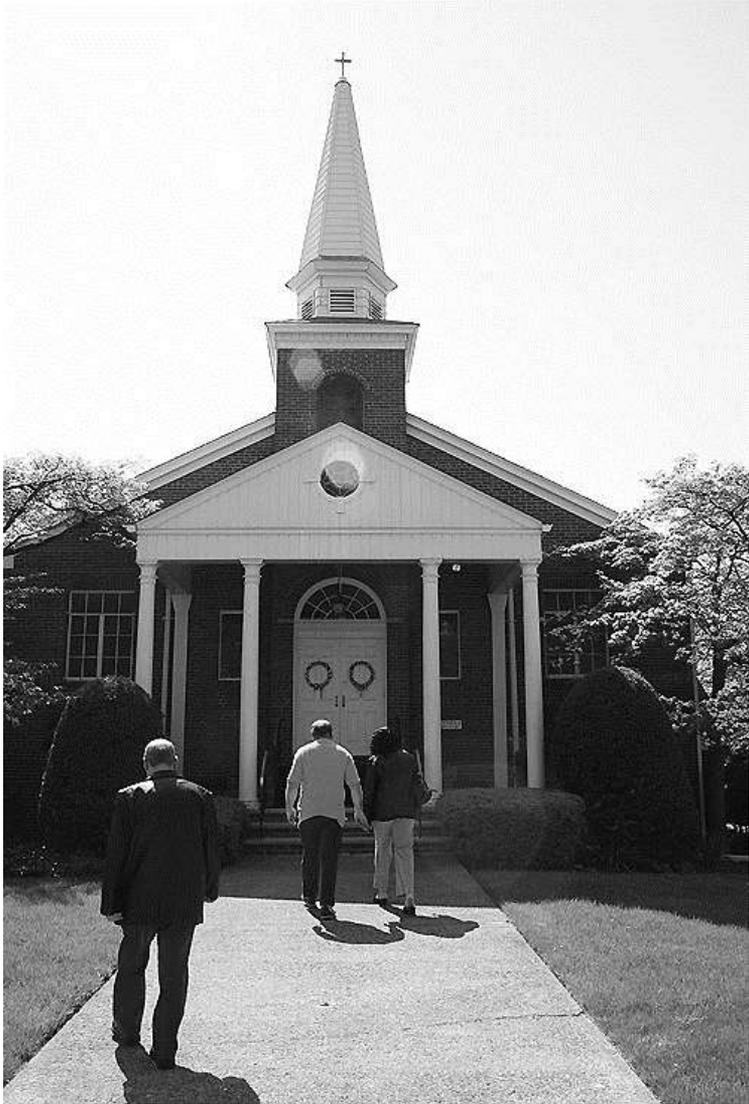


Seasons of Lent & Easter 2017



Newsletter

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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From Pastor ...

This year the date for Palm/Passion Sunday coincides with the date of the execution of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a German Lutheran pastor who was arrested by the Hitler's regime and murdered by the state for his participation in efforts to remove Hitler from power. The life and work of Bonhoeffer is a powerful testament to the journey we may be called on when we heed God's call for our lives.

We are in our preparation for our Easter celebration of a God who comes to walk among us, calls us to lead a life different from the one our worldly institutions might have us lead, and ultimately submits God's self in the form of Jesus to the act of state ordered execution, dying and conquering death that we might never ourselves feel the finality of death but rather live in faith that though our bodies may cease to function, though our neurons may cease to fire, we have in baptism been given the gift of eternal life and we have been joined into the death – and resurrection – of Jesus, the Christ.

On April 8th, 1945, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, while in prison, led worship. We can assume the Gospel was read and that the Good News was proclaimed. We can assume that in that gathering of the Body of Christ, those present were reminded to the great Easter miracle and the unwavering love of God that gives us faith, salvation, and eternal life.

