



## Holy Week

### Way of the Cross, Palm Sunday - Easter

A self-guided Stations of the Cross will be placed around the Social Hall. Each station will have an image, a reading, and a prayer. Stations of the Cross is an ancient tradition which started in the first centuries of Christianity. While in the early days, walking the way of the cross may not have been a liturgical, formal event, pilgrims were known to visit sites in and around Jerusalem where Jesus had been known to have spent time and where the events of Holy Week took place. You are invited to spend some time during Holy Week walking and reflecting on Jesus' last days with these images and passages as you are able.

### Services will be in-person and livestreamed.

#### Palm Sunday | April 2 | 9:30 am

We remember Jesus' triumphant ride in Jerusalem and his being taken as prisoner by the Roman authorities.

#### Maundy Thursday | April 6 | 7:30 pm

On Maundy Thursday we will hear the call by Jesus to serve another and celebrate the Last Supper. This service includes communion, stripping the altar, and hand washing.

#### Good Friday | April 7 | 7:30 pm

On Good Friday we mourn the death of Christ upon the Cross. Our service will focus on the last words of Jesus. This is a somber service.

### The Resurrection of our Lord

#### Easter Sunday | April 9 | 9:30 am

Celebrate and worship the Risen Christ with us during this festival worship service, in-person and livestreamed.

Afterward we will gather in the playground for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt (it will be peanut-free)!

Our Easter Brunch will feature food from CAVA, and will be generously hosted by Fred S.



### Surprising new life in Christ. Celebrate!

I love the warmth and sunshine of Spring! Flowers bring so much beauty to our yards, communities, and lives. If I hadn't seen Spring's magnificence many times before I wouldn't be able to imagine the inspiring changes occurring as Spring bursts forth all around us.

Easter also promises us new life, new blooming, and new beauty. God brings life from death in Christ and will surprise us with love and grace.

The challenges and losses of "emptying" that occur naturally and frequently in life, and in congregations, lead us to consider the cross and resurrection. We contemplate Jesus our Savior who "emptied himself.....(and) humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross." This same Jesus defeats death and "God highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name...." (from Philippians 2, read on Passion Sunday). New life comes out of Jesus' death, and out of our varied experiences of deaths! New life frequently surprises us. Such is the depth of God's grace!

As we approach Easter, I invite you to pay attention to this movement from death to life. During Holy Week and Easter, we celebrate the center of the Christian faith: Jesus' complete surrender to death on our behalf, and then the Resurrection and New Life in Christ! It is a time of year when others may be more open about going to worship, so invite your friends and family! We worship at 9:30 a.m. Easter Sunday! Celebrate!

In Christ,

Pastor Paul

## Call Committee Progress

Before a slate of candidates is provided by the Synod, the Call Committee must prepare a Ministry Site Profile (MSP). The MSP is a standardized form requiring basic statistical information, as well as in depth questions about the Congregation. Below is a brief summary of the discernment process the Call Committee used in preparing the MSP.

Research: We considered where we were (previous MSP) and where we are (2022 congregational survey, transition consultant) to frame the consideration of Trinity's current organizational, relational, and spiritual circumstance

Listening: Members of our committee brought varied historical experiences and interactions with different aspects of Trinity's history, membership, and leadership; we integrated these personal experiences with the information gleaned from our research

Collaboration: We drafted sections of this MSP individually and collectively, refining multiple iterations via group discussion and prayer

The draft MSP was presented to the Council, transition consultant, current interim pastor, and synod for additional feedback, and we prayerfully considered this feedback for the final submission.

The final MSP was submitted in late March. There is no set time frame from the Synod on when a slate of candidates will be presented. Recognizing the Easter Season is a busy time for potential candidates may create a small hurdle, we are optimistic we will receive a slate in the next 60 days.

The Call Committee is excited to move onto the next step of the Call Process. We will keep the Congregation up to date on our progress. Please feel free to reach out to any of us with questions or concerns.

We ask that you continue to keep our call process in your prayers.

