# THE PIPER

## APRIL 1, 2018



# Trinity Lutheran Church

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### PRAYER LIST

### TLC DISCIPLES

Carol Bernlohr, Lisa Bowen, Linda Leslie, Jerry Wion, Jim Reynolds

### TLC FRIENDS

Kathy (medical issues), Gay (cancer), Brian Tressler (liver failure), Barbara, Joe Adkins (pneumonia), Jeff Bickel, Judi (cancer), LeRoy Frontz, Eric, Francis O'Connor (cancer), Stan Lembeck, Bill Sherman and family (cancer), Amanda Sigman and family (cancer), Dara Gibson and family (3-year old with cancerous brain tumor)



### From Pastor Ron...

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

"Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!" These words reflect the amazing and exciting truth about Easter when we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, the One who died on a cross! I love starting worship with those words—Christ is risen!—and hearing the congregation's exuberant response—He is risen indeed!

These words also point us to the crux of our faith. God, through His Son, Jesus, has overcome death. Jesus cannot and will not die again! He lives eternally, and through Him, we too have the hope of the resurrection for ourselves and all who are dear to us! This reality is why we gather weekly for worship, why we have Sunday school, why we meet in fellowship, why we care for each other! This reality sets Christianity apart from all other religions! This reality makes all the difference for us and for all the world, including those who don't believe that it's true!

This Easter I am joyfully aware of the difference our faith makes for us as a community of faith. Your trust in God to provide has motivated a great outpouring of financial support for our summer intern, Ella Myer! We needed \$3,000 and TLC disciples, wanting to make this internship a reality, pledged over \$6,000! Once again, I am reminded just how generous and giving our members are! Thank you so much!

Of course, one can see this from the perspective of a problem, namely, what do we do with the leftover funds! At their monthly meeting for March, the council decided to use the funds to not only support Ella this coming summer, but then to put aside any and all leftover funds to be used for perhaps future interns or other students who might come to us. So, if you've made a pledge, we hope you will make good on that promise, though I know some may change their minds regarding their support. May the Holy Spirit be your guide!

What an exciting time to be the church! What an amazing joy to share in this ministry! What an outstanding God we serve!

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Thanks be to God!

Peace, joy and love,

PastorRon

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### TRINITY EVENTS

### SATURDAY, MARCH 31

10:00 am Zumba

5:00 pm Worship with Communion

### SUNDAY, APRIL 1

8:15 am Celebration of the Resurrection with Communion

9:15 am Easter Breakfast 10:45 am Festival of the Resurrection with Communion

# MONDAY, APRIL 2

10:00 am Foxdale Bible Study

TUESDAY, APRIL 3
5:00 pm Trinity Wheelmen
5:45 pm Zumba

# THURSDAY, APRIL 5 5:45 pm Zumba

7:00 pm Bell Choir

## SATURDAY, APRIL 7

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

### SUNDAY, APRIL 8

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 Social Time

### Adult Study on "The Shack"

We will begin an adult group study on "The Shack," by Wm. Paul Young on Thursday, April 19th, in the Peace Room. The discussion sessions will occur over the course of four Thursday evenings, starting at 7:00 pm and lasting approximately an hour and a half. Each session will cover the following sections of the book:

April 19th: Foreword - Chapter 4 April 26th: Chapters 5-9 May 10th: Chapters 10-13 May 17th: Chapters 14- After words

Please bring a copy of the book with you to the first session and read through and including Chapter 4. If you need help acquiring a copy, please contact either Carol Smith (piffy1957@gmail.com) or Kayla Smith (kayjosmith22@gmail.com). Please don't hesitate to contact either of us with any questions! We look forward to seeing you there!

### From Bishop Rhyne...

Christ is Risen! He is Risen, Indeed! Alleluia! God bless you this Easter. I pray that you know God's presence and the love of Christ that surrounds you. On Easter we celebrate the victory of Jesus Christ. Jesus came into this world to save us from sin, death, and the devil so that we might have hope of eternal life with him. Evil and sin did not have the power to hold him down. Jesus Christ rose from the dead, blowing the doors of death apart, and showing us that he is the great Lord who made heaven and earth.