On April 9th, 1945, Dietrich Bonhoeffer was hanged. His words were this:

“This is the end, but for me the beginning of life.”

As we consider our Holy Week journey from loud acclamations of “Hosannah” on our Palm Sunday procession to the Good Friday suffering and death on the cross, to the vigil we might keep on Easter Eve, awaiting the fulfillment of the promise, and then finally our jubilant shouts of victory over death, our loud cries of

“ALLELUIA! Christ is risen!”

let us remember this. We will die, all of us, but death will not defeat us. In Christ, in Baptism, we have been saved. In our Easter season, and truly every day, we can give thanks to God for this gift of life.

May God's Peace be with you,
Pastor Irwin

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Worship & Music

April 9, Palm Sunday Worship

Several Nutley congregations will process with palms from their churches to the front lawn of **Town Hall (corner of Chestnut Street and Vincent Place) on Palm Sunday, at 9:15 a.m.** for a brief service of blessing of the palms. The palm branch for Christians is a reminder of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem when the crowds waved palm branches of victory. Join us at Holy Trinity, 10:00am for Palm Sunday Worship and Holy Communion.



We will again wave "Eco-Palms" from Lutheran World Relief. Eco-Palms ensure a fair price is given to palm harvesters and protect the environment. This means more children finish school, families can afford healthcare and the forest will continue to provide income for generations to come.

April 13, Maundy Thursday

Join us with Franklin Reformed Church (at Franklin Reformed) for Maundy Thursday Dinner & Communion at the Table, 6:15pm. Franklin Reformed Church is located at 45 Hillside Crescent, Nutley

April 14, Good Friday Cross Walk

The Nutley Clergy Fellowship invites the community to join them for a Cross Walk on **Good Friday, April 14 at 12 noon starting in front of Nutley High School.** Prayers for peace, healing, safety, compassion, and justice will be offered in front of locations like Town Hall, Nutley Family Service Bureau, and Nutley Police and Fire Departments. Participants of all ages can join for all or part of the walk and are invited to bring a cross of any size to carry as a Christian witness. Those with difficulty walking can meet the procession in the Town Hall area at 1:00.



April 14, Good Friday At Holy Trinity

Please join us for Good Friday worship at 7:30pm.

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Saturday, April 15

Prepare the Church for Easter

10:00am: Meet to prepare the church for Easter (you are invited to help).



Sunday, April 16

Easter: Resurrection Of Our Lord

8:15am: Easter Breakfast before worship. If you'd like to join us for breakfast, please let us know by Wednesday, April 12th. Breakfast is provided and made by Jay Mascola. Free of charge; however, any donations made to Holy Trinity are appreciated.

10:00am: Festival Worship with Communion.

Community in Christ



Food & Care For Us Who Are Hungry

Jesus said that when you feed the hungry and the outcast, you feed me. It is becoming increasingly difficult to ensure that all God's children are fed. You are encouraged to add **1 food and 1 care item** to your grocery list each month. Items can be placed in the blue

bin in the front entryway.

April Food/Care Items: Pasta & Pasta Sauce / Cotton Balls

May Food/Care Item: Spices (newly purchased) / Q-tips

Items are distributed through the Nutley Family Service Bureau and Vincent Church Care Pantry.

Serving at the Vincent Care Kitchen

Holy Trinity has pledged to help serve at the Care Kitchen the last Saturday of every month.

The Care Kitchen provides a nutritious meal and caring conversation every Saturday (except the first Saturday of the month) at Vincent United Methodist Church in Nutley. Everyone is welcome. If you would like to help serve, please talk with Julie Franchino or Greg Sekula.



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Baptismal Birthdays

Baptism is our birth into the Body of Christ, the Church. As brothers and sisters in Christ, let us celebrate these anniversaries with each other.

If you haven't already done so, please let the office know of your date of baptism so that we may celebrate your birthday.

