

## ***From the Pastor's Desk...***

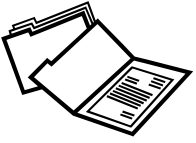


*Sorry, but Pastor Terry was under the weather when his Beacon article was due.*

*Watch for his article in the May issue of the Beacon.*



*Feel Better Soon!*



# ***Council President's message for April 2007***

by Erik Polkowski

## **“Speak and Listen”**

“I want it”. She wanted something. I was not sure what it was only that it was. She tried again, but with a little more volume and a dash of two-year-old whine. “I want that.” Again, I could not comprehend what it was that had become the object of her intention. Add some more whines. “That there.” With each sentence between the two of us, we both grew more upset with the other. We were speaking but not communicating. We were at a crossroads. We each had a clear picture, I knew she wanted something and she knew what it was. We just were not reaching the middle ground of understanding the other side of the conversation. Finally, I calmed her and myself down, and asked her one more time, but more effectively. “I know you want a cup. Which cup do you want?” “My new pink one”, she replied. Success.

## **“The single biggest problem in communication is the illusion that it has taken place - George Bernard Shaw**

Communication is the key to any effective organization. If the parties involved do not effectively communicate, than nothing can be accomplished. But sometimes, it is not only the context of how something is said but also the content. We must look at communication from both sides of the conversation. First, we must be clear in what it is we want to discuss or ask. We need a direction as to what we need answered. But more importantly, we must be clear to the individuals in which we ask so they can understand. Second, as listeners, we must reiterate what is being asked so as to confirm the question being asked. A response means nothing if it does not answer what is asked. And if we do not know the answer, we must state so. For the best result, we should investigate, find the answer for ourselves and return the results to the individual who asked. You could get the question again.

## **“My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry” – James 1:19**

We have many dedicated individuals in this church who pick up the burden of tasks at hand and run with them. There are too many to name. But think to yourself about an event or activity that occurs in this church. I bet you instantly think of an individual that is closely associated with the event or activity.

But what if you come across an activity you would like to get involved with but you cannot name an individual involved? Than bring it to the attention of council member. Either they can answer you with a name or they can investigate to find someone who is or may be willing to take on the responsibility. The point is that we must continually improve on communicating within our church. It is the best way to maintain a positive and accurate flow of information regarding this church and its activities.

## **“Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.” – Romans 12:4**

The council meets the first Tuesday of every month. It is open to any congregational member who wishes to attend. If you have a suggestion or concern you wish to bring to the council's attention, please let me know and council will set aside time for you to discuss it at the next meeting. The minutes of each meeting are available to any congregational member. They are displayed in the coatroom for your review. Each council member acts as a liaison to various committees within the church. Usually, the liaison is someone who is already active in or has a tie to that committee.

The liaisons for council are posted in the office. If there is a group that does not have a liaison, bring it to the attention of council. There is probably a need to establish a regular form of communication between the group and council.

The importance of good communication cannot be underestimated. Good communication leads to better understanding and cooperation of the whole body of the church. It also dispels rumor and misinformation. If you have a question, ask pastor, a council member, committee lead or the office. Go to the source. Speak and listen. I think we all have had a teacher at some point that has summed it up best. “The only silly question is the one you never asked”.



# FYI. . just thought you'd want to know!

**\*\*Deadline for the May issue of the *Beacon* is Sunday, April 22, 2007!\*\***

The Worship and Music Committee is planning special services for Holy Week and we invite your family to be a part of them. Often, as parents we may feel that the Holy Week activities are “over the heads” of our children, but we have planned special events that will involve the whole family.

**Holy Week begins with a special Procession of Palms**, as we recall Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem before his crucifixion. This was a joyous event, as God’s people did not yet know Jesus’ true purpose as our King. This year, the procession at the second service will be lead by the Sunday school children. We encourage all to attend.

For **Maundy Thursday, a special Christian Seder Meal is being planned**. This will be on **Thursday April 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.**, in the Fellowship Hall. It will be a time of fellowship, learning, and contemplation. This meal includes the participation of children, and all are welcome to attend. (Invite your family and friends!) Jesus celebrated the Passover Seder with his disciples before his capture and condemnation. He used this opportunity to institute what we celebrate as Holy Communion. The opportunity to experience a Seder gives us a connectedness to the events Jesus experienced in his final week of walking among his people. Some of you may recall the special Seder’s Trinity experienced in the past, and have a desire for you and your children to share in such an event again. **Reservations**, to assist in the meal planning, are requested. This is a planned meal of Turkey, mashed potatoes, corn, salad and dessert along with the ceremonial foods. You may sign up in the narthex, or call the church office (542-9828) We are also looking for people to assist with the potato dish and cake for desert. Contact Diane McMullen for details.

