

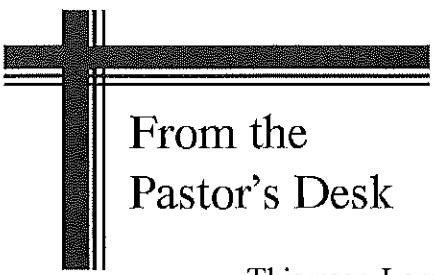
Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
200 E. Clements Bridge Road
Runnemede, NJ 08078
Rev. Dr. G. Andrew Engelhart III Pastor
856-939-4411 www.trinityrunnemede.org
E-mail: Pastorandy62@Comcast.net
Office: Janet4411@Comcast.net
Sunday Services: 8:30 & 10:00 AM

FEBRUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER



*"As a deer longs for flowing streams,
so my soul longs for you, O God."*

Psalm 42:1



From the Pastor's Desk

This year, Lent does not begin until March 6th. It seems unusual. However, Easter is three times more likely to occur during the month of April than March. As a result, in the rare occurrence that Ash Wednesday begins in March, we often will "feel" that Easter is going to be late. Numerous times have I heard someone say, "O, Easter is going to be late this year." The truth is that Easter is right on time. To say that Easter is late, would be the same as saying, "Tuesday is going to be late next week." Tuesday will always occur between Monday and Wednesday, right on time and never late. When Lent begins in March, Easter will occur later in the spring than we are used to, but it will be on time. The real perception of a "late" Easter is that we feel like the winter is longer when Easter occurs later in the spring. Regardless Easter will always occur somewhere between March 21st and April 25th.

The dating of Easter has an interesting and confusing history. I have several books on my shelves that go into detailed discussion, but most of the information is now readily available on the internet. The current method for calculating the date of Easter is referred to as the Alexandrian method since it was the method used by the church in Alexandria. It was adopted as the official method by the Council of Nicea in the year 325. However, there were a few small groups who did not accept it. It also may have taken some time for the majority of churches to make the change. This is evident in the writings of St. Augustine over sixty years after the council: "Thus we learn from St. Augustine that in 387 Easter was observed in Gaul on 25 March, in Italy on 18 April, and at Alexandria on 25 April."¹ By the fifth century, most churches had adopted the Alexandrian method.

People have often asked me how the church decides the date for Easter, to which I reply, "It is the first Sunday after the first full moon following the vernal equinox (first day of spring)." I often say this as quickly as I can for two reasons. One, it makes it sound really confusing to those who are listening (I know that said slowly it is already quite confusing). Two, it makes me sound really smart to say it so quickly. Therefore, anyone with a decent calendar can calculate the date of Easter. First you must find the vernal equinox (spring) which is usually March 20 or 21, next find the first full moon that follows the vernal equinox, then find the first Sunday after the full moon and you have Easter. In years when the full moon that follows the vernal equinox falls on a Sunday, Easter will be the following Sunday.

So now take a few minutes and memorize the formula and the next time someone says that Easter is late this year you can tell them that it is not late according to the Alexandrian formula, then rattle off the formula and you will be the "life of the party".

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Andy

¹ Cross, F. L. and Livingstone E. A. editors. *The Oxford English Dictionary of the Christian Church*. 2nd edition. , Oxford University Press, 1985.

SERMON PREVIEW

February 3, 2019- The Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany

Luke 4:21-30

"FACT CHECK: JESUS CLAIMS HE IS THE MESSIAH"

February 10, 2019- The Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

**"THE PAY IS LOUSY, THE HOURS ARE LONG, BUT THE BENEFITS
ARE OUT OF THIS WORLD!"**

February 17, 2019- The Sixth Sunday After the Epiphany

Jeremiah 17:5-10

"THE BLESSEDNESS OF A TRUE HEART"

February 24, 2019- The Seventh Sunday After the Epiphany

1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

"DEATH; THE PORTAL TO THE KINGDOM OF GOD"

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

*Patricia Tartaglia Passio,
Council President*

Eleanor M. Kelly

Michael J. Root

Robert Farrell

John Ranieri

Craig Laubenstein



24 N. Black Horse Pike
Runnemede, NJ 08078

Phone: (856) 939-5161

Fax: (856) 939-0202

www.runnemedenj.org

MAYOR

Nick Kappatos

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/CFO

James L. D'Auria, CMFO

BOROUGH CLERK

Joyce Pinto, RMC/CTC/CMR

FREE RABIES CLINIC

SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2019

HARRY WILLIAMS COMMUNITY CENTER

2 BROADWAY

10:00 AM UNTIL 12:00 NOON

SOCIAL CONCERNS

As we are finishing up a month of R&R, we jump right into February ready to prepare for our late winter and spring events.

