

# TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

# TRINITARIAN

APRIL/MAY/JUNE 2024

Available online @ [www.trinitylutherannorfolk.org](http://www.trinitylutherannorfolk.org)

Brothers and Sisters,

In his book the *Care of Souls*, Harold Senkbeil, an LCMS pastor and executive director emeritus of Doxology, explains how growing up on a farm prepared him for pastoral care. In every occupation people acquire skill through practice until occupation turns to vocation. As a boy, he witnessed his father acquiring “the habitus of farming” by doing what a farmer does until his father had a nose for it. In fact, by smelling the soil he knew what to do. “When the habits of a habitus begin to inhabit a workman, he becomes a craftsman and his work a true craft”. Similarly, shepherding souls “is a habitus before it is a vocation”. Pastors learn with time and experience.

Pastoral care is also like sheep-dogging or being a sentinel. The dog is not the shepherd but looks to the shepherd for guidance as it protects and cares for the sheep. Pastors are sheepdogs who look to the Good Shepherd of the sheep for guidance as they provide care. Additionally, pastors are sentinels; Jesus is the warrior. Pastors sound the alarm. The enemy is sin, death, and the devil. A “most important skill [for the pastor] to acquire is the art of listening to the conscience”. His target is to deliver a good conscience before God (Coram Deo). Thus, “as spiritual physicians” the pastoral task “is to treat bad consciences”. Confession and absolution are the means by which a pastor treats and then delivers a good conscience to God. Sinners sin. “But if we confess our sin, God is faithful and just and forgives us of all unrighteousness” (1 John 1:9).

Pastors speak words of forgiveness. “Everything we have to give as Christians we first receive from God ...”. People need to hear the words of Jesus – not words about him but from him. Pastors only give what they received from the Lord. They speak Jesus’ words and live Jesus’ words so others can see how Christ makes life abundant.

“Jesus found joy in doing his Father’s will because it was love in action”. Right now, TLC’s future pastor is acquiring more skill and practice so he can be a better pastor for you. Pray for him. That pastor will come soon to TLC and you will see his love in action. Until then, Jesus too gives us joy as we serve together as your vacancy pastors. Indeed, God is with us!

In Christ,  
Pastor Prince and Pastor Utton

## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:00 am  
*Adult Bible Class/  
Sunday School*

10:00 am  
*Worship Service*

*Holy Communion  
Every Sunday*

## OUR MISSION

*United in Christ we will  
proclaim the Gospel,  
administer the Sacraments,  
and provide Christian  
education to children and  
adults in a supportive and  
nurturing environment.*

Check out our website:  
[trinitylutherannorfolk.org](http://trinitylutherannorfolk.org)

 Find us on  
**Facebook**

[facebook.com/TLCNorfolk](https://facebook.com/TLCNorfolk)

 FOLLOW US ON  
**twitter**

@tlcnorfolk



6001 Granby Street  
Norfolk VA 23505

757/ 489-2551 Church

## TRINITY'S MINISTRY TEAM

### Pastor

Vacant

### Vacancy Pastors

Rev. Timothy Utton  
Chaplain Matthew Prince

### Church Secretary

Anne Combes

### Director of Music

Jana Kuenzli

### Bookkeeper

John Knickelbein

### Sexton

Bill Sontag

### Custodian

Antonio Tutt

### Chairman of Deacons

Sharyn Leiding – Zone 3

### Deacons

Sharon Plawin – Zone 1  
Craig Scott – Zone 4  
Ken Leiding – Zone 5  
Roger & Mary Ann Medlin – Zone 6  
Cathy George - Zone 7 and Active Guest

## Council 2024

### President

Zach Kuenzli

### Vice-President

Elizabeth Baroodly

### Recording Secretary

Anne Starke

### Treasurer

David Petri

### Christian Growth Chair

Lisa Otero

### LWML President

Sharon Knorr

### Special Ministries Chair

Patty Malone

### Stewardship Chair

David Chadwick

### Worship Chair

Janice Gwin

### Church Properties

John Knickelbein - Chair  
Gerry Harger - Trustee

## Board of Stewardship

David Chadwick

### WHY NOT TO GIVE

When we speak of stewardship, we regularly talk about giving a portion of our treasure (the three T's of stewardship are time, talent, and treasure). But we don't often focus on the motivation for giving. Let's look at some reasons for giving that are not in accordance with His word. We should not give competitively - that is, to compare what we give to what others do. Pride has no place in stewardship. We also should not give to ease a guilty conscience - Jesus' death on the cross releases us from guilt over past sins. One should never give to get a "favor" from God. God needs nothing from us. And last of all, one should never give to "get in good" with God - Christ has achieved that solely on his own merit.

