



...*from the Pastor's Desk*

Holy Week is almost upon us. It is a busy week, no doubt about that. But to skip the services of Holy Week leaves a hole in both our experience and in our comprehension of what our Lord went through for us – **FOR YOU** – that last week of his life. Here is the schedule for Holy Week, as well as some explanation of the events. Please make every effort to participate... you will be blessed richly!

### **Maundy Thursday**

April 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

SEDER SUPPER

Come celebrate an example of the supper that was Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples and from which are the origins of our Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Reservations are needed because seating is limited!

Maundy Thursday is the name given to the day on which Jesus celebrated the Passover with His disciples, known as the Last Supper. Two important events are the focus of Maundy Thursday.

First, Jesus celebrated the Last Supper with His disciples and thereby instituted the Lord's Supper, also called Communion (Luke 22:19-20). Second, Jesus washed the disciples' feet as an act of humility and service, thereby setting an example that we should love and serve one another in humility (John 13:3-17). Many churches observe a foot-washing ceremony on Maundy Thursday to commemorate Jesus' washing the feet of the disciples.

The word "Maundy" is derived from the Latin word for "command." The "Maundy" in Maundy Thursday refers to the command Jesus gave to the disciples at the Last Supper, that they should love and serve one another.

### **Good Friday**

April 10<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m. – Simple Supper

6:30 p.m. – *Experience the Power  
of the Movie "Passion of the Christ."*

Followed by a brief and very meaningful  
time of worship.

*The Passion of the Christ* is a 2004 film co-written, co-produced and directed by Mel Gibson. It is based on accounts of the arrest, trial, torture, crucifixion, and resurrection of Jesus, events commonly known as "The Passion". The film's dialogue is in Aramaic, Latin, and Hebrew, with subtitles. It is the highest grossing non-English language film and one of the most successful films in the United States.

In *The Passion: Photography from the Movie "The Passion of the Christ"*, Gibson says "This is a movie about love, hope, faith, and forgiveness. He [Jesus] died for all mankind, suffered for all of us. It's time to get back to that basic message. The world has gone nuts. We could all use a little more love, faith, hope, and forgiveness." He also explains one of his appearances in the film, the close-up of his hands nailing Jesus to the cross: "It was me that put Him on the cross. It was my sins [that put Him there]."

## Easter Vigil

Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 p.m.

Our 5:00 p.m. Service becomes the Easter Vigil as Christ lies in the tomb. The service is modified to fit our time frame, but is a true experience of the Easter Vigil, the last Service of the Great “Three Days”—Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and The Vigil, which lead into Easter itself!

**Holy Saturday**, the 'day of the entombed Christ,' is the Lord's Day of rest, for on that day Christ's body lay in His tomb. We recall the Apostle's Creed which says "He descended into hell, or, unto the dead." *It is a day of suspense between two worlds, that of darkness, sin and death, and that of the Resurrection and the restoration of the Light of the World.* This day between Good Friday and Easter Day makes present to us the end of one world and the complete newness of the era of salvation inaugurated by the Resurrection of Christ.

## EASTER

Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>

7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service

8:15 a.m. – Breakfast

10:45 – Festival Service

Whether you come for the Sunrise Service or the Festival Service stay for Breakfast or come early for breakfast on this special day!

Easter or Resurrection Sunday is the day Christians celebrate the resurrection of Jesus the Christ from the dead. Even before theologians explained the death of Jesus in terms of various atonement theories, the early church saw his resurrection as the central witness to a new act of God in history and the victory of God in vindicating Jesus as the Messiah. This event marks the central faith confession of the early church and was the focal point for Christian worship, observed on the first day of each week since the first century (Acts 20:7; Sunday was officially proclaimed the day of Christian worship in AD 321). Easter as an annual celebration of the Resurrection that lies at the center of a liturgical year has been observed at least since the fourth century. Even in churches that traditionally do not observe the other historic seasons of the church year, Easter has occupied a central place as the high point of Christian worship.

Well, there you have it, the whole Holy Week schedule, without a single hole in it!

See you there!

*Pastor Terry*

# COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FOR APRIL 2009

*by Mike Kropelin*

God's blessings come in all varieties, sizes and shapes. A warm home, enough food and good health are just a few. One that comes to mind quite often lately is grandchildren. With economic conditions the way they are, it seems like all the moms are finding jobs to try to make ends meet. That leaves me with time on my hands to fill in as "child watcher". A few years ago I would have called this babysitting, but as all you moms and grandmothers already know, there is little sitting and much watching and directing to keep the children safe, healthy and comfortable.