On February 17th, we will have our annual, late Christmas dinner. Let Karen know if you are attending. All are welcome!

With the holidays over, our food pantry is back to its normal schedule. The pantry is in need of crackers, peanut butter, jelly, applesauce, cereal, pancake mix, syrup, toilet paper, paper towels and napkins.

Our Clothing closet continues to provide much needed clothing to our pantry families. The closet is also open to all members of the congregation as well. If you 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.

Ash Wednesday and the Lenten season is fast approaching. We will be having our **Soup, Bread and Dessert Wednesday Suppers** on the following dates: March 13th, 20th, 27th. April 3rd and 10th. Plan on joining us for good food and fellowship.

Dates to remember:

Clothing Closet	Feb. 12 and 28th
Pantry Day	Feb. 28th

New members are always welcome. We meet on the **Second Sunday** of the month following the 10 AM service. Our next meeting is February 10th. 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.

***Luke 3:11** And he answered them, "Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise."*

Caring and Sharing
Diane Kochon

The Prayer Shawl monthly meeting was held on Friday January 4, 2018. In attendance were: Barbara Anconetani, Ann Carter, Val Colasuonno, Peg Cochran, Eleanor Epley and Dorothy Martin. The meeting officially started at 10:05 a.m., with The Lord's Prayer.

We received the following:	1 Baptismal Blanket
Cathedral Kitchen:	5 scarves, 1 pair of gloves, and 6 hats
Osborn Family Med.Ctr.	3 Baby hats,
Purple Crying Caps	6 Baby Caps

Distribution: Dolly and Paul Gibelyou delivered several lap blankets and pocket crosses to the NJ Veterans Memorial Home at Vineland. We appreciate their thoughtfulness, at this busy time of the year, to remember our Veterans.

Corresponding Secretary: Barbara Anconetani reported she sent several thank you notes to our gracious contributors. She went on to read:

A card from Tara Niemann who expressed her appreciation for the prayer shawl she received and the comfort it bought her when facing health issues. Tara very kindly sent us an A.C. Moore gift card.

Michael Dunda remembered us during this Christmas time with a kind donation in memory of his wife. Dolly and Paul sent the Ministry a thank you for the lap blankets and pocket crosses they were able to deliver.

If anyone missed the December 23rd bulletin. Barbara read the note from the Vineland Veterans Home acknowledging that the gifts made by the Ministry and delivered by the Gibelyou's would, "not only keep residents warm but brighten their day knowing someone is thinking about them." She also read the following note from Cooper Children's Regional Hospital:

Dear Trinity Lutheran Church,

We wanted to send a special thank you from the children and staff of the Children's Regional Hospital of Cooper University Hospital for your generous donation to our sick and injured boys and girls. The crocheted hats you donated brought smiles to the faces of the children here in the hospital. Your contribution positively impacted the patients and their families and will help create happy memories of their hospital experience.

Thank you again for your thoughtfulness and generosity.

Sincerely,

The Child Life Staff at Cooper University Hospital
Brittany Spaeth, CCLS, Child Life Manager
and Sherry, Jessica R., Hannah, Jessica J., Veronica, Lindsay, Kristina, & Nicole

Baptismal Historian: Mary Raws reported there were no Baptisms.

Come join us at the next meeting scheduled for Friday, February 1, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. All are invited. Our closing reading was from Proverbs 22:6 and we adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

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



CARING TOGETHER

28

WORKING TOGETHER

Celebrating Twenty-eight Years 1991-2019

13th Annual



MALL WALK

FOR THE
HOMELESS

Sunday, February 24, 2019

Voorhees Town Center (Echelon Mall)

Register at 1:30 PM • Walk starts at 2:30 PM

Rain, Snow, or Shine



Have fun and help Homeless People

For additional information call (856) 424-3820 or e-mail: ihoc_info@aol.com

Presented by Interfaith Homeless Outreach Council and sponsored in part by:

To make an online donation visit our website at
www.ihocnj.org

IHOC is a 501(c)(3)
tax exempt organization.
Tax-deductible donations
may be made through
credit card, PayPal
or by check payable
to IHOC.



