of you!!!

Joe

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The following members and friends of Trinity were sick, injured or hospitalized during July & August:

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| Sissy Miller | Kenny Semler |
| Laurie Metz | Don Hair |
| Mina Greenfield | Charlie Ratigan |
| Johnny Juan | Linda Donovan |
| Gene Foltz | Jim Swisher |
| Martha Harshman | David Shoemaker |
| Marsha Leach | Clara McCartney |
| John May | Ginger Jones |
| The Saylor family | Sarah Ellis |
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| Andrew Himes | Lynn Ruthenberg |
| Jack Panther | Merle Crawford |
| Judy Negri | Rhonda Miller |
| Warren Jamison | Lisa Mummert |
| Bussie Everline | Bev Banzhoff |
| John Michael | Phil, Heather, Addie, Norah Teplit |
| Sue Barnes | |

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**.

September Birthdays

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|------|----|--------------------|
| Sept | 1 | Brian Bain |
| | 1 | Aaron Poole |
| | 3 | Heather Hoffman |
| | 3 | Melissa Schwalbe |
| | 5 | Neida Otto |
| | 5 | Ed Plews |
| | 5 | James Seabright |
| | 8 | Brady Doyle |
| | 8 | Debra Long |
| | 12 | Brooke Iager |
| | 15 | Wayne Garver |
| | 15 | Evan Reeves |
| | 16 | Jean Talley |
| | 17 | John Sinnott, Jr. |
| | 22 | Tristan Clevenger |
| | 23 | Dale Ford |
| | 23 | Matthew Piston |
| | 25 | W. Ross Cunningham |
| | 27 | Ray Hoffman |
| | 28 | Barbara Holder |
| | 28 | Sarah Lefler |

SECRETARY OFFICE HOURS:

Wednesday & Friday 9:00 AM – Noon

PLEASE NOTE OUR FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE
– Beginning **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14** we return to our normal education and worship schedule. **Sunday school** begins at **9:00 a.m.** and worship begins at **10:15 a.m.**

Do you want to use the social room for a church, community or personal family activity? Contact the church office at 301-432-2226 or email to pastortrinity@yahoo.com to arrange for its use.



OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY goes out to Tom & Elaine Scrivener & family at the death of her sister, Inge Grote. May God comfort them in their time of need.



On behalf of our entire extended family, we express our sincere appreciation for your prayers, cards, letters, flowers, donations and food during the long illness and recent death of my Mom, Arbutus "Boots" Eccard. Your many kindnesses meant so much to us.

In Christian Love, Brenda, Bob & Adam Dellinger



NURSERY SCHEDULE FOR 10:15 WORSHIP

- September 7 Boonsborough Days
- September 14 Julie Williams
- September 21 Andrea Smith, Jean McCammon
- September 28 Julie Hartman

Please be considerate to others when placing your children in the nursery during worship time. The nursery is for children ages 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 people are properly cared for.



The Men's Bible Study meets in the Funk Education Center **9:00 AM on Sunday, September 21 at 8:00 AM.** Join us for this very meaningful opportunity for fellowship and study.



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. Volunteers are needed! A sign- up sheet with the month's still needing volunteers will be available when picking your child up from children's church. Please consider leading two Sunday's a month so that we are able to continue this ministry. Thanks so much!



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. Any questions, please call **Jen Poffenberger at 301-432-0456.**

WALK THE TALK BIBLE STUDY

In an effort to become better students of God's word, and to be sure to keep our bodies in motion, we are considering a once a month Walk the Talk Bible Study. The session would be either on a Monday evening or early Tuesday morning and consist of a short study or devotional and a thirty minute walk. Are you interested in participating? Let Kristy know, and we will keep you in the loop if we proceed with this activity.



SEPTEMBER ALTAR FLOWERS

Sept 7 Boonsboro Days
Sept 14
Sept 21 Brenneman
Sept 28

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



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 at <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!



FIRST FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP First Friday Returns!

First Friday will ramp up again in October. Mark your calendars for October 3rd. We plan to add a bit of a fellowship piece to the evening this winter. We hope you will come and eat and enjoy the company of friends new and established! Anyone with a burning desire to host or help with one of the meals can speak with Tom or Kristy Smith.

