



THE WITNESS

Happy May!

“Come Celebrate With Us”

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SUNDAYS OF EASTER ASCENSION OF OUR LORD PENTECOST THE HOLY TRINITY May – 2024

“This is the victory that conquers the world, our faith.” (1 John 5:4)
(From the Second Lesson appointed for Easter VI)

Dear friends,

We continue our 50-day celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord. With the reality of the resurrection of Jesus, the victory that conquers the world and all that ails us – sin, death, the devil and our sinful and sin filled self – is secured for all eternity. We need not fear or be afraid of any evil or negative things that seem to be so prevalent all about us. God's got this! We are called to share this good news with all God's children everywhere in all that we say and all that we do. Opportunities abound for us to be signs of resurrection and new life to a hurting world.

The love, grace and mercy we are privileged to share comes to us in the power of Christ's resurrected life among us. This is what makes possible the good we are able to do individually and collectively together. What a blessing it is to share the great gifts God has first shared with us, especially the gift of faith that comes to us by our baptism into the life, death and resurrection of our Lord. **The Lord Is risen! He Is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!**

May will be a busy month! Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find various notices of opportunities for outreach, service, fellowship and worship. Some of these include the National Day of Prayer event and the Spirit night at Taco Mama's. Please participate as you are able and invite your family, friends and neighbors to join in!

On the Day of Pentecost, we will welcome New Members into the fellow-



ship we share here at Holy Trinity. If you have not had the opportunity to formally join the family of faith in this place, this will be your chance. Please speak with Pastor Rich to make your intentions known. What a great day of celebration this will be for us as we grow in the faith that we share.

Our Southeastern Synod of the ELCA will meet in Assembly May 31st – June 2nd in Columbus, GA. David Kummer and Lorraine Studt will attend as our Lay Voting Members. Pastor Rich will attend as a member of the Rostered Clergy. Please keep our Synod, Bishop Strickland and all the ministries we share in your prayers as we gather in Columbus.

It continues to be a great privilege, a great honor and a great blessing to be in ministry with all of you in this time! May God's blessings and peace continue to be with us all! See you in Church and the community!

Peace, Pastor Rich



News From Your Council

Nurture Board Notes

The Nurture Committee was busy during April. Planning all the Easter activities required coordination with other committees and the generous support of all the members. The Easter breakfast was a great success. Thank you to everyone who made it possible.

If you expressed an interest in the games small group, we will be scheduling an organizing meeting soon.

Holy Trinity will be welcoming new members on the Day of Pentecost – May 19th. We will be celebrating after the service with a potluck luncheon. Dust off your church cookbooks, look through your Mama's old recipes and share that special dish with the congregation. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

The church is always looking for volunteers in all areas of ministry. If there are areas of service that interest you, let me know and I will help you get involved.

Pam Burkey

“Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.”

Galatians 6:10

Worship & Music Board

Worship & Music Board met on April 4th.

The group discussed attendance at Wednesday evening Lenten services, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday. We plan to survey the congregation about service times, looking for opportunities to boost attendance.

We are exploring different musical additions for worship targeting our next 5th Sunday, which is June 30th.

Soon we will begin work on creating a banner for All Saints Sunday. We currently do not have one for this feast day. Tommie Morgan and Judi Luken will work on determining sizes for design elements, so Audrey Smolik can begin making a pattern for the banner.

In an effort to make the Healing Service more inclusive and to increase attendance at the service we are asking congregation members to participate by presenting healing petitions. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex and space to add other petition topics.

Dave Kummer and Judi are working on updating the procedure for Care of the Altar.

Judi Luken



Meet Your Council Members

This month we will get to know Cyndi Howell. Cyndi is our Council President.

Tell us about yourself and your family.