Haddon Savings Bank

Marlton  856
810-3300

**BERKSHIRE
HATHAWAY**
HomeServices
Fox & Roach, REALTORS®



investorsBank



VOORHEES
TOWN CENTER®

Sunday School News - February 2019

So he got up and went to his father. But while he was still in the distance, his father saw him and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him, and kissed him. The son declared, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let us feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again! He was lost and is found!' So they began to celebrate. Luke 15:20-24 (NIV)

I'm sure you have heard the parable, "The Prodigal Son". Its purpose is to show what kind of love our heavenly Father has. As the Lord tells the story, we realize the most amazing fact of all! This father is no austere figure who has disowned his son and shut him out of his heart. While the boy is still a long way off, the father sees him. The implication is astonishing. Here is a father who is not only willing to receive his son; he has been looking for him! Day after day, he has been waiting for this moment. At a distance that only a broken heart can leap, he recognizes his son and instinctively realizes need. Only a broken man would run as his son is walking! And he "was filled with compassion for him." Note the timing. The son is too far away to express his repentance, but already the father's grace is present. This is the deep, steadfast love our Heavenly Father has for us.

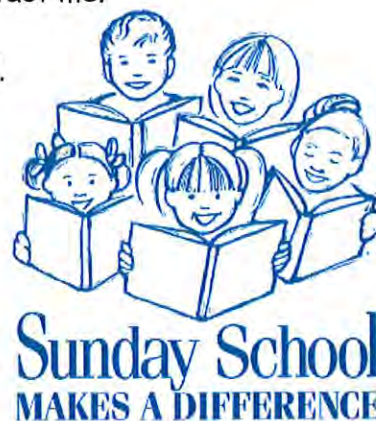
Lent will soon be upon us. Ash Wednesday is March 6th. Easter is April 21st. In preparation Lenten Faith Guides will be ordered. Social Concerns will again have an Easter Egg Hunt and breakfast with the Easter Bunny. Our annual plant sale will be the weekend of May 4th & 5th. On Mother's Day we will present carnations as a token of our admiration. Dads- we will show you our appreciation as well on Father's Day.

Please continue your New Year's Resolution to help feed the hungry homeless by supporting UR Important 2 US. Our next Sunday for donations will be February 17th. We need peanut butter and jelly, bottles of water, packaged snacks and warm socks. Come join us the Saturday before at 9:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall to make PB&J sandwiches. We have a nice group who come to help, while having fun and fellowship. They make 350 sandwiches in a little over an hour. Mission Teens, our other outreach, helps the desperate by ministering the Gospel of Jesus Christ to those willing to seek God as the answer to their problems. Please remember to help them by making a donation. Make checks payable to "Trinity Lutheran Sunday School", envelopes are available as you enter the church.

Please remember to have your child bring an offering every Sunday to help cover the cost of curriculum materials. Wear your Rally Day T-shirts every third Sunday of the month as a reminder that we were "Created with a Purpose!" Yes, we are still looking for volunteers to teaching. Children need help and guidance to develop a strong faith. If you are interested in helping please contact me.

In the Name of Jesus may this New Year Bring Great Joy and Blessings to All.

Carl Nagel
Cell: 215-852-3217
Home: 856-784-2360
dadx3d@comcast.net





Kids Page



PUZZLE

WITH LOVE FROM ABOVE

The Bible is full of special words from our loving God.

Directions: Using the messages on the candy hearts, complete the Bible verses (all NIV) below.



God is our _____ and _____,
an ever-present help in trouble. Psalm 46:1

"Surely I am with you _____." Matthew 28:20

And the _____ of God ... will guard
your hearts and your minds in
_____. Philippians 4:7

Whoever lives in _____ lives in God,
and God in them. 1 John 4:16

_____ love drives out fear. 1 John 4:18

Answer: refuge, strength, always, peace, love, Christ Jesus, Perfect

A MESSAGE OF Love

Make this valentine for a family member or friend.