Yours in Christ,  
The Call Committee



## Monthly Food Collection on April 15, 2023, 9-noon

Thanks to the many congregation members who continue to support our monthly food drives to support Bethesda Help. We are also pleased that each month we welcome donations from members of the neighborhood. Each month we drop off between 300-500 pounds of food and 10-20 gift cards. Bethesda Help is very appreciative and recognizes Trinity each month in the BH newsletter.

Food insecurity is still very real in Montgomery County. The Social Ministry team shares the following information about the impact BH is making. In 2022 BH saw a 137% increase in the food deliveries since January 2020.



### April Birthdays:

03. Joseph C	15. Scott M
07. Thomas K	18. Susan K
12. Judy D	21. Dan S
13. Claudette V	24. Anusha A
13. Michael V	24. Bjorn S
13. Isabela F	25. Leslie C
13. Philip S	28. Joshua B
15. Margaret F	29. Alarich L
15. Anjali A	

### April Baptismal Anniversaries:

01. Linda H	15. Karl M
03. Thor N	15. Giovanni S
03. Philip T	15. Isabela F
03. Robyn K-V	17. Karen T
04. Kevin D	18. Susan K
04. Katie J-M	21. Grayson D
09. Tad D	22. Michael V
10. Anders S	26. Eva S
11. Turquoise W	27. Sarah M
12. Lisbeth N-D	27. Scott M
13. Robert P	29. Marilyn C
14. Thomas K	30. Vincent M
14. Ross A	



**Kathleen Blaner Memorial Service | April 1**

**Bethesda Help Food Drive | April 15**

**Blood Drive | April 18**

**Intergenerational Sunday School | April 23**

**Interfaith Women's Center Dinner | April 30**

**Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting | May 7**

**Graduate Recognition | May 14**



# BLOOD DRIVE

## Giving Back: Trinity Lutheran achieves Premier Blood Partner status

Given our efforts over the last 18 months, Trinity Lutheran Church has been recognized by the American Red Cross as one of its Premier Blood Partners for 2023! To date 155 donors have participated and we have collected about 30 units each drive. Trinity is proud to support the Red Cross' humanitarian mission to help ensure there is lifesaving blood available to patients in need. Help give the gift of life by donating at Trinity's next blood drive on April 18, 2023 from 1-6 pm; the sign up is now open on the American Red Cross' website.

In recent months, many long standing donor restrictions have been lifted. Please check the ARC website for updated donor eligibility requirements.

This is a community drive; all are welcome; donors of all blood types are needed. Please help us get the word out in the community... invite a friend, add to a list serve, post an announcement!

If you have questions, please contact Margaret F at [gmfitzwm85@gmail.com](mailto:gmfitzwm85@gmail.com)



Scan this QR code and it will take you directly to the Trinity Red Cross signup page.

## 2023 Congregational Leadership Opportunities

The 2023 Nominating Committee is seeking suggestions for candidates for Council, Mission Endowment, the 2024 Nominating Committee, and delegates to the Synod assembly in June. These functions are all important ministries within Trinity. During these transitioning, transformational times, your leadership is more important than ever!

If you have questions, are interested in serving, or want to suggest someone to serve, please share your thoughts with one of us: Jeanine B, Tom K, David K, Valerie M, and Nancy N.

Here is a brief description of each responsibility:  
**Congregational Council.** Oversees the life and activities of this congregation, and in particular its worship life, to the end that everything be done in accordance with the Word of God and the faith and practice of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Chapter 12 of Trinity's Constitution enumerates the Council's duties. Council terms are three years and members can serve two consecutive three-year terms. Council meets together at

least once a month and in periodic planning retreats.  
**Mission Endowment.** Oversees the Mission Endowment Fund which was created in 1996 for members and friends to give gifts and memorials to the mission outreach of the church. The endowment makes awards to mission initiatives that support the Christian faith, support the community, and support special initiatives of our congregation. Typically, the Committee meets once a quarter. Member terms are three years.

