

Trinity NOTES

May 1, 2011

Dear Sisters and Brothers

Many of you may remember our parish wide study on reconciliation this past fall. It began with a focus on the personal and concluded with a brief look at our call to be ambassadors for Christ who model the ministry of reconciliation.

Since that time there have been a number of opportunities for us to begin to practice a model of reconciliation with other churches. The most recent was our joint Lenten program with Westminster Presbyterian and St. Mark Lutheran.

I am pleased to announce yet two more opportunities during the month of May. On Saturday, May 14th from 11:30 to 1:00 Trinity will host a multi church potluck gathering for food and fellowship. This will be a time of building relationships, enjoying one another's company and feasting on various foods. There are various sign-up sheets: 1) to let us know you are coming, 2) for set-up, and 3) for clean-up.

On Sunday, May 15th I will be engaged in a pulpit exchange with Ebenezer Baptist Church. Pastor Lehman Bates will preach here at Trinity and I will do the same at Ebenezer. Pastor Bates will bring along some of his parishioners to worship here at Trinity and I hope there will be some of you who will accompany me at Ebenezer. Their worship is at 11:00 am. If you would like to attend please speak with me.

*Yours In Christ,
Pastor Cass*

May 1st is the 1st Sunday of the month. Please remember the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank in your grocery shopping and bring can goods to church



LAST WEEK'S VITALS TITHES & GIFTS

1. Last Sunday's attendance:	143
2. Last Sunday's offering:	
Pledge	\$2,912.00
Gifts & Plate	420.15
New Chair Fund	550.00
Music Fund	415.00
Nets for life	156.00
Discretionary fund	25.00
Flower Fund	65.00
Breakfast Ministry	64.00
Rent - Church	165.00
Special Easter Offering	130.00
Total	\$4,902.15

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The Episcopal Church

May 1, 2011 – Second Sunday of Easter

A Pastoral Letter on the Occasion of the 10th Anniversary Celebration of Full Communion: The Anglican Church of Canada, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and the Episcopal Church

Grace to you and peace.

Ten years ago, when Lutherans and Anglicans in Canada and in the United States embarked on journeys of full communion with one another, we pledged our commitment to unity in Christ for the sake of the mission of Christ's church. On this anniversary, we rejoice and give thanks for those places of cooperation and ministry that our agreements have enabled. We are mindful that our commemorations in Buffalo and Fort Erie this day take place during the great Fifty Days of Easter. As the Resurrected Lord breathed his Spirit onto his disciples and commanded them to preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we continue to ask for God's Holy Spirit to empower us continually to live together into that call.

We have chosen a place near the border between our countries to celebrate our historic agreements, to provide a unified witness to the saving grace of our Lord Jesus, to share our commitment for renewal in Christ's Church and God's creation, and to serve our neighbor in need.

As we continue this journey, we call upon our pastors, bishops, and denominational and congregational leaders to active engagement in God's mission and an increase in their capacity for multiplying ministry in the world.

We recognize God's call to serve and protect Earth in the face of unprecedented global threats to our air, land, and water. Principles of justice call us to live more sustainably as individuals and in community, and to work for systemic changes that support care for God's creation and for our neighbors. We acknowledge that our economy is based upon a worldview that sees creation as "resource" rather than sacred, of intrinsic worth, and "very good." As a result we often plunder creation, and the well-being of low-income and minority communities, as well as other-than-human communities, suffer. We call upon our congregations and institutions to advocate for and embody a more sustainable, compassionate economy. We also challenge our congregations and institutions to make choices and support policies to reduce our collective consumption of energy, thereby reducing the pollution and climate change that stems from the burning of fossil fuels. We call upon our four churches to work together in matters of environmental justice.

As people of faith, we have a strong tradition of helping our neighbor in need. These acts of charity are an integral expression of our faith and help meet the immediate needs of people living in poverty and those hit by disaster. Now is the time to work for justice as well, to advocate for more substantial long-term solutions that will create an anti-poverty agenda which we can all support. We will continue to encourage members of our congregations to meet immediate needs but also ask them to join together and pressure our governments to focus seriously on reducing poverty. We must continue to advocate for decent employment and to enhance our social safety net – and to ensure that all have the opportunity to access both. Working together on matters of poverty and economic justice is an area where our four churches can forge an important common witness.

