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April 2016 Newsletter

Whatever you do,
do it all for the
Glory of God
1 Corinthians 10:31

I am sure you have seen the commercial where a celebrity, advertising a diet program says, "I *love* bread!" I love bread as well. One day as I was shopping in the baked goods department of a store, I noticed there was challah bread. When I noticed it I realized that it had been a long time since I had challah bread and I couldn't recall ever serving it to my sons. I knew I had to have this bread. At the next family gathering I included challah as part of the menu. Somehow we got into a discussion about the bread. Yes, I knew that it was Jewish in origin, but I did not know the history of the bread and so we entered the internet in search of answers.

I was quite surprised at what we found. The word challah (dough) is used in the Torah, Numbers 15:18-21. The bread referred to as challah may not be of the same recipe as that which was used in the days of Moses. The bread is appointed for use at the three Sabbath meals, Friday evening, Saturday lunch and late afternoon as well as for two holiday meals (night and lunch the next day). Two loaves are used at this time to symbolize the double portion set aside of manna so that no work be done on the Sabbath. Each loaf is braided into six knots which together symbolize the twelve tribes of Israel. The word challah may have originally derived from the word for "round" or "space". A loaf of challah is usually in circular shape. When challah is homemade, a portion of the dough is separated before baking as a symbol of the Temple days when a portion or tithe was separated and given to the priests serving in the Temple. This could be one of the reasons that the word may have come from the word for space, since the bread was separated. When the bread is served during a ritual meal the following prayer is said by the head of the household (usually in Hebrew), "Blessed are you, Lord, King of the Universe, who brings forth bread of the earth." Whether the bread is manna from Heaven or baked from the grains of the earth, it is attributed to God's bounty and blessing.

There is much more to be learned about the tradition and history of challah that you can pursue yourself on the internet, but I thought what I have presented above would be good in focusing upon the true Bread of Heaven, Jesus Christ, Our Lord. As we celebrate the joy of Easter, we remember that the body of Christ, like a loaf of bread at Passover, was broken for us and that in this brokenness, Jesus weaves together the body of His Church. Like the strands of dough intricately woven in the challah bread, Jesus weaves together His Church. Unlike the challah bread, we are not to be torn from one another but share an eternal bond through the Holy Spirit. As we continue in the season of Easter, let us remember that Jesus, the bread of life, was broken for our brokenness and through this act heals us of our sins and offers us eternal life with God our Father.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Andy

Sermon preview

April 3- The Second Sunday of Easter
Revelation 1:4-8
"JESUS THE FIRSTBORN OF THE DEAD"

April 10- The Third Sunday of Easter
John 21:1-19
"***JUST THREE QUESTIONS"***

April 17- The Fourth Sunday of Easter
John 10:22-30
"***MAN UP AND TELL US!"***
Children's Sermon: "Superfriends"

April 24- The Fifth Sunday of Easter
John 13:31-35
"***AND THEY WILL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS BY OUR LOVE"***

To the Members of Trinity Lutheran Church-

Many thanks for your kindness, cards, and get-well prayers during my recent surgery. Thanks also to the Prayer Shawl Ministry for the beautiful prayer shawl. I could feel your prayers envelope me and they have helped me with my recovery. Thank you all very much. God Bless-

Marlene Summerfield

I would like to thank everyone for all the Get Well cards during my recent Surgery. I really appreciate it.

Sincerely:

Florence Adler

SOCIAL CONCERNS

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Lenten soup suppers. They were all very well attended and the soups were outstanding. Special thank you to Pat and her crew who set-up, served and cleaned-up each Wednesday. What a special group of people. We are truly blessed by each and every one of them.

Thank you to all who donated food, money and helped pack our Easter Baskets. We helped over 40 families enjoy an Easter Dinner.

On March 19, we had our first Easter Egg Hunt and Breakfast. Everyone loved the festive Easter Egg pancakes! A big thank you to all who helped and attended, and a special thank you to our Easter Bunny!

Our next Pantry Day will be Thursday April 28th. Share Sunday will be Sunday April 10th. We are in need of the following items:

Pasta, cereal, canned vegetables, peanut butter, jelly, crackers, tuna fish, soup, Mac & Cheese, juice, pancake mix, syrup, paper towels and toilet paper.