So what should be our motivation for giving? We give out of gratitude for what Jesus has already done for us. "Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Cor. 9:7).

## Board of Deacons

Sharyn Leiding

*A palm march — hosannas being sung — Jesus entering Jerusalem — the beginning of holy week — a glorious day to confirm Sarah Prince in the Christian faith at Trinity Lutheran Church.*

What a pleasure it was for the Board of Deacons to be responsible for the reception following Sarah Prince's confirmation on Sunday, March 24th. Thanks to the LWML ladies for their generous assistance.

Your deacons meet regularly, usually on the third Tuesday of each month.

A request for membership termination was received from Brenda Pendry, approved by the Board of Deacons and accepted by the Church Council on January 21st.

Communion for homebound members continues, as well as hospital and nursing home visits by the Board of Deacons.

Valentine and Easter cards have been sent to the homebound.

**Spring Sing is scheduled for Sunday, June 9th.** It's an event that consists of singing to Trinity's homebound members. We carpool to the homes of Trinitarians who are unable to attend worship services and sing patriotic songs and favorite hymns = bringing smiles to our homebound folks. Mark the date on your calendar and watch for a signup sheet in the Welcome Center. This is a mission opportunity!

## Special Ministries

Patty Malone

We would like to thank everyone who brought snack items and water in for St. Columba Ecumenical Ministries during Lent. We will be counting, sorting and delivering the items after Easter. Stay tuned for time/date. The items collected get added to the sandwich ministry that St. Columba does daily. I want to give a special thank you to Anne Starke for making the cloth zipper bags that we are putting the items in.

**May 2024** we will be collecting **diapers** for the **Greater Hampton Roads Diaper Bank**. We will be collecting ALL sizes and varieties of diapers. Did you know that 1 in 3 families don't have access to an adequate supply of diapers? The Greater Hampton Roads Diaper Bank has been working since 2012 to change the lives of babies, children with disabilities, and seniors in the Greater Hampton Roads Area. Greater Hampton Roads includes the following cities: Chesapeake, Gloucester, Hampton, Newport News, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Smithfield, Suffolk, Virginia Beach, Williamsburg and Yorktown.

### Diaper need is more than a footnote. Here are the facts:

- Nearly half (47%) of American families report experiencing diaper need.
- 5.2 million children in the U.S. aged three or younger live in poor or low-income families.
- Infants require up to 12 diapers per day. Toddlers require about 8 diapers per day.
- Disposable diapers can cost \$70 to \$80 per month per baby.
- No state or federal child safety-net program allocates dollars specifically for the purchase of diapers. Without transportation, buying diapers at a convenience store rather than a large "big box" store can significantly increase the monthly cost of diapers.

Most childcare centers - even free and subsidized facilities - require parents to provide a day's supply of disposable diapers.

If your child has out grown a certain size of diapers they do take open packages, as long as the size is indicated. This includes children and adult diapers.

Please tell your friends about the "Diaper Drive". Many people have unused diapers and hold onto them because they know someone might need them. So spread the word and we look forward to a successful "Diaper Drive".

**June 2024** we will be **making sandwiches** for **St. Columba Ecumenical Ministries**. This is normally done after a church service in Belvedere Hall. Many hands make for light work! Thrivent will provide the seed money for the supplies as we provide the labor and love in getting the sandwiches made. Watch your bulletin for an exact date.

Don't forget about our **on-going projects** of prescription glasses that go to the Lion's Club; gently loved books that go to REACH; used stamps that help to purchase Bible's for prison ministry and toiletries from travelling that go into the homeless kits we put together.

This ministry would not be possible without the members of Trinity! For that we want to say **THANK YOU!**

---

## LWML

Sharon Knorr

Thank you to everyone for their donations at the Easter breakfast. We appreciate your support. These funds go towards our MITE program, which goes to the LWML Tidewater Zone. We are helping to raise \$6,000.00 for the ending of its 2002-2024 Grant Program. That deadline is June 15th.

Our "Tailgate Sale" on June 1st will also support the MITE program. The time is from 8 am to 1 pm. The charge is \$10.00 for a parking lot space. Tables are available for \$5.00 each if needed. If the weather is bad, the sale will be moved into Belvedere Hall. Watch for sign-up sheets on the board in the Welcome Center.

On Tuesday, April 9th from 9:30 am to 12 Noon, Anne Starke will be hostess of an event in Belvedere Hall. She needs help tying quilts. She will bring scissors, needles, and yarn. This is Anne's donation to Lutheran World Relief. Please come for fellowship and fun.

