THE PIPER

MAY 15, 2016

Trinity Lutheran Church

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The flowers are given by Gerry and Sue Ellen Krupa in honor of Mary and Steven Krupa and all graduating seniors.

PRAYER LIST

<u>TLC DISCIPLES</u> Charles Welch, Jerry Wion, Sally Adams, Ray Petersen (military), Kris Glad (military)

TLC Friends

Anne and Mel Bullick, Basil Costantino (cancer), Colleen Wisniewski (cancer), Brian Johns, Michael Hamilton and family, Tammy Reese and family

MT. T.O.P. PRAYER PARTNERS

Prayer Partners are needed for this year's mission trip from June 18 through June 26.

Volunteers can offer their love and support by:

- * keeping their partner in their heart, mind and prayers while the team is away
- * writing card(s) or letter(s) to their partner
- * supporting their partner at the Commissioning Service and Send-off Dinner
- * providing their partner with a modest CARE package for the trip

PLEASE consider supporting our mission team on their trip to Tennessee.

To sign up, email Karen Aubuchon at <u>aubu55@gmail.com</u> or complete a sign-up form found on the table across from Fellowship Hall and place the completed form in the Aubuchon's mail box. More information will be provided to those responding.

TLC FINANCIAL INFORMATION July 1, 2015 – April 30, 2016

Income \$ 311,557.24 Expenses \$ 235,346.66 Difference \$ 76,210.58

These amounts represent operating income and expenses and do not include any interest or dividends. The income does include the sale of stocks (\$63, 440.07).

TRINITY EVENTS

SATURDAY, MAY 14 8:00 am Outdoor Work Day 10:00 am Zumba 5:00 pm Worship with Communion

<u>SUNDAY, MAY 15</u> 8:15 am Worship with Communion 9:30 am Sunday School 9:30 am Joyful Voices 10:45 am Worship with Communion 11:45 am Coffee Hour

<u>MONDAY, MAY 16</u> 10:00 am Foxdale Bible Study 7:00 pm What's So Amazing About Grace?

> <u>TUESDAY, MAY 17</u> 6:00 pm Congregational Dinner 7:00 pm Congregational Meeting

> > WEDNESDAY, MAY 18 7:00 pm Yoga

<u>THURSDAY, MAY 19</u> 7:00 pm Bell Choir

<u>SATURDAY, MAY 21</u> 9:00 am Craft Fair 5:00 pm Worship with Communion

SUNDAY, MAY 22 8:15 am Worship with Communion 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship with Communion 11:45 am Picnic

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

All members are invited to our Annual Congregational Meeting on Tuesday, May 17. Dinner is at 6:00 pm followed by the meeting at 7:00 pm. A sign-up sheet for the meal is posted on the Fellowship Hall door. If you will be attending the meal, please sign up by May 15. From Pastor's Desk...

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

At times we may think that since our faith is personal it is also private. As I read the Scriptures, however, our faith may, in fact, be personal but it is to be lived out in very public ways. Faith in Jesus calls us, even causes us, to be in relationships with others. As some have observed, it may be possible to be a Christian by yourself but if you do try to "go it alone" you may not be a Christian for long!

To be a "lone Christian" is reflected in an ironic song by Avery and Marsh called I Can Be a Christian By Myself. The first verse goes:

I can be a Christian by myself. Leave my dusty Bible on the shelf. I'll sing a hymn and pray a bit. God can do the rest of it. My heart's the church, my head's the steeple. Shut the door and I'm the people. I can be a Christian by myself.

Some of the other verses include these lines:

I'll break some bread and drink some wine. Have myself a holy time. I'll take the off'ring then I'll know Where that money's gonna go. So please remember, Lord, when I die, Give me my own cloud in the sky. After this life with its labors Don't bug me with needy neighbors.

We can't "go it alone" when it comes to our faith or life in general. We need each other for a wide variety of reasons.

To that end, my plans for summer worship include continuing with the Saturday 5:00 pm worship through June. For July and August, Holy Communion will be served by our Eucharistic Ministers. On Sunday, May 29, we will add the 9:30 am Outdoor Worship, while maintaining 8:15 and 10:45 am worship inside.

I realize this adds to the sense of disconnection for some as people attend differing worship services and the logic would suggest we ought to move to as few as one or two services through the summer months. Curiously, studies indicate that it is better for congregations to increase ministries or programs for the summer rather than reducing them. My hope is to afford our TLC disciples various opportunities to add worship to their summer activities so that we might all truly practice our faith personally as well as publicly!

Thanks for your partnership in this ministry! Now, time for some lemonade!

Peace.

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Pastor Ron

IUNE BIRTHDAYS

Margaret Cowan	1	Samuel Linden
Kay Gasowski	3	Jim Reynolds
Mary Stout	3	Brian Woodland
Bill Campbell	5	Donna Weidel
Kelly Webb	5	Ann Miller
Priya Poehner	6	David Richards
Lisa Bowen	7	Grace Wenrich
Katelyn Peachey	7	Luke Wenrich
Rowan Brownson	9	Sydney Fletcher
Alicia Musheno	9	Sophia Card
Melissa Weidel	9	Grace Claster
Chelsea Zembower	9	Steve Shetler
Mary Krupa	10	Herb Motter
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THANK YOU!