**Nominating Committee.** Annually prepares a slate of leadership candidates for Congregational consideration and election. Members serve for a term of one year. Members of the Nominating Committee are not eligible for consecutive reelection. (See Trinity Constitution, Chapter 13)

**Synod Assembly.** The 2023 Synod Assembly, which helps to give focus and make decisions for our Metro DC Synod, will be held in-person, on Saturday June 3, 2023, from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Gaithersburg. This year's theme is "Inspired"!

## Trinity Intergenerational Sunday School Buckets Project!

On Sunday April 23<sup>rd</sup>, we will be putting together emergency clean-up buckets for people that have been affected by natural disasters. These buckets will be sent to Church World Service (CWS) but we need your help. There will be a poster with sticky notes out in the social hall (take one sticky note for each item you wish to purchase) with instructions if you want to help in collecting the items for the buckets. We will need these items by April 23<sup>rd</sup> but if you want to drop them off earlier or have any questions please contact Henry C at [hrcradlin@gmail.com](mailto:hrcradlin@gmail.com)



### Items to be collected for each bucket are:

- 1 4-8 oz pump spray air freshener
- 5 scouring pads (No stainless steel or pads with soap.)
- 6 regular sponges 1 large sponge
- 1 scrub brush
- 18 reusable, lightweight dry cleaning towels (e.g. handi wipes)
- 1 50 oz. or 2 25 oz. bottle(s) of liquid laundry detergent
- 1 16-28 oz. bottle of liquid disinfectant dish soap
- 1 12-16 oz. bottle of household cleaner that can be mixed with water (no spray bottles)
- 1 package of 48-50 clothespins
- 1 100 ft. or 2 50 ft. clothesline(s)
- 5 dust masks (N95 particulate respirator dust masks preferred; No surgical masks.)
- 2 pairs of heavy-duty, waterproof dishwashing gloves (latex-free, non-surgical)
- 1 6-9 oz. bottle of non-aerosol insect repellent



## Adult Forum

### Sundays at 9:45 am in Room 10

Please join us at 11 am after the service for a discussion of the ELCA social statement: Faith, Sexism and Justice <https://www.elca.org/fsjstudyguide>. Together we will explore the impact of sexism on our society and how we are called to act with justice so that everyone may experience the abundance of God's creation.

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### A/V "Open House"

The Trinity A/V team will be holding an open house for anyone interested in the mechanics of how we livestream our worship services.

If you have ever wondered exactly what we are doing at the table in the back of the sanctuary, now is your chance to see what we do.

We are in need of a few more people to join the A/V team. Perhaps once you have seen what exactly happens back there, you would consider joining us. We are planning on holding this event immediately after worship on April 16. Hope to see you all there. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Mike Mayer.

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### It's Spring at Mar-Lu-Ridge

Upcoming events include the annual Spring Work Day on April 1 and Camp Day on April 16. The Work Day helps prepare the camp for the busy spring and summer season.

Mar-Lu-Ridge CAMP DAY! April 16 from 1-4 p.m. This FREE event is a great opportunity to visit Mar-Lu-Ridge and enjoy the views, meet our staff, make crafts and try out our archery range. We'll have delicious snacks available, too. If you have never been to Mar-Lu-Ridge, or if it's been awhile, we hope you'll plan to join us for the afternoon! No RSVP needed, come join the fun! <https://www.mar-lu-ridge.org>



## Remember in Your Prayers

### THE CHURCH

**our synod & bishops:** Bishops Elizabeth E & Leila O

**our missionaries:** Stephen D & Marta G, Cent. America

**our congregation:** Trinity Church

**THE NATIONS:** Afghanistan, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Israel, Korea, Mexico, Myanmar, Namibia, Palestine, Somalia, Spain/Cataluña, Sudan, Syria, Ukraine, United States, Venezuela

### THE SICK AND SUFFERING

#### nursing/rehabilitation center/hospital

Philip T (Manor Care Potomac)

Yulie N (Village at Rockville)

