



# TLC News



**Sunday School 9:00 am**

**May 2014**

**Worship 10:30 am**

*Our Mission: "To become more like Jesus, reaching out to our community with God's love."*

## SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

The changeover to the Summer Worship schedule will begin on **Sunday, May 25th**. On that Sunday, worship service will begin at 9 am with selected Sunday school classes meeting afterward.

## PENTECOST SUNDAY—JUNE 8

**WEAR RED and SPONSOR a GERANIUM or TWO**



The congregation is invited to wear red again this Pentecost Sunday, June 8. Trinity will also enjoy the bright red blooms of geraniums decorating our sanctuary

that day. If you would like to help purchase geraniums, please indicate your designated gift on your offering envelopes. Each plant costs \$2.50. The geraniums will be planted around the church.

## NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

The next newsletter will combine the months of June and July. If you have any information to contribute, please place it in the office...or email it to the church at [trinitymclure@nmax.net](mailto:trinitymclure@nmax.net). Thanks for your help!

## PASTOR LISA'S VACATION

Pastors Lisa and Matthew will be on vacation from April 21 to May 7. ALWL Crystal Bollinger and Frank Bardo will be conducting Sunday Worship Service on Sunday, April 27 and May 4, respectively. All pastoral care, including funerals, will be handled by the Rev. Dr. William Jones, Emmanuel Lutheran, Middleburg. He can be contacted at 570-837-6121 or 570-765-2578.

## HONORING OUR GRADUATES

On Sunday, May 18th, we'll be honoring our high school graduates. Hannah Boonie and Danielle Ulrich will be graduating from Midd-West High School on June 6th. Hannah also completed two semesters at Bloomsburg University as part of the Advance College Experience (ACE) program and will attend The Pennsylvania College of Health Sciences in Lancaster to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing. Danielle will be attending Lebanon Valley College in Annville to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in Actuarial Science. Congratulations, graduates!

## NICKEL SUNDAY UPDATE

Our nickels have been paying off. The "nickel" money collected on March 2nd was \$54.02 and on April 6th was \$80.46. Keep saving your nickels to help pay on the bank loan for the clinic building. Thanks for saving your nickels,



as you can see they really do help.

## OUR SHARED MINISTRY --BY THE NUMBERS--

Worship Attendance:

March 30:	65
April 6:	67
April 13:	81
Maundy Thursday:	29
Good Friday:	38
April 20:	91

## From the Pastor's Desk

Recently, a Trinity member gave me an op-ed piece to read; it was written by Cal Thomas about the recently released movie, "Noah." The controversy surrounding "Noah," concerns how closely the movie follows the Biblical story. Seems that the creators of the movie took some liberties with the story and some Christians were upset that people who saw the movie and weren't familiar with the Bible might be misled about what the true intent of the story of Noah is. Interestingly, Thomas states that, despite the controversy, Christians should be glad that Hollywood considers Biblical stories worthy of the big screen.

Now, I don't get that upset about moviemakers "stretching" stories - Biblical or otherwise - in order to make movies. I understand that making movies is about making money, more so than it is about truth-telling or even entertainment. Controversy surrounding certain movies is usually encouraged in order to get more people in the theater. And, needless to say, controversy about movies based on the Bible is certainly not uncommon.

For example, there was the controversy 25 years ago about the movie, "The Last Temptation of Christ," particularly the Catholic Church's view that the movie was full of misinformation and heresy. One of the last scenes in "The Last Temptation..." had the devil tempting Christ by showing Jesus what His life would be like if He'd just ask God to spare Him. While most of us know that this "last temptation" portrayed in the movie did not happen in the Bible, it's interesting that in the movie when the devil comes to tempt Christ, he comes disguised as an angelic waif-like girl. Someone was very wise to realize that, when wanting to tempt someone, the devil would thus disguise himself.