I am a native Mobilian. I love Mobile. It is a beautiful city, with a rich history and inhabited by wonderful people. I grew up in a neighborhood that is now considered Midtown Mobile. Our neighborhood was our little community. There were few things we did not know about our neighbors. My family and I were members of Sage Avenue Baptist Church. I had a wonderful growing up in my church. We knew everyone - adults and children. We all went to church and school together. For many years, I was there every time the doors were open. The house next door to me was the St. Paul's Lutheran Church's Parsonage. I went to St. Paul's "Vacation Church School" in the summer. Dave and I did not meet until 1985 as neighbors at our apartment community, but it turns out that his Grandmother, Mary Howell, was a cousin of Pastor Paul Haffley, whose family was from Bellville, PA. Pastor Haffley's family lived next door. His wife Mary, was an

assistance. I remember thinking that we needed to become involved with a church community since we were having a child. My views and beliefs were different from when I was younger, and I knew Dave would not attend a Baptist church. When Dave's Grandmother Howell passed away, I remembered what a beautiful service she had. I told Dave that I "thought I could be a Lutheran." Little did I know that would come to pass.

Describe what you were looking for when you first came to Holy Trinity.

One day, shortly after we had moved into our house, a man with a beard and a smiling face rang our doorbell. When I answered the door, he told me that he was a Lutheran minister and he was in our neighborhood to invite people to visit a new church in Daphne. I remember asking him, "Are you ELCA or Missouri Synod?" He told me I was the first person to ever ask that. I had a lovely conversation with Pastor Funk. I told Dave about meeting him and what a nice person he was. Dave and I visited Holy Trinity soon after. Since I had not attended church regularly in many years, I was looking for a church where Grace and Love was the basis of the faith. I did not want legalistic doctrine to invade the pure message of the Bible. I wanted to be involved in a Faith Community that saw all members as equally qualified to serve in any capacity.

Describe how you found what you were looking for. What did the people of the church do to help meet that need for you?

Right from the start, Pastor Funk's sermons reflected a message of Grace, Love and Forgiveness. The people at Holy Trinity were genuinely happy that we were there and wanted to know us. Within a few weeks, we were asked to various "Getting to Know You" gatherings. At six weeks old, Sarah was Baptized and became a member of Holy Trinity before we did! Sarah would not stay in the Nursery, so I held her in Church. As she grew, everyone gladly tolerated a toddler running down the aisle to Pastor Funk. He never missed a beat in his sermon delivery!

What do you appreciate most about the ministry of Holy Trinity?

I have had the honor to serve on many committees and in leadership positions during the 22 years we have been members of Holy Trinity. Our daughter has grown up in a loving and supportive environment. Since we have few living relatives, Sarah has chosen people to fill the rolls of grandparents, big sisters and brothers, aunts and uncles and cousins. The genuine love and concern for each other is evident every day. All of our lives are richer and more gratifying because of our special relationships with our friends at Holy Trinity.





Thank You!

We are so very blessed by generous ones who share their gifts of time, talent and treasure! Several need mention at this time. First, many thanks to **Daryl Bogle** who continues to keep our grounds looking so good. Using his own equipment, he mows and trims the property with great love and care. Thanks **Daryl!** Second, the lattice work surrounding the trash receptacles was in desperate need of repair and replacement. Thanks to **Judi Luken**, who provided the materials, and **Mike Cormier**, who provided the labor, our trash receptacles now have a much better place to hang out! Thank you **Judi and Mike!** May God's abundant blessings be with y'all!



Thanks to **Daryl Bogle** for his never ending dedication to keeping God's grounds in such good order!!



Thanks **Mike and Judi!**



Men's Group Outreach Recap

The April 2024 Holy Trinity men's breakfast was held on the 6th. Attendees were Pr. Rich, Kevin Burkey, Jerry Driskell, Jeff Ramsland, and Andy Veren.

Kevin led devotions with thoughts and questions on the meaning of prayer - how does prayer work? This stimulated a good bit of sharing thoughts and stories amongst the group.

As always, a wide array of topics 'du jour' were discussed. Pr. Rich will contact the Alabama Sheriff's Boys Ranch again to see if a representative will come talk to us about their organization and opportunities to provide assistance.

Today's offering was \$80, bringing the current balance to \$655.

The next breakfast is scheduled for May 4. Pr. Rich will lead devotions.

Peace,

Andy Veren



Announcements

If you would like to see all of the events on our church calendar click [here](#). Please contact our church office if you experience difficulties. Note that our calendar is visible to the public too.

Dear friends,

We are now sending out the upcoming Sunday's Bulletin early so that you have the opportunity to prepare for our Sunday morning in person gathering. Please use it as you are able to review the appointed readings, prayers and Hymns. You can listen to a musical version of the Hymns and Liturgy by tapping on the blue title of each selection. If you are not able to be present in person, you can use the bulletin as you participate in the live-streaming of the service on the Holy Trinity Facebook page. The weekly bulletin also contains useful information about upcoming plans for fellowship and service opportunities, as well as a variety of prayer needs.

