



Trinity Lutheran Church
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The flowers are presented by
 Jerry and Esther Lauchle
 in memory of
 departed family members.

TRINITY EVENTS

SATURDAY, APRIL 4

10:00 am Zumba
 5:00 pm Worship with Communion

SUNDAY, APRIL 5 - EASTER

8:15 am Celebration of the Resurrection
 with Communion
 10:45 am Celebration of the Resurrection
 with Communion

MONDAY, APRIL 6

10:00 am Foxdale Bible Study

TUESDAY, APRIL 7

6:00 pm Zumba

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

7:00 pm Yoga

THURSDAY, APRIL 9

5:30 pm Zumba
 7:00 pm Bells

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

9:00 am Quilting
 10:00 am Zumba
 10:00 am Personal Care Kits Assembly
 5:00 pm Worship with Communion

SUNDAY, APRIL 12

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

PRAYER LIST

TLC DISCIPLES

Don Leslie, Ray Petersen (military), Kris Glad (military)

TLC FRIENDS

Ashlee Jones, Laura Glenn (serious fall), Alice Raynar, Tom Slane, Luke Trostle, Jay Claster (cancer), John Light (cancer), Lynea Morgan, Mandy and Rob Koenigsberg, Michael Hamilton and family, Lauren and family



ANNUAL YARD SALE

Our annual yard sale will be held on Saturday, May 2. Save up those plastic bags and clean out your closets, and your neighbor's closets, too.

We need people to help set up on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday before the sale and we need volunteers for the day of the sale.

High school students, this can count toward your community service hours.

Sign-up sheets are in the narthex.

Contact Sue and Roger Glad or Sue Ellen Krupa with any questions.

TLC FINANCIAL INFORMATION

July 1, 2014 – March 31, 2015

Income \$208,161.84

Expenses \$225,163.01

Difference -\$ 17,001.17

(The expenses include payment of \$26,778.00 for roof repair and new shingles. This was withdrawn from the Building Fund.)

These amounts represent operating income and expenses and do not include any interest, dividends or investment value changes.

WINE TASTING: RED, WHITE, AND MORE

Join us for a wine tasting on Monday, April 27, at 413 Galen Drive, State College. From 6:30 - 8:30 pm we will be tasting and talking about a variety of wines. We will taste up to five wines along with simple pairings and snacks. This evening will serve as an overview with a variety of wine categories represented in the wine selections. Further classes will dive deeper into some general wine categories. This event is \$10 per person with a limit of 20 people. Please RSVP by Monday, April 20, to Rebekah Miller at miller.rebekah9@gmail.com. Questions and comments can also be directed to Rebekah.



Happy Easter!

From Pastor Ron

Greetings in Christ!

On Easter Eve and Easter Day we celebrate the best, if not most confounding, news: the One who was dead is now alive – never to die again!

What is unique to our Christian faith is this, we believe that over 2,000 years ago Almighty God, Creator of the universe, became human in a person from Nazareth named Jesus. This same Jesus died on a cross as part of God's holy plan to save humankind from sin and death! Because of His obedience to that plan God raised Jesus from the dead. The payment for human sin satisfied and thus death itself is overcome, which is to say, "death has died"! Or as St. Paul puts it, "death is swallowed up in victory"! (1 Cor. 15:54)

I love that imagery! And still, I can't fully comprehend that it's true! After all, people continue to die or pass away; I still attend and preside over funerals! Each year I add more names to the list of those I miss! Today, however, reminds us that Jesus, being raised from death, means that death is not the end, for Him to be sure, but also for us! Death now is seen as a gateway to eternal life! As the Scriptures teach, we shall not die (that is, be no more), but live.

We are freed now to live as people of life and light and love! We need not live in fear of death! That does not mean we are free to live to satisfy our own desires but rather it does mean we live with some abandon, investing ourselves in making a difference in the lives of those we encounter each and every day! We are free to live with joy, to be generous with all that we have, to live as people set aside for God's divine purposes in and for the world!

In light of this understanding of the Christian Faith Easter means we are free to practice our faith through prayer, worship and reading the Bible, while at the same time we are free to look for ways to live as Jesus did through serving others, relating with others for spiritual growth, and giving of our finances to support ministry efforts through the church. Such practices can provide great joy, such that we may find ourselves wanting to invite others to join us in the journey of faith!

What amazing news, nearly too good to believe it's true! Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed! We and the world now will never be the same! Thanks be to God!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Ron



Outreach updates from

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HEATING ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS WRAP-UP

The **Centre County Fuel Bank** served 66 families so far, providing over \$24,750 in home heating products. The fuel bank buys the products directly from the vendor. The heating products purchased are fuel oil, wood or wood pellets, coal or propane: all deliverable by truck. The fuel bank families did not qualify for the Heating Assistance and Support Program due to either the type of fuel they use or their location in the county. The fuel bank closes each year on March 31.