Our LWML Mother's Day Luncheon will be held at IKEA on Saturday, May 18th. Plan to arrive at 11:30 am and meet at the restaurant on the second floor. We will eat at noon. All women of the Church are invited.

The Arts and Craft Show will be August 15th.



## Birthdays



### April

- 1 – Trevor Prokos
- 3 – Jim Dobberteen
- 4 – Bobbie Gillooly
- 5 – John Butcher
- 6 – Christy Sontag
- 10 – Karmen Petri
- 15 – Dana Dalton
- 16 – Errol Jennings
- 19 – Emilie Hauser  
Lydia Kuenzli
- 21 – John Malone
- 23 – Linda Blaker
- 24 – Al Sykes

### May

- 2 – Jean Diehl
- 7 – Bryan Blaker  
Joseph Christy
- 8 – Sharon Knorr  
Sharon Plawin  
Ellie Duarte
- 11 – Susan Prince
- 13 – Hilary Bayse
- 18 – Jason Loper
- 19 – Jan Knickelbein
- 22 – Martha Johnson
- 26 – Tim Gould  
David Petri
- 31 – Jeff Ingmire

### June

- 4 - Carole Dobberteen
- 6 - Brooke Christy
- 11 - Porter Bayse
- 14 - Sam Gilson
- 17 - Mary Lou Scott  
Adam Morales
- 20 - Charlotte Gunther
- 23 - James O'Connor
- 25 - Anne Starke
- 26 - Eleanor Turpin
- 28 - Matt Prince
- 29 - Mark Loper  
Elizabeth Baroody  
Joshua Carlson



## Anniversaries

### April

- 9 - Ralph ♥ Cathy George

### May

- 7 – Ted ♥ Carroll Smith
- 20 – Bud ♥ Lynn Hubert
- 24 – Matt ♥ Susan Prince
- 25 – Bill ♥ Christy Sontag
- 25 – Josh ♥ Isabelle Carlson
- 27 – Paul ♥ Bobbie Gillooly
- 27 – John ♥ Patty Malone
- 27 – Dave ♥ Karmen Petri
- 31 – Dick ♥ Jessica Kretzschmar

### June

- 3 - Gil ♥ Amber Bostwick
- 11 - Ken ♥ Sharyn Leiding
- 15 - John ♥ Talma Butcher
- 18 - Mark ♥ Linda Loper
- 21 - Scott ♥ Natasha Thieman
- 23 - Arthur ♥ Brenda Christy
- 26 - Peter ♥ Jana Kuenzli




### Trustees

John Knickelbein


Windows have been installed on the doors to the four classrooms on the first floor as well as the Nursery room. The kitchen floor has been replaced and the water damage repaired. The cost was covered by our insurance, minus the \$2500 deductible. The new cooling tower has been installed in the parking lot. We have received the Engineering Plans for the replacement of the HVAC unit in Belvedere Hall and the two units in the school wing. The unit in Belvedere Hall will be the first to be replaced. The Trustees will be meeting soon to discuss proceeding with that phase.

We are still looking for volunteers to assist with lawnmowing. Two person teams mow on a rotating basis, so the more volunteers we have, the less frequently each team needs to mow. A two-person team normally can mow the lawn in 1 ½ -2 hours. Please call John Knickelbein for more information or sign up on the "Volunteer Opportunities" bulletin board in the Welcome Center.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Easter Monday <i>Office Closed</i> 6:30pm Bowling League	2	3	4 11:30am Ladies Bible Study 5:15pm Choir Rehearsal	5	6
7 <b>Second Sunday of Easter</b> 9am SS/Adult Bible Class 10am Communion Worship Service	8 6:30pm Bowling League	9 9:30 am LWML Quilting for LWR	10	11 11:30am Ladies Bible Study 5:15pm Choir Rehearsal	12	13
14 <b>Third Sunday of Easter</b> 9am SS/Adult Bible Class 10am Communion Worship Service	15 6:30pm Bowling League	16	17	18 11:30am Ladies Bible Study 5:15pm Choir Rehearsal	19	20
21 <b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b> 9am SS/Adult Bible Class 10am Communion Worship Service	22 6:30pm Bowling League	23	24	25 11:30am Ladies Bible Study 5:15pm Choir Rehearsal	26	27
28 <b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b> 9am SS/Adult Bible Class 10am Communion Worship Service	29 6:30pm Bowling League	30				