BOONSBORO DAYS SPECIAL EVENT

"God's Work. Our Hands" Sunday

Sunday, September 7, 2014, celebrates who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and provides us with an opportunity to serve our community.

On that Sunday at Boonsboro Days in Shafer Park, Trinity Lutheran will be offering an opportunity for the community to write of messages encouragement and thanks to members of the military on blank cards. A tent will be set up and members of Trinity will assist people who want to write a message. These cards will then be sent to Homefront Hugs USA which will distribute them. Trinity members will be identified by wearing the blue Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church T-shirt. The following is needed for this project:

Volunteers from Trinity to serve at the tent - the time frame will be of your choice [If you do not have one of the church's T-shirt, we have several to choose from.]

Blank note cards for the messages
If you are interested in helping with "God's Work. Our Hands" Sunday, please contact Susan Layos at 301-432-2282 or email at jlayos9906@aol.com. Thank you.

Worship in the Park



SING TO THE LORD!
CHOIR REHEARSALS BEGIN

The area churches of Boonsboro will sponsor our annual Boonesborough Days Community worship service on **Sunday, September 7 at 10:00 AM** in Shafer Park. The contemporary choir from Mt. Nebo will lead the worship and the choir from Benevola United Methodist Church will provide special music. The pastors of congregations from southern Washington County will participate in the service.

The offering for the day will support the Southern Washington County Emergency Fund. Please bring a lawn chair and enjoy the service.

GET IN SHAPE!

Yoga continues at Trinity. Usually on the first and third Mondays at 6:15 pm, we have an hour long session in the social room. Cost is just \$5, and all levels of fitness and flexibility are welcome. This is a very low key class that all whom have attended enjoy. See Kristy Smith or Paula Ford for information.

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!

Chancel Choir

Chancel Choir begins its regular Wednesday evening 7:00 pm practices on **Wednesday, September 3**. The chancel choir usually leads weekly Sunday worship all but the second Sunday of each month, contemporary worship Sunday. The choir practices each Wednesday from September through June, taking a break during the summer. We are ALWAYS looking for new faces and voices. We enjoy singing together and having fun together. Please accept our invitation to join us for our first rehearsal, September 3. If you have any questions about the choir, please contact **Mike Beeler at 301-667-2661**.

SINGING SOPRANO - We are called to share the gifts God has given each of us. If God has blessed you with the ability to sing, we hope you will feel moved to share it with Trinity. Though we welcome any part, there is a **real need for SOPRANOS currently**. The chancel choir meets **Wednesdays from 7-8pm** and typically sings three Sundays per month. We hope that newcomers will be able to join us on a regular basis, but even Lutherans can be flexible! If you're shy, if you've already sung in the past, if you're hesitant to make a commitment, please look past it and consider joining us. The choir enjoys each other and making a joyful noise unto the Lord. We hope you'll be part of our goal of deepening the experience of each worship service.

Please contact Choir Director Mike Beeler with questions at fanfareman@hotmail.com OR simply show up at any choir rehearsal. **Our first rehearsal of the season is Wednesday, Sept. 3rd.**

Contemporary Choir

Yes, it will soon be time to get together to sing with **Contemporary Choir**. Our first contemporary service will be on Sunday September 14th. Rehearsals will be Wed. Sept. 3rd at 8 pm and Wed. Sept. 10th at 7:00 pm. If you are interested in singing, please join us, or if you have been singing with us, please continue. If you have any questions you may contact Kristy Smith or Chip Rockwell. Our first service will be September 14th.



Sunday School – Rally Day

As summer comes to a close, we are looking forward to an exciting Sunday School year here at Trinity. Don't miss a minute! Join us for Rally Day on Sunday, September 14th at 9:00 a.m. Activities will kick off in the social room.

We return to our fall Sunday School schedule with Promotion/Rally Day on Sunday, September 14th. All of our classes for children, youth, and adults will gather at 9:00 A.M. in the social room for planned activities. A sweet breakfast treat will be provided. After teacher introductions the children will be dismissed to their classes.

Sunday School Teachers Installation

During the worship service on Sunday, September 14th, we will install the Sunday School teachers and staff for the 2014-2015 school year. We ask all Sunday School teachers to plan to attend worship that day.