Well Spring is here and it's time to go through you spring wardrobe to see what still fits. Hopefully because they are too big, and not because they are too small. The closet is open to all members of the congregation as well as our pantry families. Some of our clothing is very gently use and would be a great addition to anyone's spring collection. If you do plan to drop off any of your donations please remember to **keep the bags light**. They can be dropped off in the containers on the porch at 17 Knight Avenue anytime.

Some dates to remember:

Sunday April 10 – Share Sunday
Sunday April 17 – Spring Breakfast
Thursday April 28 – Pantry

New members are always welcome. We meet on the **third Sunday** of the month at 11:15 Please come out and join us. Remember God loves a cheerful giver. Those who not only give of their wealth, but of their time, their talents and their possessions. With God ALL things are possible.

"Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:40

Caring and Sharing
Diane Kochon

Easter
Breakfast

Easter
Egg
Hunt

Sunday School News

Jesus said to his disciples: "Things that cause people to stumble are bound to come, but woe to anyone through whom they come. It would be better for them to be thrown into the sea with a millstone tied around their neck than to cause one of these little ones to stumble." Luke 17:1-2

We need to strive to always be aware of our actions. The aim of the ruler of the world is to lead us into doubt, disbelief, denial, and indecision, half-heartedness in worship and devotion, worldliness, feeling unworthy, laxity of speech and behavior; leading us to sin. Our resistance lies in the knowledge of the evil that is in man. This will ensure vigilance, wise carefulness, and hesitation to commit to well-sounding but false doctrine. A spirit of fidelity, steadfastness of purpose and earnestness of spirit is born of an intimate fellowship with our Savior. Our strength comes from God indwelling in our soul. Jesus taught that we should love one another. Those who are in need and weak in faith are the "little ones". They are to be loved with all the love that our Savior has for them; as is evident here in his stern warning. Loving children, I am sure, is at the top of the priority list. With this love, children will grow confident and be able to live the life that Jesus intended; feeling safe, have peace, joy, and be without fear.

The "Easter Egg Hunt and Breakfast" was held on Saturday, March 19th. It was a real success with a good turn-out, included some non-members. Parents and children had a lot of fun. My granddaughter sure had fun at her first egg hunt. I had some parents tell me that it was a great event and they hoped that it was only the first. I give my thanks to Social Concerns for their well-planned event.

Our Annual Plant Sale will be held on Saturday, April 23rd. The sale will be from 8:00 AM until noon. Proceeds will benefit our programs. Bob Zenter will again provide the plants. Included will be: azaleas, rhododendron, lilac, knock-out & hybrid tea roses, scotch broom, dogwood tree, Japanese maple, hydrangea, grasses, butterfly bush, flowering cherry trees, fruit trees, yucca. Perennials: Sedum, thyme, hosta, coreopsis, salvia, daylily, coral bells, lavender, peonies and many more. Remember Mom & Grand mom; buy a plant for Mother's Day. Also, we need volunteers to help for an hour or two to run the sale.

In the months following, Mother's Day and Father's Day will be upon us. Moms and Grand Moms will be presented with carnations on their special day at the 10:00 AM service. We are making plans for Father's Day to make it special as well.

I would like to continue to bring greater attention to our Missionary Outreach, Cathedral Kitchen. They need our support to help feed the hungry poor. I give thanks to those who have already responded. Please make a commitment, to bring in your $3 dime folders. April 17TH will be our next "UR Important 2 US", Sunday. Please bring in your peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, bottles of water and snacks. Join us on Saturday, April 16th to make PB&J sandwiches. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 9:00 AM.

It's spring! Is your faith in full bloom? Allow it to flourish. Serve your Lord by teaching. We need new volunteers to help secure our future. Even more important secure the future of our children. They need help and guidance to learn how to live their lives with a strong faith. Let's talk it over.