## APRIL WORSHIP SERVER SCHEDULE

	April 7	April 14	April 21	April 28
Greeter	John Malone	Gerry Harger	Kevin Heckman	Orry Watts
Ushers	Errol Jennings Doug Sulak	Errol Jennings Anne Starke	Doug Sulak Trevor Prokos	Anne Starke Gil Bostwick
Lector	Cathy George	David Chadwick	Anna Carter	Jay Otero
Communion Assistant	Dave Petri	John Knickelbein	Roger Medlin	Bill Sontag
Video Stream	Ted Baroody	Kevin Heckman	Orry Watts	Ted Baroody

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 11:30am Ladies Bible Study 5:15pm Choir Rehearsal	3	4
5 <b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b> 9am SS/Adult Bible Class 10am Communion Worship Service 11:30am Voters' Assembly Meeting	6 6:30pm Bowling League	7 6:30pm Belvedere Civic League Meeting	8	9 <b>Ascension of Our LORD</b> 11:30am Ladies Bible Study 5:15pm Choir Rehearsal	10	11
12 <b>Seventh Sunday of Easter</b> 9am SS/Adult Bible Class 10am Communion Worship Service <i>Mother's Day</i>	13	14	15	16 11:30am Ladies Bible Study 5:15pm Choir Rehearsal	17	18 11:30am LWML Mother's Day Luncheon Out @ IKEA
19 <b>Pentecost</b> 9am SS/Adult Bible Class 10am Communion Worship Service	20	21	22	23 11:30am Ladies Bible Study 5:15pm Choir Rehearsal	24	25
26 <b>The Holy Trinity</b> 9am SS/Adult Bible Class 10am Communion Worship Service	27 Memorial Day <i>Office Closed</i>	28	29	30 11:30am Ladies Bible Study 5:15pm Choir Rehearsal	31	

## MAY WORSHIP SERVER SCHEDULE

	May 5	May 12	May 19	May 26
Greeter	John Malone	Gerry Harger	Kevin Heckman	Orry Watts
Ushers	Errol Jennings Doug Sulak	Errol Jennings Trevor Prokos	Gil Bostwick Doug Sulak	Errol Jennings Anne Starke
Lector	Carroll Smith	Ken Leiding	Judy Sykes	Sharyn Leiding
Communion Assistant	Dave Petri	John Knickelbein	Roger Medlin	Bill Sontag
Video Stream	Orry Watts	Kevin Heckman	Orry Watts	Ted Baroody

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 8am LWML Tailgate Sale
2 <b>Second Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9am Family SS 10am Communion Worship Service	3	4	5	6 11:30am Ladies Bible Study 5:15pm Choir Rehearsal	7	8
9 <b>Third Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9am Family SS 10am Communion Worship Service 11:30 am Spring Sing	10	11	12	13 11:30am Ladies Bible Study 5:15pm Choir Rehearsal	14	15 Trinitarian Deadline
16 <b>Fourth Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9am Family SS 10am Communion Worship Service <i>Father's Day</i>	17	18	19	20 11:30am Ladies Bible Study 5:15pm Choir Rehearsal	21	22
23 <b>Fifth Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9am Family SS 10am Communion Worship Service	24	25	26	27 11:30am Ladies Bible Study 5:15pm Choir Rehearsal	28	29
30 <b>Sixth Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9am Family SS 10am Communion Worship Service						

## JUNE WORSHIP SERVER SCHEDULE

	June 2	June 9	June 16	June 23	June 30
Greeter	John Malone	Gerry Harger	Ted Smith	Orry Watts	Craig Scott
Ushers	Trevor Prokos Doug Sulak	Gil Bostwick Anne Starke	Errol Jennings Doug Sulak	Gil Bostwick Candy Sontag	Errol Jennings Trevor Prokos
Lector	Cathy George	David Chadwick	Anna Carter	Jay Otero	Carroll Smith
Communion Assistant	Dave Petri	John Knickelbein	Roger Medlin	Bill Sontag	Bill Sontag
Video Stream	Ted Baroody	Orry Watts	Orry Watts	Ted Baroody	Dave Petri

TRINITY EVANGELICAL  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

6001 Granby Street  
Norfolk VA 23505

757/ 489-2551 Church

[www.trinitylutherannorfolk.org](http://www.trinitylutherannorfolk.org)



**Voters' Assembly Meeting  
May 5, 2024  
Following Worship**

 LWML Tailgate Sale

**Date:** June 1, 2024

**Time:** 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

*\$10 per parking space  
Tables available for \$5 each*



**What is that you ask?**

You bring your car/van/truck into the space and set-up your wares. You get to keep any money you make from your day of selling. The women's league raises funds by charging for the parking spaces/tables.

Clean out your garage, attic and house and join us for what is to be a day of fun and fellowship.

Sign up on the LWML bulletin board and get a space early.

**Proceeds from the yard sale will support mission work of the LWML.**