Ten years ago, the Mel Gibson movie, "The Passion of Jesus Christ," created similar controversy, especially to those who thought that the portrayal of Jesus' crucifixion was a little too realistic, a little too violent. In addition, people felt that the movie took too many liberties in portraying Jesus' relationships with the people surrounding him. Yet, despite all the controversy, some Christians said "The Passion..." made them realize, for the first time, just what Christ suffered on the cross when he was crucified.

Ultimately, watching movies about Biblical stories, makes us realize that the Bible has always been a book of controversy. Even without someone else stretching, redefining, or recreating its stories, God's Word has always stirred up thought-provoking conversation, as did Jesus Christ Himself. And, maybe, that's the way God wants it!

It does us good to read - or re-read - Bible stories like Noah and to ask God to give us the understanding to discern their meanings. It is good to discuss the Bible, and to recognize that all stories in it are to be viewed through the lens of Jesus Christ because those stories ultimately point to Him. Most of all, through our discussions, we come to realize that the Bible is altogether a story about salvation, **our salvation**, the salvation given to all of us through God's Word, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

God's blessings,

*Pr. Lisa*

## **PASTOR LISA'S OFFICE HOURS:**



### At Trinity:

-- Tues. evenings, 6:30-8:30, unless Choir practice is cancelled, then Pr. Lisa will be at the Parsonage study.

### At the Parsonage study:

- Wed. mornings, 9 – 11 am;
- Wed. evenings, 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm;
- Thurs. mornings, 9 am - 11:00 am;

Or, by scheduling an appointment at your convenience, contact her at: 658-2040 or by email: [prlschuster@verizon.net](mailto:prlschuster@verizon.net)

## **FUNERAL FORMS**

If you have filled out a Funeral Form recently, please make sure that you give a copy of your completed form to Pastor Lisa. She will keep it on file so that it is easily located when needed. All members are urged to fill out Funeral Forms; it's one of the nicest things you can do for your loved ones! Extra forms can be found on the Information bulletin board.



### *May Birthdays*

Harold Reitz	5/1
Kelsie Dobson	5/1
Matthew Schuster	5/2
Betty Shawver	5/3
Carla Reitz	5/6
Rebecca Flood	5/6
Justina Fitzgerald	5/7
Jim Moyer	5/7
Scott Jones	5/9
Jessica Pheasant	5/9
Betty Boonie	5/14
Linda Bachman	5/20
Travis Weaver	5/20
Cecile Wagner	5/24
Patrick Duff	5/25
Brayden Harris	5/26
James Wert	5/27
Matthew Brytczuk	5/28
Edwin Weader	5/30
Scott Flood	5/31
JoAnn Stuck	5/31

### *May Anniversaries*

Dan & Kathleen Spigelmyer	5/11
Lisa & Matthew Schuster	5/20
Ned & Betty Boonie	5/21

### *May Baptismal Anniversaries*

Brian Knepp	5/6
Grace Whitney	5/7
Karen Segall	5/8
Sarah Boonie	5/9
Christy Jones	5/13
Jean Snyder	5/13
Jan Gilbert	5/13
Brittney Weaver	5/17
Hannah Boonie	5/19
Michael Flood	5/19
Pastor Lisa Schuster	5/21
Lorraine Knepp	5/?

*Please let the church office know if we missed your special day!*



### **MAY WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS**

#### **May 4**

Assisting Minister:	Melanie Stoner
Greeters:	Jim & Marty Wert
Ushers:	Pam Weaver Janet Walter
Lector:	Bonnie Seler
Nursery:	Amanda Wright
Treasury Asst:	Mel Stoner & Erma Knarr

#### **May 11**

Assisting Minister:	Melanie Stoner
Greeters:	Ange Ulrich & Family
Ushers:	Marty Wert Denise Fike
Lector:	Ange Ulrich
Nursery:	Lisa Shirk
Treasury Asst:	Mel Stoner & Erma Knarr