Blessings to all in the name our Lord Jesus!
Carl Nagel
215-852-3217 or dadx3d@comcast.net

Sunday School Plant Sale

Saturday, April 23, 2016

The Annual Plant Sale will be held Saturday April 23rd from 8am-12 noon. You may pre-order any plant that is available from HopeWell Nursery. Email orders to **dadx3d@comcast.net** or call the office at **856-939-4411**. All orders must be received by April 12th. The proceeds will benefit our Sunday School Programs.

We expect to have an assortment of perennials, flowering shrubs and a few trees. These are all in containers and will be loaded into your vehicles. This has been a long, cold harsh winter, so look in your yard for any plants that may need to be replaced.

Included will be: azaleas, rhododendron, lilac, knock-out & hybrid tea roses, scotch broom, dogwood tree, Japanese maple, hydrangea, grasses, butterfly bush, flowering cherry trees, fruit trees, yucca. Perennials: Sedum, thyme, hosta, coreopsis, salvia, daylily, coral bells, lavender, peonies and many more.

Remember,

Mom & Grand Mom

for Mother's Day

JUNIOR CHOIR

The congregation was SO pleased to hear the Junior Choir sing on Sunday, March 20! With our theme of the day being Palm Sunday and Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, we sang "*The King is Coming"!* Thank you so much to everyone who makes such a day come together.

In April we are going to be doing "*Jesus Put The Song in May Heart*". It has a really catchy melody. It is a message for young and old when we try to do everything on our own. But Jesus is always right there with us and gives us the courage and hope that we need.

Looking on to May, it is really hard to believe that will be the last time the Junior Choir will be singing for the season!

Many thanks to Mr. Kraemer for accompanying us (and to Mrs. Dilks who had to step in a few times, too) and for Miss Emilee helping us get ready to sing for the Service. Emilee's grandmother, Mrs. Carol Rowen, has stepped into that responsibility on occasion. We are so blessed to have people who are willing to do that.

A big thank you to parents and grandparents who bring the children to rehearsals and for the times that we sing in church. Despite a lot of "germs" going around, we have been able to still sing. Many of our families live a distance from Trinity and sometimes find it difficult to be here for the 8:30 Service.

A reminder for parents and children: we <u>will</u> be having rehearsals each week until the end of the season.

Enjoy the beginning of spring and getting ready for the summer activities.

Love and blessings to all,
Mrs. Schmidt

The Handbell Choir did an excellent performance on Easter Sunday with *"Trilogy for Easter*" with Jim Shisler on trumpet and me on the organ at both the 8:30 and 10:00 AM services. Many thanks to Jim and all the ringers for their hard work to make this number a success. A special thanks to Bob Kraemer for filling in at Jim's position in the Handbell Choir so Jim could perform the trumpet part. Look for us next month when we are scheduled to perform *"Take My Life and Let It Be*".

Florence Adler

VBS 2016

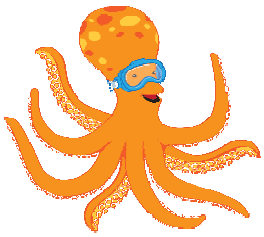
Monday, July 11th – Friday, July 15th, 6 – 8pm

Summer is just around the corner so it is time to start preparing for Trinity's 2016 Vacation Bible School program.

We are looking forward to a Deep Sea Discovery as our VBS Kids will learn about how God is in their lives and how they can serve God every day.

We need your help in planning a great VBS experience for the children of our church and the community. We have a great VBS team of volunteers and would love to have you join the group this summer. ***Please plan to join us for our first VBS planning meeting on Sunday, April 10th after the 10am service.***

Any questions, please contact Jennifer Smith.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl monthly meeting was held on Friday March 4, 2016. In attendance were: Barbara Anconetani, Ann Carter, Val Colasuonno, Esther Guetens, and Mary Raws. We are pleased to have a new member, Linda Finch. Linda not only came to our meeting but had samples of her handiwork. She makes infinity scarves. The meeting began at approximately 10:05 a.m., with The Lord's Prayer.

We received the following:

Lap Blanket: Three
Crosses: Five

Cathedral Kitchen

Hats: Six hats
Scarves: Nine

In addition, someone donated a partially completed lap blanket and Barbara graciously agreed to finish the project.