#### home

Tigist G, Margo W, Lineth M, Isabel F, Gio S, Vimala P, Anya N, Pam B

#### family and friends\*

Lonnie B, *friend of Carol B*

Bud B, *friend of Trinity*

Donald B, *brother of Marilyn C*

Karen B, *cousin of Julie N*

Pastor Sarah F-M, *friend of Anita S*

David G, *friend of Tad and Vi D*

Peter M, *brother of Sarah M*

Martha R (Sterling Care), *friend of Trinity*

Karen and Harold S, *friends of Pamela B*

Amanda v L

#### first responders

Lisbeth N-D

Greta S & Linda A, *sister & sister-in-law of Anita S*

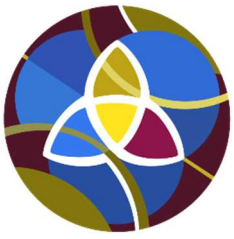
Vanessa B, *friend of Elizabeth & Ben R*

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### Proposed Storage Project

For a number of years now, we have been storing the air purifiers and the A/V equipment in the nursery space in order to secure them in a locked room.

With the push to revitalize the nursery, this is no longer a good solution. Before leaving, Anita had proposed repurposing the space under the stairs leading to the balcony/storage room at the social hall for this purpose. This will consist of constructing a semi-permanent structure that fills in the currently underutilized space. There will be mock-up drawings available near this space and on an easel in the Social Hall for the next few weeks. If you would like to provide feedback or comments, please speak with Mike Mayer.



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**Thank you for your offering.** Your gifts make the ministry of Trinity possible. Electronic giving may be available through your bank or financial institution. Offerings mailed to the church office will be promptly deposited.

**Online offering** is now available via Paypal! See details on the Trinity website <http://www.trinityelca.org/give>

**Thursday Tidings** deadline is 12:00 pm Wednesday.

**The Trinitarian** deadline is the 15<sup>th</sup> of the prior month.

*Submissions should be no more than 150 words. The editor and church staff reserve the right to determine the content of The Trinitarian and may edit articles for clarity, grammar, or length.*



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# April

**SUNDAY, APRIL 2 | PASSION/PALM SUNDAY**

Worship | 9:30 AM (Coffee Hour Following)

Adult Forum | 10:45 AM

Youth Sunday School | 10:45 AM

**SUNDAY, APRIL 9 | EASTER SUNDAY**

Worship | 9:30 AM (Easter Brunch Following)

Easter Egg Hunt Following Worship

**SATURDAY, APRIL 1**

**Kathleen Blaner Memorial Service | 11:00 AM**

**MONDAY, APRIL 4**

**Heavenly Handbells | 7:30 PM**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 5**

**Stephen Ministry Supervision | 7:00 PM**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 6**

**Maundy Thursday Service | 7:30 PM**

**Trinity Singers Rehearsal | 8:30 PM**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 7**

**Good Friday Service | 7:00 PM**

**MONDAY, APRIL 10**

**Heavenly Handbells | 7:30 PM**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12**

**Trinity Men's Group | 1:00 PM**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 15**

**Trinitarian Newsletter deadline**

**Food Drive | 9:00 AM**

**First Communion Class | 9:00 AM**

See the full calendar here:  
[www.trinityelca.org/calendar](http://www.trinityelca.org/calendar)

**SUNDAY, APRIL 16 | 2 EASTER**

Worship | 9:30 AM (Coffee Hour Following)

Adult Forum | 10:45 AM

Youth Sunday School | 10:45 AM

A/V Open House | 10:45 AM

**SUNDAY, APRIL 23 | 3 EASTER**

Worship | 9:30 AM (Coffee Hour Following)

Intergenerational Sunday School | 10:45 AM

**SUNDAY, APRIL 30 | 4 EASTER**

Worship | 9:30 AM (Coffee Hour Following)

Adult Forum | 10:45 AM

Youth Sunday School | 10:45 AM

**MONDAY, APRIL 17**

Heavenly Handbells | 7:30 PM

**TUESDAY, APRIL 18**

Blood Drive | 1:00 PM

Congregation Council | 7:30 PM

**THURSDAY, APRIL 20**

Trinity Singers Rehearsal | 7:30 PM

**MONDAY, APRIL 24**

Heavenly Handbells | 7:30 PM

**THURSDAY, APRIL 27**

Trinity Singers Rehearsal | 7:30 PM

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