#### **May 18**

Assisting Minister:	Melanie Stoner
Greeters:	Dave & Donna Weader
Ushers:	Cindy Graybill Bonnie Jones
Lector:	Melanie Stoner
Nursery:	Ange Ulrich
Treasury Asst:	Mel Stoner & Erma Knarr

#### **May 25**

#### **Ascension Sunday**

Assisting Minister:	Melanie Stoner
Greeters:	Ryan, Jessica & Oden Pheasant
Ushers:	Jim Jones Betty Rager
Lector:	Ange Ulrich
Nursery:	Danielle Ulrich
Treasury Asst:	Mel Stoner & Erma Knarr

*\*Please note that when you are scheduled to be a greeter, you are also an usher for that Sunday. If for any reason you are unable to serve at your appointed time, please secure a replacement and notify the church secretary prior to the printing of the Sunday bulletin.*

## MAY WORSHIP SUPPORT CHAIRPERSONS

Greeters/Ushers/TA:	Denise Fike
Lectors:	Bonnie Seler
Acolyte:	Tayla Schreffler
Flowers:	Helen Rager
Altar Guild:	
Bread:	Arlene Flood
Set-up:	C Graybill & Bonnie Seler
Take Down:	Dave & Donna Weader

## APRIL 13<sup>th</sup> COUNCIL MINUTES

Our Mission: "To become more like Jesus, reaching out to our community with God's love."

One the day of council meeting the checking account was positive \$300. The brass plates were cleaned, polished, and replaced on the doors. It cost over \$1,000 to fix the commode in the basement. This is a reminder only toilet paper in the commodes!! Property committee is still looking at different options for heating the sanctuary. A heat pump would cost \$18,000 and this would supplement the current system. Wrapping or blown in insulation could be done but the wiring must be checked first in the sanctuary. The wiring is old and brittle and is not safe. Congregation approve addition to the TLC fund bylaws on April 13, 2014 before church services. A medical emergency form for children attending Sunday school and Bible school was created. It has essential health and parent contact information on it. This form will be kept in a red notebook in the church office for quick and easy access. Fundraising committee sold 86 pies/rolls/breads. Total profit was \$185 because someone donate the money for the cost of shipping. They have over \$1,000 in their checking account. This committee benefits the Property committee. Trinity & Messiah share the same Bible School material. Trinity received a Certificate of Appreciation from Camp Mt. Luther for the Love Offering. A reminder to children of Trinity that wants to go to camp, we pass half the fee for the child. The Palm Walk in Beaver Springs, on Palm Sunday had 35 to 40 walkers. Daniel Spigelmyer has tone deafness and needed hearing aids. Council approve to give him his complete grant of \$1,000 to him to help with schooling and hearing aids. Trinity has a grant of Steward of Life for seminarian students. Mother/Daughter Banquet May 4<sup>th</sup> so far 61 people have signed up to go. MCVCC Benefit Spaghetti supper on April 24 at Beavertown firehall. Trinity needs a male representative to go to synod assembly at Susquehanna this summer

### PIE SALE UPDATE



The fundraising committee would like to thank everyone for making the pie sale a success. We made a profit of \$213.00. (All funds collected are used for church property maintenance.)

### PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

**In Our Prayers:** Frank Lucier, Jr., Lura Lucier, Kirk Nagel family, Jesse Rigel, Mable Lopp, Josh Wright, Jerry Rager, David Moore, Malcolm Wells, Joni Hall, Holly Phillips, Barb Snyder, Sue Ann Dalbey, Harvey Erb, Edith Reitz, Ruth Smith, Gina Robatin, Linda Ward, Frank Waughtel, Graydon Barber, Terry Adams, Duane Pheasant, Vera Moyer, Travis Katherman, Marsha Stephens, Dennis Hassinger, Dobble Mattern, Melvin Swartz, Brady, Donnie Klingler, Hunter Luckenbaugh, Roy & Angela Melius and the families of June Snyder, Joe Henry Kline, Nancy Aurand and Janet Hess.