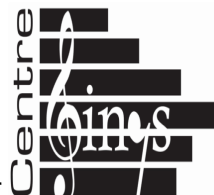
The **Heating Assistance and Support Program** serves families who use fuel oil as their heating product. The money to provide this assistance comes from Marcellus Shale impact fees and from Act 137 funds. Families must reside in a township or borough that either has an active well or in a township or borough adjacent to it. The program continues through April and will reopen in October. It has served over 94 households (250 people) providing over \$40,000 in heating products.

Both of these programs keep families safe and in their homes. This winter was particularly brutal and IHS is thankful that, through your personal support of the fuel bank and the grants we receive, that so many families have been assisted.

CENTRE SINGS 2015 AUDITIONS

Auditions opened on March 1 for Centre Sings, IHS's singing competition that also helps to raise money to support the programs and services of IHS. Auditions can be uploaded at CENTRESINGS.ORG along with your application. Soloists and groups of up to 12 are eligible to compete. We currently have contestants from age 6 to 75.

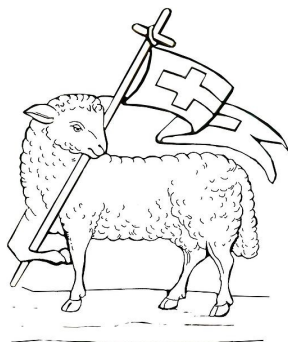
A benefit concert on May 16 will announce the semi-finalists who will compete for a grand prize of \$1,000 on June 6. Keep watching and keep singing!



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Bishop's Easter Greeting



“Here the true Pascal Lamb we see, Whom God so freely gave us;
He died on the accursed tree – So strong his love to save us.
See, his blood now marks our door; Faith points to it, death passes o’er,
And Satan cannot harm us. Hallelujah!
Martin Luther’s hymn - *Christ Jesus Lay in Death’s Strong Bands*

Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Grace and peace to you this Easter Sunday in the name of God the Father and our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. As you celebrate the Festival of the Resurrection, I pray that you will come to know the peace of our Lord Jesus and the power of his resurrected life.

In John’s Gospel the last thing our Lord says from the cross is, “It is finished,” then he bows his head and dies (John 19:30). Jesus finished the mission God gave him. He came into this world to become the ultimate Passover Lamb, to give up his body and life to save this world from sin and destruction. At the cross Jesus shows his great love for us. There is no amount of pain or suffering that can come between us and his love for us.

Here’s where it gets interesting. On the sixth day of Creation, a Friday, God completed his labors and called everything good. On the seventh day, God rested.

In the story of Holy Week we heard that Jesus finished his work on the sixth day, Good Friday, giving up his life to save us. On the seventh day, Jesus lay still in the tomb. Early on the first day of the week, Sunday, something new happened. God changed everything in the resurrection.

In Jesus Christ there is a new reality and a new creation. Those things which have plagued us and sought to destroy us are not the true power in this creation. Jesus has risen. Jesus is alive. Sin, death, and evil could not keep in the tomb.

Jesus is stronger than anything that comes to try to defeat us. When Jesus rose, he opened his nail scarred hands to those who denied him, betrayed him, and crucified him. In Jesus, evil has no power because he changed the rules of life and death with his own life, death, and resurrection. He quite literally blew the doors of death wide open and made a way for us to have life and have it abundantly.

Jesus claims us in the waters of baptism, sends the Holy Spirit to lead and guide us, and promises us life eternal. Whether we live or whether we die, we belong to Jesus.

Consider then, what this means for our life as Christians and our life as Christ’s Church here in this world. We are called into this life by Jesus Christ to share his love and mercy with the world. Jesus will not fail, and he is dragging us along with him. We may face challenges, we will see things that have to change in our lives and in our ministry, but we will be successful in sharing the gospel and the love of Jesus. Because Christ Jesus is with us in our lives, in our congregations, and in our synod.

What it boils down to on this Easter Sunday is this: Jesus Christ is risen and that makes all the difference because he has called us, claimed us, and made us his own.

May you have a blessed Easter season and may you rest in the peace of our risen Lord.

+Bishop Michael L. Rhyne
Allegheny Synod, ELCA



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CERTIFICATION TRAINING WORKSHOP IN YOUR AREA

*(check out this leading relationship inventory used nationally and internationally at Prepare-Enrich.com)

LOCATION: Zion Lutheran Church
500 Allegheny Street
Hollidaysburg, PA 16648

DATE: April 30, 2015
Time: 9am - 3pm
Cost: \$195.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: April 16, 2015

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