2014-2015 Sunday School Classes
Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
9:00 – 10:00 A.M.
Classes for Children and Youth

Preschool (Ages 2-5)

Nursery
Deena Long

Kindergarten - 3rd grade

3rd Floor, Classroom 1
Parent Rotation

Grades 4 - 6th Grade

3rd Floor, Classroom 3
Charles "Hutch" Hutchinson

Grades 7 & 8 (Confirmation)

2nd Floor, Funk Center
Bill Dellinger

Pastor Donovan
Chip Rockwell

Grades 9 - 12

Lower Level, Classroom across from stage
Kristy Smith

Adult Classes

Bible Study in the lounge
Peggy Beeler
Bev DeBaugh
Neida Otto

Faith Discussion Group - Social Room

Gene Walkley

COMMUNITY CONCERT IN SHAFER PARK
The Mason-Dixon Barbershop Chorus will present a concert Sunday, September 21 at 2:30 p.m. in Shafer Park. Invite friends and family and enjoy the harmony!



Confirmation class for all 7th and 8th graders begins at **9 AM on Sunday, September 14**. **Students and their parents** will meet in the social room with the rest of the Sunday Church School for Promotion/Rally Day then move to a corner of the social room for an orientation meeting with this year's teachers, Bill Dellinger, Chip Rockwell and Pastor Donovan. We will discuss the program and answer questions about the program.

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITY!!!

Our 10:15 a.m. service on **Sunday, October 5** will NOT be held at Trinity. That Sunday we will journey to Mar-Lu-Ridge and worship as a congregation in the lovely chapel with a three State view at the top of

"the Ridge". The council invites you to join us for this special event. Please plan to meet in the parking lot at 9:15 a.m. We will car pool to MLR for our service then remain for a wonderful meal at one of the MLR dining halls. The cost of the full meal is **\$9 for adults, \$4.50 for youth ages 3-11 and free for children under 3. The top price for a family of 4 is \$25.**

Enjoy the meal and fellowship in the scenic surroundings. **Meal reservations and payment are required by Sunday, September 28!** Please fill out the form you will find in the Sunday bulletins and place the form and payment into an envelope and place it into the offering plate.



YOUTH GROUP HIKE

Returning members and new members, grades 6th to 12th grades are invited to join Trinity's Youth Group. Parents are encouraged to join us immediately following church service on Sunday, September 14th as we **hike up to Washington's Monument** and plan out the year. Bring a packed lunch. Hope to see you there!

YOUTH GROUP EVENT

Boonesborough Days

It's time to park cars during Boonsboro Days! Please plan to help out with this important fundraiser on **Saturday Sept. 6 beginning at 8:30 am.** Any and all youth are welcome to help out!



FREERIDE **Middle School Youth Ministry Event** **October 17-19, 2014** **NorthBay Retreat Center** **North East, MD**

Middle Schoolers interested in attending freeRide October 17-19th at the NorthBay Retreat Center in North East, MD are encouraged to let **Jen Poffenberger** or **Laura Iager** know as soon as possible so we can arrange chaperones. **Registration must be postmarked by September 22nd** so check your calendars and let us know.

\$170 per person includes:

programs, lodging, meals, activities and t-shirt!

Join other middle schoolers from Trinity for a weekend of service projects, zip-lines, building relationship in small groups for youth and workshops/networking for adults, powerful worship with biblical storytelling, and the tallest ropes course on the East Coast! Come and hear how God is speaking to you... and speaking through you to the world.



Join the Prime Timers in the social room at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 30 for an end-of-summer picnic. Bring a covered dish (salad, veggie, dessert) to share. Chefs Larry and Joe will prepare the hot dogs and burgers and provide the

beverages. Invite others to come. We will have fun!

REACH FUNDRAISER

Mark your calendar for **Sunday, September 28th!!!** REACH of Washington County will be hosting Taste of the Town. Taste of the Town is a major fundraising opportunity for REACH. The proceeds support the programs and services that REACH provides to the homeless and others in need. Please join REACH for an evening of great food and fellowship. Enjoy yummy tastings from area restaurants including Carmine's Creative Italian Cuisine, Barefoot Bernie's, Safron Bakery, Greens and Grains, Georgia Boy Cafe, and the Flying Pie Co. plus many more. The event will be held at Hager Hall Conference Center, 901 Dual Highway, Hagerstown, MD. Doors open at 5:00pm. Visit the event website at www.tasteofthetownwc.com to purchase tickets or get a group together and reserve a table. Individual tickets are \$40.00. Seated tables start at \$400.00 for 10 people. Pub tables (for 4) are \$160.00. Prices increase September 1. For more information contact Jane or Gene Walkley at 240-675-6781.



