



*Newsletter of Trinity Lutheran
Church, Wernersville, PA*



Mother's Day and Music Sunday, May 10



May 24

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*Jesus grew in wisdom, in stature,
and in favor with God and man. Luke 2:52*

Why do we eat?

This question opened the devotions at Trinity's April council meeting. The discussion which followed that night is reflected here. The obvious reason we eat is to stay alive. Not only do we have a basic need to eat, we are happier when we are full. Hunger leads to all kinds of ill feelings and behavior. Happy people are full people. Furthermore eating provides a pleasant and much needed break in an otherwise busy or boring day....we eat because it is pleasurable.

Why, then, do we eat with others? Why do virtually all social events include food? Eating is fun! It adds to the fun of social gatherings. Eating is a way of showing hospitality. It gives us an opportunity to converse with people we may want to get to know or to catch up with people we do know. Eating with the people we know best is a time to share the important events and thoughts of the day.

Going a step further, when we share a meal with others, especially others in need, the process takes on a spiritual quality. It is sacramental (that is, sacred/an act of God), much the way Jesus multiplied and shared the loaves and fish and the bread and wine of communion. Eating, then, feeds us physically, mentally, socially and spiritually....the four parts of a well balanced life lifted up in the March newsletter and mentioned in the verse above about Jesus growing up. Eating nourishes not only our bodies but also our soul.

God nourishes us and shows God's love through the meal of Holy Communion. Little children, as well as older pastors, have a hard time understanding why God's love is expressed through the gift of food for some and not others.

With that in mind, AiM Carol and I have given some thought to those children in our congregation who have not yet communed. The age at which this begins is simply a matter of tradition, different from one

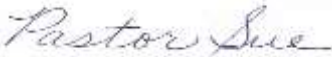
congregation to another, and not a Biblical or “higher church” (ie the ELCA) mandate. That, coupled with the fact that children are growing up faster all the time, becoming aware of things at an early age we once considered “adult”, we plan on offering the bread of communion to younger children, along with the blessing they receive, at such a time as their parent(s) feel it is appropriate.

At a later time we will offer instruction after which the wine or grape juice will be available to children.

Look for a schedule of instruction and meeting with the parents in the newsletter and bulletins. If you have any questions regarding this change of policy (which was approved at council) please feel free to contact me.

Whenever we have opportunity, I look forward to eating with you....at your table or my table, but especially at the table of our Lord.

God's Peace,



Schedule of Meetings for Instruction

Saturday, May 2, 3-4 PM Meeting with parents of children grade 3 and under.

Sunday, May 3, 9:30 AM Meeting with persons interested in joining Trinity.

Sunday, May 3, 11:45 AM-1:45 PM Communion workshop with youth grades 4 and up.

Applications for the Student Loan/Grants from the Endowment Fund are available now. We ask that applications be returned by June 30, 2014 so that we can evaluate the amount available for each student. Please contact Diane Klinger, Endowment Treasurer, for applications (610-670-3198).



Music Sunday/Mother's Day

May 10, 2015

10:30 AM worship Service

The Senior Choir, the Bell Choirs, and the Children's Chime Choir will present special music

The Sunday School children will sing as well as the Mothers, Daughters and Children of the congregation.

And you will have an opportunity to sing as well.

A Special Children's message from Pastor Sue

And of course ladies-don't forget you hat!

Join the ladies of Trinity for a trip back to the 1950-60's. Wear your best Sunday "go to meeting" hat. There are always extra hats available in the narthex if you don't have one. There are gifts for the mothers as well.



Mother's Day Banquet

Monday, May 11

6:30 PM

Chef Tedd Hickernell will be preparing a chicken dinner for the women and girls of the church and their guests.

Dinner will be served by the men of the church and they will also be preparing and serving the desserts.

Following the dinner we will be entertained in the nave by the Conrad Weiser High School Jazz Band.

Please plan to attend.

Sign up on the sheet in the narthex



May 24th, 2015

We are still working on plans for Pentecost Sunday but we do know that it will include a reception of new members and First Communion for some of our Young People. We plan to have all our children involved that Sunday so there will be no Children's Sunday School that day.