Donna and I want to thank all of those that have contributed to Melissa's Stampede with both pravers and contributions. The ride is coming up on the 21st and 22nd and Melissa's team has grown to 22. If anyone wants to still contribute to help find a cure for M.S. they can do so by either writing a check made payable to National M.S. Society and putting it into our TLC mailbox or to have it counted for this year's ride go to www.nationalmssociety.com and donate to Melissa's Stampede. A donation may be made either to a specific rider or to the team.

Thanks again for all of your support.

Donna and Gene Weller



Bishop Michael's Pentecost Greeting 2016

May the power of the Holy Spirit be with you and lead you as we celebrate the Festival of Pentecost. This Sunday we celebrate the mighty act of Jesus Christ where poured the power of the Holy Spirit out on his church.

We hear about the disciples who hear the sound of a mighty wind, and then are set on fire by the power and presence of God's love pouring through them. This sends them into the streets to proclaim that there is One Lord and Savior and his name is Jesus Christ. The Spirit worked the miracle on that day that all people could understand the proclamation in their own language. The Spirit moved and 3,000 of those who heard were baptized on that day. This was the day when the Spirit poured out and empowered the church to carry the story and mission of Jesus into the world.

We are the inheritors of that mission and the ones who have been claimed by that same Holy Spirit in the waters of baptism. We may not always see tongues of fire but that same Spirit that ignited the church on that Day of Pentecost is still at work in our congregations and in us.

The Spirit is working to empower, strengthen, and to send us out into this world to share the love and mercy of Jesus Christ. The Spirit is the one who goes before us and makes the way for us to care for and love those who are in need. We can do good and be ministers of the love of Jesus Christ because this Holy Spirit is leading us, guiding us, and calling us to follow.

Remember that you are not alone. Jesus Christ is with you. Jesus has also sent the Holy Spirit of God to lead and guide his church always. I pray that we may be emboldened by the truth that we are not alone. We go forth to share the love of Christ, and Christ's power and life leads us and meets us. Let us therefore be people of his mercy and peace as we are led into this world to share his love.

+Bishop Michael L. Rhyne

Graduates

If anyone in your family is graduating from high school, college, or grad school, please email Marla, <u>tlcmarla@comcast.net</u>, by May 15.



Please include the graduate's name, field of study, and future plans. Graduates will be honored on June 5.

Help Our Synod's Confirmation Campers Help Others



During Confirmation Camp, June 12-17, the Allegheny Synod's catechism students will be decorating and assembling "Brian Bags" - care packages for local children and teens with cancer who are being treated at Children's Hospitals in Pittsburgh, Geisinger, Hershey, and Philadelphia. These will be gifted to patients who are undergoing treatment over the 4th of July holiday. We are asking congregations, by conference, to donate the following items, which will be collected at the Blair County Convention Center during Synod Assembly, June 3-4.

> Johnstown: bubbles or pinwheels Somerset: glow sticks Bedford: 4th of July themed stickers or items Blair-Huntingdon: activity or coloring books Clearfield: crayons, coloring pencils, markers **Nittany: cards or card games—this is our Conference**

Please bring donations to Synod Assembly or to Sequanota by June 12. See <u>www.brianmordenfoundation.org</u> for more information.

Pray for the Holy Spirit



Bishop Michael is inviting you to join him in an ecumenical prayer movement which is calling for Christians to pray for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit this Pentecost, Sunday (May 15) and the Vigecost (May 14).

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This movement is being headed by Franciscan Father Dave Pavonka, a spiritual writer and retreat guide. During prayer, Fr. Pavonka envisioned the Lord pouring the fire of his love and Spirit out on this world. From this he thought what a good thing it would be to pray that our Lord would pour his Spirit out on our hearts, on our churches, and on our communities.

The name of this movement is "The Wild Goose is Loose". The strange name comes from the fact that a Celtic representation of the Holy Spirit was not a peaceful dove, but a Wild Goose. The idea being that the Spirit of God is active, moving, and thrashing about leading us where we need to be, not unlike a wild goose that will not be tamed. The idea is that we pray for God to unleash the Spirit and let it run wild in our churches and in our lives.

If you would like more information about this movement visit the website <u>www.thewildgooseisloose.com</u>. Consider praying for the outpouring of the Spirit this Pentecost and throughout this coming year.

"Lord Jesus send the power of your Spirit upon this world and your Allegheny Synod. Let the fire of your presence shine through us to this world. Open our hearts and eyes to what you would have us do and who you would have us be. Guide us by your presence to be ministers of your mercy and peace. Use your Spirit to use us and inspire us. Come Holy Spirit fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in us the fire of your Love. Amen"

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