It is this same Jesus who has claimed you in the waters of baptism. The great Savior of the world knows you and would not leave you alone did this because he loves you and chose to save you and I from death. Jesus reminds us in the gospel of John, "You didn't choose me but I chose you." (Jn 15:16). Also Jesus reminds us he will never let us go because, "It is the will of the Father that I should not lose even one of all those he has given me, but that I should raise them up at the last day," (Jn 6:39).

I believe that changes everything. We belong to Jesus. He has shown us the days of evil, sin, and destruction are numbered. He is the great Lord of all. Yet, when he comes he sacrifices himself, gives of himself, and pours himself out for the sake of the world. In that he shows us an example of the love that he has for us and for all people.

Jesus calls us to follow. We get to follow the Lord who loves and serves and gives of himself. I believe that means that we don't have to live our lives just looking out for 'number one'. By following Jesus, and being led by Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit, we can be a blessing to others.

The good news is we don't do it alone. The risen and living Jesus Christ is with us, "always until the end of the age," (Mt. 28:20). Jesus is alive and is with you and me now and always. Jesus sends the Holy Spirit which is continually leading, guiding, and shaping us both individually as children of God and corporately as the church and the body of Christ.

Christ is with us. Jesus is inviting us to be a part of sharing his love, grace, and mercy with everyone you meet. I give thanks to God for you and for the ways you are already doing that in our Synod.

Peace be with you, God bless you, and Happy Easter.

+Bishop Michael Rhyne



# ALLEGHENY SYNOD YEAR OF PRAYER 2018 APRIL

# THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN OUR SYNOD

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments.
And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you."

-lohn 14:15-17

Jesus has called us together in these seven counties that make up the Allegheny Synod. Together, we serve our communities and congregations. We are called by the Holy Spirit through the covenant of our baptism to "serve all people following the example of Jesus Christ." How are you and your congregation living in that covenant? Pray for an open heart to hear how the Holy Spirit is calling you. Pray for your Synod staff and leaders as they listen along with you.

How is the Holy Spirit leading and guiding us? What is God calling us to do?





## **Central PA IPL Circuit Riders**

A group of area congregations that are hosted in a different

place each month, on a rotating basis, to get to know one another, to pray together, to learn of PA IPL events and programs, to build community, and to make common cause caring for God's creation.

# Invites All to the *Fourth* Monthly Meeting <u>Tuesday April 17, 2018</u> 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

### **State College Presbyterian Church**

132 W. Beaver Ave., State College 16801

The Sustainability Committee at State College Presbyterian Church has made impressive progress in making their church



more green. Their Presbytery have awarded them a Certificate of Earth Care and recently asked them to offer a workshop for the other area Presbyterian churches. Not only have they cut back on energy use in a variety of ways, but they also recycle, literally, a ton of material each month. Please come with your own experiences retrofitting old churches and, together, we'll brainstorm possible solutions.

### PARISH DIRECTORY UPDATE

Doug Perkins 500 East Marilyn Avenue 416 Darlington State College, PA 16801

### READINGS APRIL 1

Acts 10:34-43 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Mark 16:1-8

### **NEW EMAIL ADDRESS**

The email address for Trinity's office is changing from tlcmarla@comcast.net to tlcoffice2@comcast.net.

FERGUSON TOWNSHIP

ADOPT-A-ROAD PROGRAM

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RINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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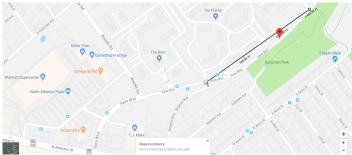
# Adopt A Spot: Care for Creation & Honor Trinity

Megan Orient adopted a spot in 2014 in Ferguson Township, and had it signed "In Honor of Trinity Lutheran Church". Megan and her family are moving away this summer, and would love to see a Trinity Member keep the church name up on the sign! Are you passionate about battling litter? Would you be interested in taking it over? One person can do it—Megan has done it by herself, even separating recyclables and trash as she goes (though she said two people would be twice the fun!).