Meeting along the border of our countries, we are painfully aware of the issues of immigration and of people who lack lawful immigration status along other borders in the world. In our own context, we are mindful of those who have migrated to our countries to join their families, to

work, or to seek refuge from persecution or violence. Countless families are separated by stringent immigration laws. As Christians, we are compelled by Christ's life and teachings to welcome the stranger as neighbor, serving, as Christ did, those who are marginalized. In our national and international ministries with and for migrants and refugees, we continue to advocate for comprehensive immigration reform.

We acknowledge that almost all of us are immigrants ourselves: we live in nations built on land taken from others. Our churches have long involvement in mission and evangelism among First Peoples. Sadly we have an equally long history of marginalization and oppression, often through church-run boarding schools, whose main goals were assimilation and the eradication of First Peoples' culture and heritage. As we atone for the past, we call upon our churches to continue processes of dialogue, healing, and reconciliation. Today, the definition of Evangelism and Mission has transformed into partnerships with First Peoples and their ministries walking side by side with Christ.

We are also aware that our own full communion arrangements reflect this border between our two countries: The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada and the Anglican Church in Canada are in full communion, and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Episcopal Church are in full communion. We ask our four churches to explore ways to formalize our relationships and deepen the partnerships between all four of our churches. On the basis of Called to Common Mission and the Waterloo Declaration, we look forward to the development of fuller relationships that will lead to a common mission, ministry, and witness in the world.

We put our trust and hope in Christ, who has led us thus far in these relationships. With boldness we venture now with a time of breaking new ground, planting more seeds, and tending them in the spirit of authentic partnership in the Gospel. With humility we offer all our labors to the Lord, hoping they take us and all our brothers and sisters in Christ towards a fuller realization of that unity for which he prays.

In the words of the Waterloo Declaration, "We rejoice in our Declaration as an expression of the visible unity of our churches in the one Body of Christ. We are ready to be co-workers with God in whatever tasks of mission serve the Gospel. We give glory to God for the gift of unity already ours in Christ, and we pray for the fuller realization of this gift in the entire church."

In the words of Called to Common Mission, "We do not know to what new, recovered, or continuing tasks of mission this Concordat will lead our churches, but we give thanks to God for leading us to this point. We entrust ourselves to that leading in the future, confident that our full communion will be a witness to the gift and goal already present in Christ, 'so that God may be all in all.'"

The Rev. Mark S. Hanson
Presiding Bishop
The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

The Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori
Presiding Bishop and Primate
The Episcopal Church

The Most Rev. Fred Hillix
Archbishop and Primate
The Anglican Church of Canada

The Rev. Susan C. Johnson
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WE DID IT!

As many of you know we surpassed our goal of 150 new chairs. We have placed the order and now need to collect outstanding pledges. If you have made a pledge toward a chair, please send in a check for any outstanding money as soon as possible.

There is still an opportunity for you to give a chair which will help us pay for some of the additional expenses such as shipping, kneelers, chairs for the chapel, etc.



Nets for Life Campaign Update

2000 children, mostly under the age of five, die from malaria each day in the 17 countries in Sub-Saharan Africa. That is one child per minute. Malaria kills over 20% of the children under the age of five. These deaths can be prevented by training families to use mosquito nets properly by instilling a "Net Culture". Each net can save three children (and pregnant mothers) from suffering and death and provide healthier, more productive communities.

The Episcopal Church has committed 0.7% of its budget to Nets for Life. The "Nets for Life" Inspiration Fund, launched by Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD), has already delivered more than four million nets since 2008. The ERD's goal is to deliver seven million more nets over the next three years. Trinity hopes to be a part of reaching this goal.

Trinity's "Nets for Life" campaign will run until May 8. Our goal is to provide 70 nets. To date we have met half our goal. Each net costs only \$12.00. Mark your checks to Trinity with "Nets for Life" in the memo line. Check out the mosquito net hanging in the parish hall. For more information, log on to www.inspirationfund.org.

Cheryl Kasper and Erica Lloyd



SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 1, 2011

8:45 a.m.	Breakfast	Parish Hall
9:15 a.m.	Christian Formation For Children	Upstairs Class Room
	Christian Formation For Adults	Library
	Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
10:30 a.m.	Worship*	Sanctuary (Holy Eucharist)

*Childcare for infants and toddlers is offered during the worship service (10:15 - 11:45).