CHICKEN BARBECUE

The Boonsboro Lions will hold their next barbecue **Saturday October 4th** next to Columbia Bank. We will be serving from **9:30am until sold out**. Same terrific spice; same great flavor. All proceeds are used for the benefit of the local community. **Treat yourself to something special.**



CROP HUNGER WALK

I'd like to form a team from Trinity for the South Washington Co. CROP WALK. **Date of Walk is October 12, 2014.** The walk begins in Taylor Park, Keedysville at 2pm

If you are interested in being a CROP walker, please see Pastor Joe and pick up a walker's packet from the church office. Twenty-five percent of all the money raised will stay with our local food pantry. The rest helps fight world hunger. Donations will gladly be taken for those in hunger around the world. cropwalkonline.org.

Financial Update through 6/30/14

We are currently \$3,477.42 behind budget. Just a reminder that the summer months are upon us and to please make up your contributions on Sunday that you miss. We now have e-offerings available which is an easy and inexpensive way to make your contribution. See Tony Nally for more details or to sign up.



SAVE THE DATE

November 1st

6th Annual Soup Supper

They say that charity begins at home, but what if those simple works of charity that you perform within your own community could extend *beyond* it? What if your good will could travel even farther than perhaps you've ever been, to places where children don't know the luxuries we take for granted, and where living to a healthy old age isn't a given, but a

miracle? If you had the opportunity to help the people in these places, would you? The 6th Annual Soup Bowl, beginning at 5:00 pm at St. Ann's Church in Hagerstown is an event that members of our own community have established to do exactly that - and all you have to do is eat soup. Taking place on November 1st, this is a wonderful soup supper in which you can eat your fill of a variety of delicious homemade soups out of your own beautiful handmade pottery bowl, which you can choose from an extensive selection of pieces that members of the community have volunteered their time to create specifically for this event. The bowl is yours to keep. There will be a silent auction as well, and 100% of the evening's proceeds will go to an annual missions trip to Nicaragua, for the purpose of providing free medical exams and health education, as well as medical and hygienic treatments and care, to many people who may otherwise never receive it. Tickets are \$30, and no other charges are associated with the evening - the bowl is your free gift. For more information see Tom or Elaine Scrivener, or contact them at 301-797-1487. We get better every year! We will tell you all the good things that your money has done.



The Bulletin Board

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|------------------------------------|--|--|--------|---|
| | 1 6:15PM Gaggle Yoga | 2 | 3 7 PM Chancel Choir 8 PM Contemporary Choir 8 PM Music and Worship Committee | 4 1-3 PM Food Pantry 1PM Micah's Backpack 7 PM AA Meeting | 5 | 6 8:30AM Youth Ministry parking for Boonsboro Days |
| 7 10 AM Worship in Park NO CHURCH OR SUNDAY SCHOOL AT TRINITY | 8 7AM Young Life | 9 7 PM Council | 10 7PM Contemporary Choir | 11 1-3 PM Food Pantry 1PM Micah's Backpack 7 PM AA Meeting | 12 | 13 |
| 14 9 AM SCS/Rally Day 10:15 AM worship with children's Church & SCS teacher installation 11:30 AM Youth Group Hike | 15 7AM Young Life 6:15PM Gaggle Yoga | 16 1PM Food Pantry Food Drop | 17 7 PM Chancel Choir | 18 1-3 PM Food Pantry 1PM Micah's Backpack 7 PM AA Meeting | 19 | 20 |
| 21 8 AM Men's Bible study 9 AM SCS 10:15 AM Worship w/Children's Church 11:30 AM Coffee Call | 22 7AM Young Life | 23 | 24 7 PM Chancel Choir | 25 1-3 PM Food Pantry 1PM Micah's Backpack 7 PM AA Meeting | 26 | 27 |
| 28 9 AM SCS 10:15 AM Worship w/Children's Church/Joyful Noise Choir 5 PM REACH fundraiser | 29 7AM Young Life | 30 11AM Prime Timers Picnic | | | | |