Corresponding Secretary: Barbara Anconetani sent three thank you notes to Mr. & Mrs. Dunda, Carol Lore, and Peggy Floro. Barbara read two notes we received. One from Jean Krips, who although house-bound now, continues to support our ministry--she made the three lap blankets. The other note was from Mrs. Inge Valle, Corresponding Secretary of the GFWC, The Woman's Club of Runnemede. The Woman's Club thanked us for the privilege of delivering our gifts to the Veterans Home in Vineland, the Osborn Clinic in Camden and Cooper Hospital. (see next page)

Baptismal Historian: Mary Raws reported there were no baptisms in February.

Ann reported that the Property Committee is actively seeking a cabinet to suit all our needs.

As a pleasant surprise, Pastor Andy stopped by to give us an update

Val Colasuonno gave the closing reading, Proverbs 13:20. We adjourned at 10:55 a.m. Our next meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 1, 2016 (no fooling). Please stop by and see some of our new creations.

Val Colasuonno
Vice President, Prayer Shawl Ministry,
"May God Hold You in the Palm of His Hand"

GFWC
THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF RUNNEMEDE
Organized and Federated 1948
"Sharing - Love, Generosity, Laughter"

February 10, 2016

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
ATTN: Prayer Shawl Ministry
Valery Colasuono
200 East Clements Bridge Road
Runnemede NJ 08078

Dear Ladies,
The members of the GFWC Woman's Club of Runnemede would like to thank All of you for your generous donations of hand-made Prayer Shawls and infant Hats.
All the Prayer Shawls were delivered to Veterans Memorial Home in Vineland. The veterans use the shawls as lap-robes in wheel chairs and on beds. They are Very much appreciated and treasured. The shawls in light baby colors went to the Osborn Clinic in Camden for unwed mothers as baby blankets. All the pocket prayer squares were delivered with the shawls.
The infant hats went to the Osborn Clinic in Camden and Cooper Hospital (Maternity Ward). Osborn Clinic serves many unmarried mothers from Camden And surrounding areas. All the women are thrilled to receive these beautiful Handmade baby blankets and hats.
When the shawls and blankets are delivered our ladies make sure to tell everyone Who made and donated the items.
We have a few hats left over, they will be delivered to other local children's Charities as needed.
We hope this gives you a little idea of where your beautiful handiwork goes, And how much everything is appreciated by the recipients.
Again our members appreciate your generous donations and thank you all for Giving us the privilege of delivering them to the needy agencies.
With best wishes and blessings for a happy and healthy 2016,

Sincerely,
Ingeborg C. Valle
Ingeborg C. Valle, Corresponding
402 Central Ave., Runnemede NJ 08078
856-312-9689

Member:
New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs
General Federation of Women's Clubs
Friends of the Runnemede Library

The Youth Ministry at Trinity is struggling and at a very low point right now. Several events have been planned over the past few months, and the turnout has been extremely poor, with either one person, or no one showing up for the events. A strong, successful Youth Ministry is vitally important to the health and future of our church. In addition to gathering in HIS name, the youth ministry gives our young people an opportunity to meet in Christian fellowship and develop relationships with God as the center.

There are countless causes for this recent decline. There are fewer youth attending church than in recent years, and churches everywhere are struggling to attract and keep young people in the faith. We as a congregation must be realistic and face the unfortunate fact that it is currently an uphill path we are facing.

That being said, Christians throughout time have faced struggles, sometimes with little more than prayer and hope on their side. We must face this challenge head-on. There are no easy answers or quick fixes to rebuilding the Youth Ministry at Trinity. It will take teamwork, ideas, and patience to rebuild our youth and brighten the future of our youth AND congregation.

To start this process, we are having a meeting on April 17, right after the end of Sunday School during the 11:15 service. All youth between 4th - 12th grade, PARENTS of youth between 4th – 12th grade, or ANYONE who has ideas to build the Youth Ministry are welcome and encouraged to attend. The meeting will last approximately one hour. We will discuss ideas to grow the ministry, and input & feedback from the **youth and parents** from this age group is vitally important to start the journey.