Our youngest grandson, Logan, came to visit yesterday. Logan is six months old and he brought his big sister Emily with him. Emily is three and a half years old. Logan didn't feel too good because he is getting teeth so he kept me quite busy trying to keep him happy. Emily, on the other hand, was no trouble and she watched Beauty and the Beast for the tenth time this month. She did ask Papa to make chocolate milk and to please get her a cookie. Like all grandparents we have a never empty cookie jar. At least it is never empty when the little guys are around. The day went on with heating bottles, changing pants and putting Emily on the toilet. She is a "big girl" now and tries to tell us when she has the need to go. They both stayed for supper and when it was time to sit down to eat Paula asked Emily if she could say Grace. Emily said, "ok Nana" and started out with " Now I lay me down to sleep, I pray the Lord my soul to keep." Paula and I looked at each other and smiled knowing that God certainly heard this small child's prayer. What a wonderful table grace, I will remember it forever.

We have seven of these little blessings and today Delaney is visiting with me. She will be four in September. Again I get a request for a cookie. I love them all with all my heart. I can't wait to see who will show up tomorrow to keep Papa from getting into trouble. God sure is great, and he blesses me continually.

## **APRIL EVENTS AT TRINITY**

**Don't forget our new 5:00 pm worship service every Saturday.**

### **Wed., April 1 & 8**

6:30 pm-8:00 pm-Lenten Soup & Study

### **Saturday, April 4th**

4:30 pm-Spaghetti Supper

### **Maundy Thursday, April 9th**

6:00 pm-Seder Supper

### **Good Friday, April 10th**

6:00 pm-Simple Supper

6:30 pm-Movie-"Passion of the Christ"  
followed by a brief worship.

### **Saturday, April 11th**

5:00 pm-Easter Vigil

### **Easter, April 12th**

7:00 am-Sunrise Worship Service

8:15 am-Breakfast

10:45 am-Festival Service

### **Sunday, April 19th**

6:00 pm-Talent Auction

### **Saturday, April 25th**

9:00 am-Spring Clean-up

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS—APRIL 09

### April 5, 2009-Palm Sunday

Worship Assistant	8:00-Donna Kumpf	10:45-Flo Goeseke
Communion Assistant	8:00-Sue Campbell	10:45-Gretchen Bruning
Greeter		10:45-Pam & Jack Hornung

### April 12, 2009, Easter

Worship Assistant	7:00-Helen Smith	10:45-Erik Polkowski
Scripture Reader	7:00-Paula Kropelin	10:45-David McMullen
Communion Assistant	7:00-Lisa Kaminski	10:45-Tammy Johannes
Greeter	7:00-Sue Campbell	10:45-Charlie Yaeger

### April 19, 2009

Worship Assistant	8:00-Donna Kumpf	10:45-Diane McMullen
Scripture Reader	8:00-Ruth Knerr	10:45-Candy Kruschke
Communion Assistant	8:00-Mel Knerr	10:45-Diane Vogt
Greeter		10:45-Donna Kumpf

### April 26, 2009

Worship Assistant	8:00-Helen Smith	10:45-Tammy Johannes
Scripture Reader	8:00-Ethel Kogut	10:45-Dale Kruschke
Communion Assistant	8:00-Paula Kropelin	10:45-Shirley Schoenwetter
Greeter		10:45-Helen Smith

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

3 <sup>rd</sup> -	Wade Wolcott
4 <sup>th</sup> -	Betty Kenline Pam Hornung
6 <sup>th</sup> -	Ken Mekeel Stanley Jasinski
8 <sup>th</sup> -	Becky Fix Linda Kaczmarek
9 <sup>th</sup> -	Emerson Polkowski
10 <sup>th</sup> -	Sandor Nagy Daniel Greiner
12 <sup>th</sup> -	Karen Brown
13 <sup>th</sup> -	Gretchen Bruning
14 <sup>th</sup> -	Jennifer Aylsworth Deborah Greiner
15 <sup>th</sup> -	Catherine Schoenthal Arianna Cinotti
16 <sup>th</sup> -	Darla Infanti
19 <sup>th</sup> -	Andrew Seguin Evan Eckerson
22 <sup>nd</sup> -	Ken Schmidt
23 <sup>rd</sup> -	Eugene Hofmeier
24 <sup>th</sup> -	Andy Cinotti Michael Kropelin Judy Rowland
25 <sup>th</sup> -	Matthew Covell
26 <sup>th</sup> -	Wendy Yaeger
27 <sup>th</sup> -	Laura Kropelin Dottie Mekeel
29 <sup>th</sup> -	Sharon Schmidt



## APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

26 <sup>th</sup> -	Don & June Hoffmann
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## TRINITY'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School Students were introduced to a Lenten Mission Project for Hearts and Hands, Faith in Action Service Organization on the first Sunday in Lent. They made banks in which they could drop coins every time they watched their favorite television program, played on their video games, returned soda pop cans for a refund, or for whatever they deemed a good time to put coins in their banks. These banks have been brought to Sunday School each week and dropped into a Hearts and Hands jug bank. Some of the students have been a little more regular than others bringing in their coins. This collection will continue through Easter Sunday. We are encouraging parents to develop good mission habits with their children.

On Easter Sunday there will be no regular scheduled Sunday School class time, but a DVD will be shown and you are most welcome to have your children experience this Veggie Tale story. There will be an Easter Breakfast for your dining enjoyment and fellowship while the children are watching the DVD.

We received a letter from Gateway-Longview for the more than 100 pair of socks, over one dozen stuffed animals and some file folders which were delivered February 9th. Many thanks to all the parents who helped their children purchase and donate these socks for the children of Gateway-Longview, along with others who donated additional items that were delivered to the facility.

*Did we miss your birthday  
or anniversary?*

*Let us know... 542-9828 or  
trinc@rochester.rr.com*

## **SPAGHETTI SUPPER**

**Saturday, April 4, 2009**

**4:30 - 7:00 pm**

The Ladies of Trinity are hosting this annual event to assist Trinity in its continued ministry, both within the church and in the community .

**Featuring:**

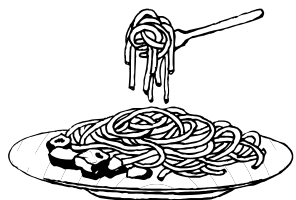
**All-You-Can-Eat Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce**

**Tossed Salad**

**French Bread**

**Beverages**

**Cookie Dessert**



**Prices:**

**Adults: \$6**

**Seniors: \$5.50**

**Children 6-12: \$5**

**Children under 5: Free**

## **TRINITY'S**

## **TALENT AUCTION**

**Sunday, April 19, 2009**

**6:00 pm**

**Pick up a complete list and  
preview auction items on**

**Sunday, April 12th.**

**Place SILENT BID'S till**

**April 19 at Noon.**

**On day of auction browse auction  
items (with snacks and beverages  
available) starting at 5:30 pm**



## **Adopt-A-Flowerbed**

The Property Committee is looking for volunteers to help with the flowerbeds around the church. Won't you as an individual or as a family consider adopting a flowerbed and maintain it as your schedule permits? Please see Bob Williams if you would like to adopt or with any questions.

## **Lawn Mowing Bid**

The Property Committee is in need of someone to mow the church and parsonage lawns from May through October. Those interested are asked to please submit a bid to the office in a sealed envelope marked "Lawn Bid" by April 15th.



## TRINITY'S TALENT AUCTION

God has given each and every one of us special talents. The Bible talks about spiritual gifts in

1 Corinthians 12. We are to share our talents with others. This not only means our spiritual talents but also our talents of sewing, baking, creating wooden items, etc. We are to share our services such as making minor repairs, babysitting, gardening, etc. This brings us to Trinity's Annual Talent Auction.

The Talent Auction is always an evening of fun as people of Trinity, their friends and neighbors come

together to bid on specific items or services. There is always a great selection of items to bid on.

There is still another week for you to fill out a Talent Auction Donor's Slip and get it into the bidder's booklet. These slips are available on the table in the narthex. Fill one out and drop it in the box.

The items going up for sale will be listed in a Bidder's Book on April 12th. You may put in a Silent Bid on your desired piece if you cannot attend the auction.

The auction is on Sunday, April 19th. There will be a time of browsing beginning at 5:15 pm and the gavel sounds at

**6:00 pm SHARP!!!!**



## LADIES OF TRINITY

The Ladies invite you to join them on Monday, April 13th at 10:00 am as they study the Book of Ruth, a little read and studied book of the Bible. Ruth was loyal and loving, strong, able to take risks and deal with the consequences. She lost her husband, family, and even her homeland, only to discover the generous, loyal and loving nature of God as he provided her with a husband and a son, and finally a home to call her own.