**Military Personnel in Our Prayers:** Emily Bender (USN), Sean De Los Reyes (USN), Ben Boonie (USM), Joe Haskins (US Army), Dillon Allenbaugh (USN), Craig Hassinger (USAF), Kelly Weader (USN) and Dean Hoelz (USN).

We pray for our friends at Conewago-Snyder, near and far.

### BUMPER STICKER OF THE MONTH

Always do your best. What you plant now, you will harvest later.

## APRIL INCOME

### 2014 INCOME THRU APRIL 20th

*Our Offerings (by envelopes, loose, Sunday School)*  
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Envelopes: \$6,091.00  
Loose Plate: \$140.50  
Sunday School: \$67.01

Total Income: \$29,052.66  
Total Expenses: \$32,865.37  
Line of Credit: \$19,362.83  
Clinic Mortgage: \$33,986.03

### BENEFIT BINGO & CHINESE AUCTION

There will be a benefit bingo and Chinese auction to benefit Malcolm Wells of McClure at the McClure Legion on **Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>**. Doors open at 11am. Bingo starts at 1:00 pm. Chinese Auction runs from 11 am – 1:30 pm. There will be a bake sale and a lite lunch. Donations for bake sale or Chinese auction may be dropped off at the legion Saturday May 17 from 12 am- 12 pm or Sunday May 18<sup>th</sup> at 10am. Please contact Dixie Rice at (570)-765-1880 or Shari Rager at (570)-658-2440.



### BIBLE STUDY RESUMES

Trinity's "Monday School" Bible Study will resume in June, beginning on Monday, June 2 at 6:30 pm. We will be reading the Book of

Revelation this summer and everyone is invited to come and find out what will happen when Jesus comes again.

### WELCOME NEW MEMBER!

We welcome Cathy York, sister of Steve and Erma Knarr, as a new member of Trinity's congregation. Cathy, who lives in McClure, has been worshipping at Trinity for some time now and we are happy to have her join with us as our church reaches out to God in worship and ministry.

## CHANGE TO TLC MINISTRY FUND BY-LAWS

Before worship on Sunday, April 13, a brief Congregational meeting was held in order to make a change to the TLC Ministry Fund By-Laws. The proposed change was an addition to By-Law D.1.c.1 which has to do with the disbursement of money from the TLC Ministry Fund. This specific By-Law states that money from the TLC Ministry Fund can be disbursed to programs within the congregation and reads as follows:

*Congregational level programs:* Programs and activities that are conducted by someone within the congregation, having effects on the members of the congregation. Distributions from the Fund shall not be used for the congregation's own normal operating expenses, such as salaries, maintenance, supplies, or utilities, unless required by a specific bequest.

The congregation voted on adding the following sentence to this By-Law (D.1.c.1):  
Exceptions may be permitted for limited specific improvements to be approved by both Council and Congregation, not to exceed the undesignated principal amount of \$75,000 and all TLC contributions from December to the present.

The addition of the above sentence to By-Law D.1.c.1 was done to permit Trinity's Council and Congregation to access money from TLC Ministry Fund in the case of a major expense; for example, replacement of the church's boiler. Anyone who would like a complete copy of the TLC Ministry Fund By-Laws, please see Pr. Lisa. If you have any questions about this addition and/or the TLC Ministry Fund, don't hesitate to attend any monthly Council meeting.

### MALE VOTING MEMBER NEEDED FOR SYNOD ASSEMBLY

A male voting member from Trinity is needed for the Upper Susquehanna Synod Assembly on **Friday, June 20 & Saturday, June 21**. Please see Pr. Lisa or Council President Denise Fike if you are called to this ministry.



A nice crowd gathered for the Easter Egg hunt on Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at the town park.



Oden Pheasant posing for a picture with the Easter bunny. Oden is being held by his dad Ryan Pheasant.

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FYI: THERE'S A T0000000N OF PEOPLE DOWN THERE THANKING YOU THAT IT IS FRIDAY