Active Bystander Training

April 22; 10am-2pm; Zion Lutheran, Rahway

At baptism, Lutheran Christians promise publicly to "love all people following the example of Jesus' and to 'strive for justice and peace in all the earth". When we observe threatening or harassing behavior, how do we respond? What would you do? This training gives participants the tools to build confidence in speaking up and acting to protect others, and promotes positive ways to impact our communities. To register, call the synod office. Go to ABC Signup.com to register for the Zion, Rahway event.

STUMP THE PASTOR

On April 27, 6:30pm, Pastor Irwin will have a soup & study session of... whatever you want it to be! Pastor is accepting questions for a "Stump the Pastor" session that night. Questions must be submitted by Sunday, April 23. Depending on response, we may not be able to cover all the questions in one evening, which would be a wonderful problem to have! Inquiring minds want to know... What do you want to know? What have you always wondered? What passage of Scripture or hymn text doesn't make any sense to you? Questions must be submitted in writing, on paper or via email, but may be anonymous if you are worried your question is silly (it isn't).



God's Immigration Policy

Join us on **Thursdays at 6:30 from May 11 - June 1** for a soup & study series on immigration and what the Bible has to say about it! We will look at our ELCA's denominational position as well as Biblical texts which speak directly to the issue.

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We Have New Communion Ware!

The congregation has purchased a new, all matching, set of hand-made ceramic communion ware - two pitchers, a bread plate (paten), a common drinking cup (chalice) and two dipping (intinction) cups (chalices), and a small cup and plate for Pastor to use for home communion. The new set has been in use since April 2, and will be dedicated in worship on April 23.



In Our Community

In Memoriam

Elizabeth 'Betty' Mack passed away on Jan. 29, 2017, at the age of 93. She was born in Czechoslovakia in 1923. Betty and her husband, Milan, lived in New York before moving to Nutley, N.J., in 1952. Betty was an active member of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Nutley where she taught Sunday school as well as participated in many church activities. Betty loved to cook and visit with her many neighborhood friends. She was the beloved wife of the late Milan Mack; devoted mother to the late Martin Mack and her daughter, Elisabeth Moscara and husband, Michael; cherished grandmother to Michael and his wife, Alexandra, and Nicholas, and proud great-grandmother to Theodora Rose. The funeral service and interment at Glendale Cemetery in Bloomfield, N.J., were private.

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Laura Senst, 102, passed away on February 10, 2017. She was the wife of William and mother of William. The funeral was conducted by Pastor Irwin.

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Marilyn (Miller) Ohlandt, of Pompton Plains, passed away on March 28. Born in Newark, she lived in Nutley and Toms River prior to moving to Pompton Plains in 2002. The beloved wife of the late Herbert I. Ohlandt, she is survived by her children, Betty Mirda & Herb Ohlandt; four grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren. The funeral was conducted by Pastor Irwin here at Holy Trinity on Saturday 4/1.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 158 Vreeland Avenue, Nutley, NJ 07110 would be appreciated.

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Congratulations!

On January 29, 2017, we welcomed **Sally Bayhi** as a member of Holy Trinity. We gave thanks for the gift of baptism for Sally who is one with us in the body of Christ.

On February 26, 2017 we welcomed **Ted Schlesinger** into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism. As a congregation, we commit ourselves to praying for & encouraging Ted in his life of faith as a disciple of Jesus Christ

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2017 Easter Animals

Nearly 1 billion of our neighbors – 1 in 8 people in the world – live in poverty. *Working with our neighbors* in the United States and in nearly 50 countries, ELCA World Hunger works to break the cycle of hunger and poverty.

To purchase Easter animals, return this form along with your payment or contact the office, by Easter.

Name/Envelope#: _____ /# _____

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

Peep of *Chicks*: _____ x \$10.00 each = \$ _____

Bee hive: _____ x \$20.00 each = \$ _____

Sheep: _____ x \$125.00 each = \$ _____

TOTAL: \$ _____

(For Counters to fill in)

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