This spot is a 1/2 mile stretch of Vairo Blvd. (from just past Waddle Road to Marjorie Mae Street). It is downwind from the Walmart Plaza and two large apartment complexes, so trash seems to blow that direction. It is fairly easy to maintain! If working alone, it only requires about 4 hours each spring, 4 hours in late summer (before summer grass gets deep, and before autumn leaves fall, respectively).

In addition to the sign - a great (and free) way to recognize our church, there is a special recognition event for volunteers each year.

Megan will be conducting her spring clean-up day soon. If you are interested and want to join her to see the route first-hand, call Megan at (540) 841-8089.



GOOGLE MAP Screen Shot of the Litter Route (Walmart at far left, Atherton at bottom, litter route along Vairo Blvd.)

Thanks to Carol Smith for passing along this information.

### SENIOR CHECK-IN PROGRAM

The Centre County Sheriff's Office's goal with this Are You OK?/RUOK Reassurance Program is to provide peace of mind to Centre County Residents who are over the age of 65 and independently living alone, as well as their families.

If you would like more information you may visit the office at 213 East High Street, Bellefonte, Monday - Friday 8:30 am - 5:00 pm

### WHAT IS THIS SERVICE?

The Are You OK?/RUOK Reassurance Program is a service offered by the Centre County Sheriff's Office. We know Centre County has many senior citizens and we care about them. We realize that many senior citizens live alone and may not have a family member living locally. The program is designed to check on citizens 65 and older that are living alone by calling them at designated times. The system is automated and will only send assistance if the phone call is not answered.

### **HOW DOES IT WORK?**

Members will select a time of day and one, two or three days a week to receive a daily phone call. An automated system will make the call. When this phone call is answered, a recorded voice will let the senior know that this is their Are You OK?/RUOK call. If the call is not answered, the computer will call back within 10 minutes. If the second call is not answered, a third call will be made. If no calls are answered, an emergency contact and/or key-holder will be contacted and if no one is able to contact the participant, a Deputy will be sent to check on the senior and assist if help is needed.

#### DOES IT COST ANYTHING?

No it does not. This is a free service provided by the Centre County Sheriff's Office for the citizens of Centre County.

### **CAN I MAKE CHANGES?**

Yes you can. If you decide you need to change the number of calls received from Are You OK?/RUOK, or if you need to update any information, simply call the office and we can assist you.

### WHAT ABOUT VACATION?

As a member you can call whenever you will be away from home. Simply call and tell the office staff at our office the dates you will not be home and your calls will be stopped temporarily. When you return home notify the office staff at our office and your calls will begin again.

### WHAT IF I DON'T LIKE IT?

Once you join the program we are sure you will find it comforting and hassle free. If you should decide the program is not what you wanted or needed, please call our office and request to be taken off the program.

### **HOW DO I JOIN?**

If you live in Centre County and would like to join the Are You OK?/RUOK Reassurance Program, you can visit the website centrecountypa.gov to download the application or stop by our Office at 213 East High Street Bellefonte, PA 16823 to pick one up. You will need to provide information such as your name, address, phone number, date of birth, emergency contact information and other basic information.

### **TELL A FRIEND**

We hope you enjoy being a member of the Are You OK?/RUOK Reassurance Program. Please feel free to tell your friends about the program. With your help we can reach more Centre County citizens in need of reassurance. The Centre County Sheriff's Office is a community-oriented organization and is proud to offer this service to the citizens of Centre County free of charge.

### QUESTIONS? CALL TODAY!!! 814-355-6803



### JOIN US FOR THE RELAY FOR LIFE SPRING "HIGH TEA"

WHEN: Sunday, May 6, 2018 2:00 - 3:30 pm

WHERE: The Little White Church in Baileyville, 6881 West Whitehall Road, Pennsylvania Furnace

WHAT: Four-course lunch, china place settings, properly brewed teas!

Hats provided or wear your own! Games, tea trivia, prizes! Cost: \$25 per person

Tickets must be purchased in advance. Deadline for ticket purchase: Monday, April 30.

For tickets and information contact: Mary Lou Kiel, mlk12@psu.edu, 814-404-0479

Come for a unique dining experience and support the fight against cancer, or contact me if you would like to help serve or prepare food for the tea!