Geraniums will again be used to beautify the church on Pentecost Sunday and then be planted on the church grounds to provide beauty throughout the summer. Sign up at the table in the narthex. Cost is \$2.50 each. Last day to sign up is June 10th.

And don't forget to wear red that Sunday to signify the fire of the Holy Spirit.



On the mountain, God gave Moses
rules for the people to follow.

Sunday School in May

For the children age 3 through 4th grade.

Our subject for the final module this academic year is our final look at Moses as he and his people wander in the Wilderness and he receives the Ten Commandments.

May 3-We begin downstairs @ 10:30 AM and come up for Communion. The workshop focus is on how God takes care of us and how we can follow the Ten Commandments. Leader: Carol Koch/Music

May 17-Begin upstairs and go down to Fellowship Hall following the Children's Sermon. The workshop focus is that God will keep us safe and secure. Leader: Kathy Bashore/Art

May 31-Begin upstairs and go down to Fellowship Hall following the Children's Sermon. The workshop focus is that nothing is impossible for God. Leader: Megan Shannon/Cooking

There will be no Children's Sunday School on 5/10 and 5/24 as the children will be involved in worship on those Sundays.

Youth and Adult Sunday School meets at 9:15 AM each Sunday. They are presently meeting together in the Library. Sue Sickler will be teaching through the end of May.

Stay tuned for something special for Children of Sunday School Age during the summer.

Please let Carol Koch or Pastor Sue know if you or your child or grandchild is graduating from high school or college. We would like to recognize them on June 7th.



To Bethany Miller and Kevin Gemmel for being selected to participate in the Berks Junior County

*Musical Festival at April 11 in Boyertown.
Bethany played Bass Clarinet in the Band and
Kevin played Timpani in the Band and Orchestra
and sang Bass in the Chorus.*

Youth Event



On May 17 - 5 until 7 PM

Pizza, Popcorn and Movie Night

Pizza, snacks and drinks - **All ages invited**

Heaven is for Real

A Little Boy's Astounding Story of His Trip to Heaven and Back

Where: In the Youth Room.

Brief discussion to follow movie.

Note: Sign-up (on Narthex door) not required, but preferred.



Trinity Strawberry Festival 2015

**Saturday, June 13
3:00 to 8:00 P. M.**



Once again we are looking for donations for the Raffle at The Strawberry Festival on June 13, 2015. Baskets filled with goodies, art work, crafts, etc. Please contact Connie Fritz 610-678-3876 Thank you.



Don't forget to bake

The bake sale stand needs your help to have a fantastic 100% profit stand. We sell anything: whole cakes and pies, cupcakes, muffins, brownies, cookies, whoopie pies, rice crispy bars, breads (regular and

fruit). Bring your donations to the stand the day of the festival. If you need to bring it earlier, please put it in the church library on the table. Thank you, thank you, thank you in advance. Sue Sickler 6106789796.



And from Carol Koch @ the Media Table....

We welcome your donations of hard cover and paperback books, puzzles, DVD's, CD's , etc. for adults as well as children. Please-no magazines. You can bring your donations to the church office Monday through Thursday between 10:30 AM & 2:30 PM or when you come to church on the weekend. Cut off date is Monday morning, June 8th as we need to sort and price all items the week of the festival. Please label cartons or bags to indicate Media. Thank you.



Wanted

Gently used or new stuffed animals for our games stands and cups, mugs, etc. for dime pitch at the Strawberry Festival. Please drop these off in the narthex. Thank You.

Church Council Highlights for April

1. Discussed options for First Communion for younger children.
2. Approved new copier contract.
3. Received report on Learning Ministries Day.
4. Pastor Sue, Carol Koch and Kathy Lawry will be attending West Berks Mission District Child Abuse Workshop on April 23rd.

Look for Easter Pictures in the June Newsletter



We extend our sincere sympathy to Karen Berkenstock, Marie Rosati, and Russell Berkenstock, Jr. on the loss of their father. Russell Berkenstock, Sr. entered the Church Triumphant on Sunday, April 26. Please remember them in your thoughts and prayers.