We look forward to seeing you,

Jim Eberts
Youth Ministry Advisor

2nd ANNUAL
KAITLYN LUTZ WALK
FOR AWARENESS AND HOPE

In memory of Kaitlyn Lutz (1997-2013),
who struggled with and lost her battle with drug addiction.

Help give those struggling with addiction
HOPE, FAITH, SUPPORT, and ENCOURAGEMENT

April 30, 2016

Mary E. Volz Middle School
505 W. Third Avenue, Runnemede, NJ 08078

Registration starts at 8:45 A.M.
Walk begins at 10 A.M.
Refreshments and entertainment
will be provided.
Donations will be accepted and will go
to addiction treatment programs.
Please make checks payable to:
Awareness & Hope Walk

Donations of bottled water for the walkers would be greatly appreciated.

Sponsored by: Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
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Kids Page

SHAVING CREAM EARTH

God created this wonderful world and told us to care for it. Remember that by making a unique painting.

What you need:

- A cookie sheet
- White shaving cream
- A wooden craft stick
- Paint (blue and green)
- A straw
- A paper plate

What you do:

1. On the cookie sheet, spray shaving cream in a circle (the same size as the bottom of the paper plate). Smooth it out with the craft stick.
2. Squirt the blue and green paint on top of the shaving cream in loopy, squiggly patterns. Swirl the paint around with the straw.
3. Place the bottom of the paper plate on top of the paint. Press it down gently so the whole plate bottom is covered in paint.
4. Lift up the plate and gently remove excess shaving cream with the stick.
5. After the painting dries, hang it on your wall.

A SPECIAL GIFT

Give thanks to God for this amazing planet, which he filled with people, animals and plants.

Directions: Following the code below, fill in the blanks to complete the Bible verse. Then color the earth.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

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Answer: The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it. Psalm 24:1, NIV

1 - Bob Mayer
1 - Tori Repp
1 - Andrew Dunda
2 - Michelle Steet
2 - Cherie Richards
3 - Paul Ranck
3 - Craig Theisen
4 - Julianna Battista
4 - Marie Craft
5 - Carol Dickson
5 - Tim Haines
7 - Denise Egolf
8 - Rachel Joyce
8 - Lois Passalaqua
8 - Linda Patten
8 - Jennifer Morris Heath
10 - Paige Eberts
10 - Holly Glaze
10 - Marc Schmidt
11 - Sherry Stroup
11 - Emilee Schipske
11 - Nancy Ward
12 - Taylor Veigel
13 - Debra Dockery
13 - Michelle Rowen
14 - Scott Fetters
15 - John Otero
16 - Lauren Puglisi
16 - Staci Lynne Jones
17 - James Dixon
18 - Stacey Cox
19 - Paula Williamson
19 - Stephen Genovese
20 - Scott Russell
20 - Eric Darcy
20 - Daniel Wells, Jr.
21 - Brittena DiCaprio
21 - Stacey Sharp
21 - Kristina Snyder Ficarro
22 - Ella Tress
22 - Michael Raws
22 - Doris Knause
23 - Jim Shisler
23 - Tammy Baker
23 - Jane Kump
23 - Joshua Cepero
24 - Eden Shinseki
25 - Destiny Glaze
26 - Rebecca Kemery
26 - Steven Salvitti
28 - Aileen Otero
28 - Shelley Virgilio
30 - Richard Haines
30 - Alexandria Tsvik

3 - Butch & Jackie Lloyd
4 - Bob & Carol Sheairs
9 - Keith & Dana Kemery
14 - Bill & Gina Bowne
16 - Alan & Cheryl Morris
17 - Mark & Terry McAleer
19 - Paul & Charyl Delmar

In Memoriam

On March 2, 2016
WALTER R. MYERS (85)
of Tansboro, NJ

On March 3, 2016
ERIC T. TAIT (55)
of Glendora, NJ

On March 6, 2016
NANCY B. NOLAN (60)
Of Blackwood, NJ

On March 12, 2016
JOAN M. KASSAB (75)
of Bellmawr, NJ

On March 14, 2016
MARY A. KAUFFMAN (76)
of Runnemede, NJ

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family and friends of those listed above.