**Good Friday Services** will be at St. John’s Lutheran Church, Main Street, Akron at 7:00 pm



## *“Effective Action for the Global Climate Crisis”*

Saturday, March 31, 2007 – 12:00 pm

Akron Free Methodist Church, 6 Scotland Road, Akron, NY

Speaker: Dr. Charles Pierson

The presentation will include an updated version of former Vice President Al Gore’s slide show on global warming, as seen in the Academy Award nominated documentary *An Inconvenient Truth*. The presentation is preceded by a complimentary lunch at 11:30 am. For details or to RSVP, contact the church at 716-542-2644

## *Hurricane Katrina – Help Is Still Needed*

Zion Lutheran Church in Clarence Center is spearheading a community-wide effort to raise awareness about the ongoing needs of those affected by Hurricane Katrina. We are hosting **Judy Bultman, Director of Lutheran/Episcopal Disaster Relief in Biloxi, Mississippi, May 4-11<sup>th</sup>**. Although Judy has a powerful story of survival and resilience, she emphasizes that the needs of the region continue to be great. **We invite you to hear Judy speak during worship at Zion Lutheran Church on May 5<sup>th</sup> (5pm) and May 6<sup>th</sup> (8:15am and 10:45am), and at St. John’s Lutheran Church in Williamsville on Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm** (large group presentation). Please join us to hear this powerful message of survival and resilience and consider ways in which you or your church may be able to help us restore hope in the Gulf Coast area. If you have any questions or would like Judy to speak to your church, contact Barbara Ruckdaschel at 863-5458.



**APRIL BIRTHDAYS:**

- 3<sup>rd</sup>- Wade Wolcott
- 4<sup>th</sup>- Betty Kenline
- 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
- 12<sup>th</sup>- Karen Brown  
Gretchen Bruning
- 14<sup>th</sup>- Jennifer Aylsworth
- 15<sup>th</sup>- Catherine Schoenthal  
Arianna Cinotti
- 16<sup>th</sup>- Darla Infanti
- 19<sup>th</sup>- Andrew Seguin
- 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 WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:**

- 26<sup>th</sup>- Don & June Hoffmann

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Bruce Miller, Craig Buchon, Ward Bruning, Dale Kruschke, Hank Backes, Roy Bauer, Linda Anderson

**THE FAMILIES OF:** Julia Beutel, Mary Powell, Betty Albach, Skip Fredericks

**THOSE WHO ARE SERVING OUR COUNTRY:**

Dave, Steve, Corey, Jeff, Aaron Kumpf

We would like to keep our family and friends who are serving in the military and deployed overseas in our prayers. Please add their first and last names to the prayer list notebook and they will be added to our bulletin. We also ask that you add their names to the prayer notebook upon their safe return to the United States.

For additional prayer concerns, you may refer to Trinity's website at [trinity-lutheran-church.org](http://trinity-lutheran-church.org) and click on "Prayer Wall."

# WELCOME

Welcome new members Chris Mazur and Lisa Malicki  
March 11, 2007

**Worship Assistants - April**

**April 1, 2007 – Palm Sunday**

- Worship Assistant 8:00 am – Helen Smith
- Worship Assistant 10:45 am – Diane McMullen
- Communion Assistant 8:00 am – Mel Knerr
- Communion Assistant 10:45 am – Gretchen Bruning
- Greeter 10:45 am – Betty Sugg

**April 8, 2007 – Easter**

- Worship Assistant 8:00 am – Donna Kumpf
- Worship Assistant 10:45 am – Tammy Johannes
- Scripture Reader 8:00 am – David Hofmeier
- Scripture Reader 10:45 am – Martin Szinger
- Communion Assistant 8:00 am – Helen Smith
- Communion Assistant 10:45 am – Diane Vogt
- Greeter 10:45 am – Helen Smith

**April 15, 2007**

- Worship Assistant 8:00 am – Donna Kumpf
- Worship Assistant 10:45 am – Diane McMullen
- Scripture Reader 8:00 am – Hank Backes
- Scripture Reader 10:45 am – Christian McMullen
- Communion Assistant 8:00 am – Paula Kropelin
- Communion Assistant 10:45 am – Erik Polkowski
- Greeter 10:45 am – Bonnie Cummings

**April 22, 2007**

- Worship Assistant 8:00 am – Helen Smith
- Worship Assistant 10:45 am – Flo Goeseke
- Scripture Reader 8:00 am – Ethel Kogut
- Scripture Reader 10:45 am – Meghan Greiner
- Communion Assistant 8:00 am – Lisa Kaminski
- Communion Assistant 10:45 am – Shirley Schoenwetter
- Greeters 10:45 am – Pat and Chuck Lowder

**April 29, 2007 – One Service**

- Worship Assistant 10:45 am – Donna Kumpf
- Scripture Reader 10:45 am – David McMullen
- Communion Assistant 10:45 am – Paula Kropelin
- Greeter 10:45 am – Thelma Parker

## Historical Report

by Betty Sugg

I recently found a picture of the old church with the sheds in the back and the fence along the side. We have no date for this picture, but it was before the tower and the entrance were built. Lois Kruschke had this picture enlarged, another great addition to our historical photo album in the south hallway. Be sure to check it out!