Thank You
TO EVERYONE
Thanks for remembering —
it was so kind of you!
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To all who participated in the Holy Week services, especially those who read on Palm/Passion Sunday—Bob Bashore, Nick Eshbach, Ed Evans, Kevin Gemmell, Carly Kurtz, and John Kurtz,

Pastor Sue



Matthew & I
would like to thank
everyone whom shared
in with His Baptism,
Thank You

Hello Trinity

...there
wouldn't
be
grateful
people
like
me!

April & Matthew



Flower and Bulletin Sponsorship

The cost of sponsoring the flowers is **\$38.00**. If you are sponsoring the flowers, please note that there are flower envelopes in the narthex beside the sign up list for altar flowers. Please put your check (payable to Trinity) or cash in the envelope and place in the offering plate. The cost of sponsoring the bulletins is **\$12.00**. We also want to remind you that the week you are an altar flower sponsor, please call the office, Nancy Moyer, or contact the altar guild person listed in the bulletin if you want to keep the flowers. Otherwise, the flowers will be given to the sick, shut-ins, or others in need. Thanks. **We need an altar flower sponsor for 5/17 and bulletin sponsors for 5/24 & 5/31.**

Altar Flower Sponsors for May: 5/3-Carol Koch in memory of her mother, Kathryn Marburger, 5/10-Karen Berkenstock & Marie Rosati in memory of their mother, 5/24-Bob & Kathy Bashore in honor of Izannah's birthday, 5/31-Scott & Betty Lou Franzen in honor of their 35th wedding anniversary.

Bulletin Sponsors for May: 5/3-Joe & Sue Sickler in honor of Sue's birthday, 5/10-Barry & Lorraine Coldren in honor of Jennifer's birthday, 5/17-Kathy & Rick Lawry in honor of Brian's birthday.

Helpers for May

Communion Assistant-Nick Eshbach

Greeters: 5/3-Connie & Terry Fritz, 5/10-Helen & Dick Hummel, 5/17-Marlene Ochs, 5/24-Laura & Frank Krick, 5/31-Eleanor Brossman.

Acolytes: 5/3-John Kurtz, 5/10-Forrest Lamm, Jr., 5/17-Bethany Miller, 5/24-Conner McFadden, 5/31-Nick Eshbach.

Lay Readers: 5/3-Mary Nace, 5/10-Kerri & Jullie Searfoss, 5/17-Julie Coldren, 5/24-Carol Koch, 5/31-Carly Kurtz.

Ushers: 5/3- Rick & Kathy Lawry, 5/10-Coldrens, 5/17-Kurtzes, 5/24-Berkenstocks, 5/31-Bob & Kathy Bashore.

Counters: 5/3-Coldrens, 5/10-Franzens, 5/17-Rapley/Pirl-Roth, 5/24-Jarsocrak/Sickler, 5/31-Diebec/Rinehimer

Sound Technician: 5/3 & 5/10-Donald Oxenreider, 5/17-Wendell Byler, 5/24-Scott Franzen, 5/31-Donald Oxenreider.

Bulletin Assemblers: 5/7-Linda Weiss, 5/14-Mary Nace, 5/21-Ann Sentz, 5/28-Eleanor Brossman, 6/4-Marge & Bonnie Stine.

Prayer List

FERN BAGENSTOSE, Wanda Barnett, SYLVIA CHRISTY, Marge Dietrich, Maddy Folmar, Sharon & Larry Hamilton, Amy Hatlee, Alice Henry, SUE HOLDER, Hannah Kramer, Holly Shaffer, Ann Zimmerman, Jerry Brossman, Larry Brossman, Ralph East, RON HARMAN, RAYMOND HARP, Kevin Hartman, Nicholas Hydock, Leslie Jarsocrak, BUZZ LOCKWOOD, Gary Ochs, Jake Powers, Ryan Manbeck, Nick Moore, PHILIP SCHAFFER, Rodney Weiss, Jr., and Jerry Zachouski. Armed Services: Eric Alderman, Marie Rosati Clark, Allison Rosati Martin, Justin Klinger, Brent Naveiro, Eric Ochs, SCOTT SCHAFFER, and Jeffrey Troutman, Jr., Please help us with this prayer ministry if there is someone you want to include. (Capital letters designates members of Trinity).

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Happy Birthday

Birthdays Milestones in May

Jane Wilkinson will be 93 and Joan Kava will be 86. Happy Birthday Jane and Joan.