A calendar of events has been printed for your convenience to make you aware of the Ladies' Fund Raisers, Meetings, and Days Out. There are copies of this program (they are pink), available on the table in the narthex.

Don't forget the TLCW Spaghetti Supper to be held on Saturday, April 4th, 4:30 pm-7:00 pm. There are some donations of items and help still needed. Please check out the sign-up sheet in the narthex.

Welcome to  
**Elaine and Al Zeitler**  
who joined us through  
Affirmation of Faith on  
March 22, 2009



## PRAYER CONCERNS

**Please pray for:**

Ken Mekeel, Jim Roehling, Clare Bauer, Chuck Lowder, Ray Francis, Robert Bolling, Gloria Cinotti, Phil Nice, Steven Guttridge, David Dresser, Bruce Beyer, Brady Williams, Denise Goatsey, Carolyn Nosky, Elise Farrell, Peter Kogut, Claire Jones, Dorothy Wood, Jeri Nawojski, Carol Gorniak, Carolyn Claps, Pat Lowder,

Betty Earheart, Hunter Nixon, Terry Brummett, David Adamczak

**And the families of:**  
John Koziel, Douglas Brink, Joe Benaquist, Joan Arber, Robert Wik, David Stock, Robert Bierasinski

**We remember our homebound:**

Daisy Graff, Margaret Baker, Bill Nehrboos and Joshua Schmidt.



*Please feel free to  
update me of prayer  
concerns and/or  
changes at 542-9828,  
via email:  
[trinlc@rochester.rr.com](mailto:trinlc@rochester.rr.com)  
or by dropping a note in  
my mailbox.  
Thanks! Erin*

**THANK YOU  
TO ALL WHO  
CONTRIBUTED & HELPED OUT  
WITH ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL  
GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY!**



*News from the*

**NIAGARA LUTHERAN  
HEALTH SYSTEM**

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED**

to assist staff in transporting residents so that everyone who would like to attend our regularly scheduled worship services is able to do so. Contact Vivian Cosentino at 886-4377 to learn more.

This is important because between 50 and 60 residents regularly worship at the services led by area pastors at the Niagara Lutheran Home & Rehabilitation Center in Buffalo (Sundays at 2:30 pm) and at GreenField Health & Rehabilitation Center in Lancaster (Saturdays at 2:30pm).

**THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2009**

**Niagara Lutheran Health System Guild's  
SPRING FLING**

Craft/Plant & Bake Sale and Auntie Em's  
Collectibles of "gently used" items.

Bring your donations (baked goods, items to sell and plant clippings) to 64 Hager Street at any time and mark them for the Spring Fling Sale. We also invite you to attend the Guild's lunch and general meeting that day at 11:30 a.m. Come early and "shop."

For more information, contact Florence Doran at 836-6803.

**The Lutheran Chorale**

of the

Niagara Frontier

Thomas J. Mudd, Jr.

Director

Presents

**Schubert's Deutsche Messe**

and selected shorter works

**Saturday, May 2, 2009**

**7:30 pm**

St. Luke Lutheran Church

900 Maryvale Drive

Cheektowaga, NY

Tickets \$12

Students and Seniors \$10

**Trinity Lutheran Church**

**2009 Council Members and Officers**

Terry L. White, Pastor

Mike Kropelin, President

Dale Kruschke, Vice President

Donna Kumpf, Secretary

Lisa Kaminski, Treasurer

Chuck Lowder

Martin Szinger

Jodi David

Jane Dorr

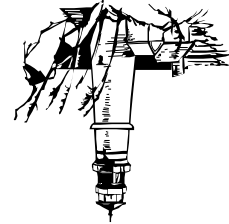
Jack Hornung

Tammy Johannes

Diane Vogt, Financial Secretary

*April 2009*

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SEEKING AND REFLECTING THE  
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TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
OF SOUTH NEWSTEAD

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Mike Kropelin, Council President

Charles Lowder, Webservant (585) 547-9862

David Hofmeier/Candy Kruschke, Pianists

David McMullen, Choir Director

Saturday Worship Service: 5:00 pm

Sunday Worship Services: 8:00 am and 10:45 am

Sunday School (ages 3-adult): 9:15 am

Office Hours: Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9:00 am—1:00 pm

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WE'RE ON THE WEB!

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