Upcoming Events

May,

- 1 Second Quarter Potluck
- 14 Breaking Bread Together
- 15 Last Sunday for Nets for Life
- Pulpit Exchange with Ebenezer Baptist



CURRENT SMALL GROUPS

Tuesday evenings — 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.
(Contact Bill Anderson)

Friday mornings — 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
(Contact Pastor Cass)

**Friday afternoons — 11:30 to 1:00 p.m.
(Contact Ayuko White)

*Saturday Mornings — 8:00 am to 9:00 a.m.
(Contact Tish Bailey)

*New Small Group Forming

**Beginning Friday, May 13, we will embark on a study using the Companions in Christ spiritual formation program, which the Friday AM small group has already started with Pastor Cass. This means that our weekly sessions will be one and a half hours and so we will start at 11:30 AM and end at 1 PM. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Ayuko at 296-1034 or ayukowhite@gmail.com.

Trinity Leadership

Lay Ministers: The Congregation

Bishops: The Rt. Rev. Shannon Johnston

The Rt. Rev. David C. Jones

The Rt. Rev. "Ted" Gulick, Jr.

Vicar: Pastor Cass Bailey

Vestry Liaisons

RECONCILIATION

Nick Garber, (2014)

Diane Sampson, (2012)

TRANSFORMATION

Deborah Gille, (2014)

Jenny Holmes, (2012)

LOVE

Amy Griffith, (2013)

Erica Lloyd, (2014)

SUPPORT

Lauren Fleischmann, (2013)

Senior Warden: Mark Bell (2012)

Junior Warden: Mary Newton (2013)

Treasurer: Beverly Bivins

Music Minister: Carlton Dickerson



Please NOTE:

The Prayer Request Box in the chapel is checked regularly and prayer is offered for any requests that are present.

Prayer List

Please pray for:

- Shirley Thompson
- Kimberlee A. Barrett-Johnson
- Carolyn Reilly
- Joe Cochran and family as they journey through seminary.



Lay Ministers Scheduled:

Sunday, May 1, 2011

Lectors: Stephanie Commander & Leah Puryear

Intercessor: Nick Garber

Chalice Bearers: Kevin Barnard & Gloria Johnson

Altar Guild: Betty Jones, Mary Blair & Helen Plaisance

Acolyte: Amy Griffith

Ushers: Mark Bell & Sylvia Milner

Counter: Deborah Gille

Home Communion: Mary Newton

Hospitality Hour: Potluck

Breakfast: Team 4 (Javier Figueroa-Ray & Richard Johnson)

If you are unable to serve, please get a substitute.

Quarterly Potluck Gathering

Sunday, May 1st*
After worship

There will also be an opportunity to hear some of the things that are happening with the Vestry and throughout the parish; as well as share your views.

*** CHANGED THIS MONTH FROM THE FIFTH SUNDAY**

Brother, Sister Can You Spare A Plant ...

Dear Trinity Family,

You've all noticed the changes to our "back yard" that are intended to improve the drainage and the air circulation around the church. Phase I involved the "hardscape": building the rain gardens and removing the shrubs that were causing the rot around the back of the building. Now we are ready to move into Phase II: the "softscape," restoring the grass and planting the slope. We are building the design around a "Pagoda" dogwood and two beautiful native shrubs: Virginia sweetspire and inkberry holly. The rest of the design will revolve around three plants: vinca minor (not vinca major, which is large and aggressive, but the small leaf plant that's also called "periwinkle"), irises, and daylilies. So many of us have these plants in our yards that we are hoping you will share with your church. So, as you are dividing and doing spring cleaning in your garden, please reserve a few clumps for Trinity and call me, Marc McVicker, at 434-825-9602 to arrange delivery or a pickup.





breaking bread.
sharing stories.

sharing food is a great way to build a friendship

a collection of area churches, across racial and
denominational lines, gather to share food and stories
bring food to share for lunch

Saturday, May 14th

@ Trinity Episcopal (1042 Preston)

11:30 – 1 (11:30 lunch / 12:00 program)

overflow parking available at Wash Park and Zion Union Baptist

info: Trinity | 293.3157 (leave message) | ayukowhite@gmail.com

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EASTER CELEBRATION BEAUTIFUL**

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