## Quilters' Meetings Resume



The Trinity Quilters will resume meeting the third Wednesday of each month beginning April 18<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome, even if you've never quilted before, or if you are a real pro. Come and share the fun!

## Sunday School News

The Sunday School students were treated to an explanation of the Seder meal, as celebrated in remembrance of the Jewish Passover. This was led by Diane McMullen, as she offered each student a plate of the foods served at the Seder Meal, with an explanation of each. Trinity will be celebrating the Seder Meal on Maundy Thursday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. This introduction to the meal allows the children an opportunity to join their parents in this celebration. The students will be leading the Procession of the Palms on Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. Diane McMullen will with them to gain a better understanding of this important day in the life, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Many thanks to Diane for her efforts to instruct our youngsters on these very special times. Diane is continuously seeking youngsters interested in joining the Chime Choir. She is anxious, as we all are, to hear these musicians enhance our worship services with their musical talents. If you have reached the third grade and would like to join the choir, it meets from 10:15-10:40 am every Sunday in the balcony. If you have any questions, contact Diane at 632-0156.

## TALENT AUCTION

Over \$3,300 was raised at this year's Talent Auction. Many thanks to everyone who donated to the auction and/or made a purchase. Thanks also to Bill Walworth and Nate Witkowski for serving as auctioneers. They are licensed auctioneers who donated their time for our auction. Heartfelt thanks to Diane Vogt and her staff of cashiers – Lisa Kaminski, Candy Kruschke and Shirley Schoenwetter.

## LADIES OF TRINITY

The Ladies of Trinity met in March and began a new Bible study. The study introduced the women to Romans and the joys of celebration, which Paul conveyed in his first couple of chapters to the Romans. They will continue with this study in April, and discuss our treatment of others and how we judge them. Following the study, the ladies discussed their upcoming spaghetti supper, to be held on Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. A portion of the funds raised at this event will help the Confirmation students finance their trip to the Holocaust Museum. A sign up sheet will be placed in the narthex for your donations to this event. You are also asked to begin saving your shoe boxes and Sunday comics for the Buck-A-Box Sale at Akron's Sidewalk Sale, held in June (date to be announced). Although it wasn't discussed at the Ladies' Meeting, they have agreed to oversee the Easter Breakfast. There will be donations of hard boiled eggs, orange juice, sweet rolls, kuchen, etc for the simple breakfast. All women of Trinity are invited to share in the meeting/planning and are open to suggestions of mission or other activities, or a Bible study you would like to learn more about. **The next meeting of Trinity's Church Women is Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am.** Please join in the discussion and Bible study.

*Spaghetti Supper*  
*Saturday, April 28, 2007*  
*4:30 – 7:00 pm*



*Sponsored by: the Ladies of Trinity*

*Benefit: Mission work and assist confirmands' trip to the Holocaust Museum*

*Menu: tossed salad, spaghetti (sauce with or without meat), French bread, beverage and cake*

## Biblical Humor

**Q: Who was the greatest comedian in the Bible?**

A: Samson. He brought the house down.

**Q: What do they call pastors in Germany?**

A: German Shepherds.

**Q: Which Bible character had no parents?**

A: Joshua, son of Nun.

# *You're Invited to attend a Christian Seder*

*Then he (Jesus) said to them, "With fervent desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer: for I say to you I will no longer eat of it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." Luke 22:15-16.*

*April 5, 2007*

*7:00 pm*

*Trinity Lutheran Church  
4809 South Newstead Road  
Akron, NY 14001*

*To assist the Worship & Music Committee with preparations, your reservation is requested. You may use the sign-up sheet in the narthex, or call the church office at 542-9828 by Sunday April 1.*



*All are welcome for this meal of fellowship, study and reflection.  
Children are encouraged to attend.*

# April 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>1- Palm Sunday</b></p> <p>8:00 am-Holy Communion 9:15 am-Sunday School 10:45 am-Holy Communion</p>	2	<p>3</p> <p>9:30-Food Pantry</p> <p>7:30 pm-Council</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7:45 pm—Choir</p>	<p>5</p> <p>7:00 pm - Maundy Thursday-Seder</p>	<p>6</p> <p>7:00 pm-Good Friday-St. John's</p>	7
<p><b>8—Easter Sunday</b></p> <p>7:00 am-Holy Communion 8:00 am-Breakfast 10:45 am-Holy Communion</p>	<p>9</p> <p>10:00 am-Ladies' Meeting</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>No Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
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