What you need:

- 10 wooden craft sticks
- Painter's tape
- Markers
- A photo and glue (optional)
- Craft knife (and adult help)
- Ribbon or a rubber band

What you do:

1. Set the sticks side by side. Secure with two tape strips.
2. Flip the sticks over. Draw (or glue on) a picture or write a message or Bible verse. If using glue, let dry.
3. Flip the sticks again and remove tape. If you glued on a photo, have an adult help cut the sticks (and photo) apart.
4. Secure the sticks with ribbon or a rubber band.
5. Deliver the gift and invite the recipient to assemble the puzzle.



JUNIOR CHOIR

In January the Junior Choir sang "*Trust in the Lord With All Your Heart*". The weather hadn't been too nice during the week with heavy fog, ice and most people thought it was just a nice morning to "sleep in". BUT most of the choir came, their singing was spectacular (to quote someone who called me to say how much they liked our music). A big thank you to parents and anyone who was part of getting the children there!

Interestingly enough, our song for February is "I Will Not Fear". The main theme of both of these songs goes together to remind us of the gift of the Baby Jesus in December. He grew up to tell us of God the Father's love for us! Now, how well does that "fit in" with February and Valentine's Day? We are so blessed to have a heavenly Father, His Son Jesus and the Holy Spirit to remind us daily of the greatest love in the world.

Mark your calendars for February 17 and come to the 10:00 o'clock Service to see for yourself how special our music is relevant to the calendar of the world!

If there are girls or boys who sing and are not already a part of our group, please see that they come to rehearsal each week at 9:45 a.m. We'd like to have you.

Looking forward to seeing YOU!
Love to all,
Mrs. Schmidt



1 - Holly Ferrari
 1 - Richard Greiner
 2 - Flossie Bowers
 4 - Tammy Fisher Sears
 6 - Dominique Dockery
 6 - Allison Reichert
 7 - Bill Maynard
 7 - Hanna Epley Morris
 8 - Caryl Krupinski
 8 - Shannon O'Connell Halko
 8 - Bobby Ranck
 8 - Judy Evans
 9 - Aaron Goldstein
 9 - Erin Knoll
 10 - Lisa Hainsworth
 11 - Lisa Pina-Humes
 12 - Ken Humes
 12 - Heather Jones
 12 - William Bowne
 13 - Mary Raws
 13 - Anthony Devecchio
 13- Taylor Bond
 15 - Steven Raws
 15 - Marie Brower
 15 - Michael Hobgen
 15 - Athena Ward
 16 - Felicia D'Aversa
 17 - Bill Ciuffo
 19 - Amy Lloyd
 19 - Terry Paradise
 20 - Elaine Kehrner
 21 - Laurie A. Kump
 21 - Lorraine Phillips
 21 - Amanda Ferrari
 21 - Bob Rivell
 22 - Cathleen Poulton
 22 - David Daly, Jr.
 24 - Gavin Theisen
 24 - Nick Salvitti, Sr.
 24 - Diane Kochon
 24 - Jackie Lloyd
 27 - Beverly Bethany
 28 - David Mayer
 29 - Liberty Grace Koltys



COVER PHOTO- "Doe, a deer"
 (Runnemede, NJ) by Janet Lipski



11 - James & Treva Stewart
 21 - Matthew & Christine Abrams
 22- Karen & Ed Steinhagen



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

On January 12, 2019
EILEEN ANDERSON (79)
 Of Bellmawr, NJ

On January 14, 2019
ROBERT W. CARMANY (85)
 Of Mt. Ephraim, NJ

On January 17, 2019
ELEANOR PRICE (80)
 OF Woodbury, NJ

On January 18, 2019
DOROTHY M. COLLINS (91)
 Of Moorestown, NJ

On January 25, 2019
LINDA C. MARRANDINO (71)
 Of Sewell, NJ



On November 4, 2018
SKYLEIGH JO KWIETKOWSKI
 Daughter of Paul & Pamela Kwietkowski
 Of Runnemede, NJ
 Born: November 4, 2017

On November 4, 2018
BRYNLEE ANN HORAN
 Daughter of Richard & Shannon Horan
 Of Audubon, NJ
 Born: May 30, 2018