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Trinity Messenger

May Issue 2

Psalm 121:1-2 I will lift up my eyes to the hills - From whence comes my help? My help comes from the Lord, Who made heaven and earth.

From the Pastor

I am presently reading Michael Plekon’s book *Community as Church, Church as Community* and was reminded of the importance of moving from charity to advocacy in our outreach, while offering radical hospitality to all whom we encounter. If we, as Jesus’ followers, are to live out the mission he clearly and expectantly lays out for us through the characteristics of his ministry, we too must be focused on bringing good news to the poor, release for the captive, recovery of sight for the blind, freeing the oppressed from what binds them, and in the most basic sense, meet our neighbors wherever they are in their lives. Plekon illustrates the activity and characteristics of such activity with these words:

“Vital parishes and communities of faith showed hospitality not only to those visiting on Sunday who could be prospective members. They considered themselves to be part of the surrounding neighborhood and its people, part of the world they were to love and serve. Such parishes were places of healing, discernment, and diversity. They were supporters of justice in their larger areas, aware that their efforts in helping to feed, clothe, shelter, and protect those in need was the most powerful witness to Christ they could offer. Their sacred space and their worship were beautiful, able to sustain the transformation that is the life of the people of God. Parishes were doorways into the kingdom” (*Community as Church, Church as Community*, pg. 6 Cascade Books, 2021).

Granted, this description presents us with a lot to live into. These qualities are not easy to achieve, and there is not a guide that lays out easy steps. Yet, what we do know is the why that motions us to prioritize doing so as our focus. We are an Easter people, who know the gift of Jesus’ death that unburdens us from our brokenness and gifts us with the promise of new life that is to be shared as a witness to Jesus’ life- changing activity,

which we have been called upon, in our baptisms, to perpetuate by way of our communitywide activity and the hospitality we show our neighbors. Someone far wiser than me rightly declared that the mission field is right outside our backdoors. As a congregation, let us prayerfully consider the mission field that makes up our neighborhood and how we might be a source of hospitality and good news for our neighbors. Trini Mini has provided us with a good start and an open door, how might we walk further through, assessing the needs of our neighbors and being a living sign of God's love as we meet them wherever they are in their lives—in their struggles as well as in their joys.

God's peace,

Pastor Mark

This Week At Holy Trinity

Sunday, May 8	
9:00am	Sunday Worship
10:00am	Coffee Hour After Worship
10:15am	Sunday Church School
Monday, May 9	
10:00am	Women's Prayer Group
6:30pm	Zoom Yoga
7:00pm	Evangelism
Tuesday, May 10	
3:30pm	Trini Mini
6:30pm	VBS Decorating Committee
7:00pm	Finance Committee
8:00pm	Executive Council
Wednesday, May 11	
6:45pm	Senior Choir
Thursday, May 12	
	Register for Booster Clinic
	Winterthur Bus Trip
3:30pm	Trini Mini
7:00pm	Zoom Yoga
7:00pm	Thursday Worship
7:30pm	Council Meeting
Saturday, May 14	
7:30am	Walking Group

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More Info For You



VBS

Vacation Bible School planning is well under way. VBS will be July 25 - 28. This year's theme is Monumental - Celebrating God's Greatness. Volunteers for the decorating committee are needed. The committee meets Tuesdays at 6:30PM. Sign up sheets will also be available in the gathering area for registrars and group leader volunteers. Any questions please contact Donna.

Not So High Tea

Thank you to everyone who registered for the Not So High Tea. Registration is now closed.



Graduates

If you or your child is being graduated from High School, College, or Graduate School, please send the following information to the church office:

- Name
 - School
 - Future Plans
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Adult Forum

This Sunday (May 8) we will be discussing the article *Freed to ask Difficult Questions*, by Anna Madsen, that was featured in the April 2022 issue of Living Lutheran. The [article](#) and [Study Guide](#) are available online. If you have trouble or need a copy sent to you contact Pastor Mark prluscombe@hotmail.com



Clearances

Pennsylvania requires anyone working with children to complete child abuse clearances. Holy Trinity is working to update our files for those volunteering for activities like Sunday School, Trini Mini and VBS. Clearances are free for volunteers and are required to be renewed every 5 years. If you need to complete or renew yours, please see the attached information sheet [Child Protection Clearances](#). Thank you for your cooperation as we ensure we comply with the state's requirements. If you have any questions please contact Tina Morgan.

COVID Booster Clinic

If you have not received your Covid-19 booster, Anderson Pharmacy, Adamstown, will be sponsoring a clinic at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Sunday May 15, immediately following Sunday School, which ends at 11:20 AM. The clinic is for those persons who attend Holy Trinity and will be set up in the Gym. Tom Smith, who is a pharmacist with Anderson Pharmacy, will be administering the Pfizer and Moderna boosters that morning. If you are interested in receiving your booster, you will need the following items with you as well as meet the age and/or medical status requirements.

1. Patients will need to bring their vaccine card
2. Prescription card, insurance card, and/or red, white and blue Medicare Card

3. It must be 4 months since your last vaccination (2nd shot or first booster) to receive the booster.
4. You must be 50 years old or older or be immune-compromised for 2nd booster (4th shot).
5. Know which manufacturer Pfizer or Moderna you previously received.

There will be a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Area. Please sign up by May 12 so the necessary number of doses are available that morning.

Newsletter Updates

We are now in our 3rd month of the Trinity Messenger. With each issue we evolve our content and delivery. Mondays will be the deadline for information to be included in the newsletter each week. Newsletters will be published on Tuesdays. This allows the newsletter to be printed and included in the mailings to our shut-ins.

Monthly calendars, server schedules and bulletins are all posted on our website and will continue to be linked in our newsletters. Our website is up to date with all the information you are accustomed to seeing - if you are looking for something - check our website! For those without electronic communications, paper copies of the newsletter, calendar and server schedule will be available in the gathering area each week.

As the newsletter has evolved, information in the tri-fold and the newsletter is becoming redundant. In an attempt to further streamline our communications we will be phasing out the tri-fold. We will monitor the transition closely and adapt as needed. We appreciate your patience and feedback as we give it a try. Any questions or concerns can be directed to Natale Benigno.



Dear Holy Trinity,

Thank you so much for your gift of \$402 to the Lancaster County Food Hub. Your continued gift giving ensures that the basic needs of food, clothing and shelter in our Lancaster community are met. Many of our neighbors are especially vulnerable during this time of uncertainty, but knowing that they have a reliable place to receive these essentials eliminates one major insecurity. Together we can make our community stronger by helping ensure that everyone has their basic human needs met. If you have not seen us in action, come in for a personal tour.

With Gratitude,

Paige McFarling, Executive Director

Dear Church Family,

I want to thank you for all the prayers, cards, kindness and concerns, and the beautiful flowers sent to me during my recovery from my recent surgery. I also want to thank Pastor Mark and Donna for their phone calls and visits. God Bless. Love in the name of Christ.

Patti Fassnacht

Looking for more information not included in this week's newsletter?

Be sure to checkout our website!

Thanks for reading! Have a great week ahead!