May God's blessings be with us as we prepare for the worship of our awesome and almighty God!

Enjoy! Peace, Pastor Rich

Women of the ELCA

Sojourners Circle

Sojourners Circle will meet on **Tuesday, May 14th at 9:30 am**. Please join us for quilting. No sewing experience is needed.

Tommie Morgan

Phoebe Circle

Phoebe Circle will meet **Tuesday May 7th at 6:00 pm** at the home of **Linda Gregg**. Her address is

23123 Shadowridge Drive

Daphne, Al

(This is in the Old Field subdivision)

Please let **Linda Gregg** know you are coming: 251-223-3826 or lwg@att.net

You can also RSVP to Linda Veren: 256-468-3885 or tigerjagmom@gmail.com

Linda Veren

New Member Reception

On **May 19th** (Pentecost) we will be receiving new members. After the church service we will host a new member reception. This will be a **pot-luck meal**. If you would like to attend or contribute towards this celebration, a **sign-up sheet** is in the narthex.

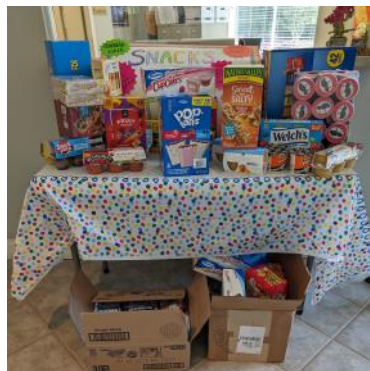
Pam Burkey



Snacks 4 Students

Our outreach project for April was replenishing snacks for students among Baldwin County Schools. Numerous school's pantries are totally depleted. The table was filled yet again! These Snacks 4 Students were delivered to a Daphne school so that students who forgot or can't afford a snack will have access to one. This ministry continues as the need is great. If you would like to donate individually wrapped, single serving, healthy snacks, please place them on the table just outside our church office. Thank you.

Tiffany Bogle



Spirit Night at Taco Mama's

We will have another **Spirit Night** at **Taco Mama's** in **Daphne** on **Monday, May 20th**. We will receive **10% of the receipts between the hours of 3:00p and when they close**. We have done this in the past and have had fun with it as well as raised some funds! A sign-up sheet is available in the narthex.



Fundraiser for VBS

VBS will be held again at church in late July (7/22—7/25.) This year's theme is *The Great Jungle Journey: An Epic Cruise From Genesis to Revelation*. Our kids will explore the biblical answers to many of life's huge questions as they set off on an epic adventure from Genesis to Revelation. Amid sloths, butterflies, river dolphins, and dart frogs, children will sail along on a fun jungle cruise, stopping at seven ports of call. These ports are the 7 C's of History: Creation, Corruption, Catastrophe, Confusion, Christ, Cross, and Consummation. Kids will discover how these events shape our world, and they will learn to reconnect the Bible to their everyday life. To pay for the materials, we will hold a fundraiser this month.



Pancake Breakfast

On **Sunday, May 26th**, our our Discipleship Board will hold a breakfast fundraiser for VBS will be held in the **Fellowship Hall starting at 8:30 am**. An attendance sign-up sheet is in the



narthex. We also need volunteers to help cook, clean up, bring griddles and donate cooking supplies (i.e., bacon, sausage, syrup, butter, eggs, etc.) A second sign-up sheet is available for volunteers and breakfast supplies we will need that morning. For additional information please see Cathy Jones (850-368-5974 or flojonesy@gmail.com)



Jeff Ramsland got his birthday sign



Nic Bogle got his birthday sign in April

Pics of the Month



Farewell & Godspeed to **Bruce and Ginny Peterson**



Easter Send-off Celebration **Bruce & Ginny Peterson**



Jan Pierce celebrated a birthday just after Easter



Easter's Children's sermon



Tommie Ethington's birthday sign 04/09/24



I love any icing that matches my dress



Thanks to **Cathy Jones** for leading our Spring Children's Sunday School



Nic Bogle with his agent at his premier performance

Easter Morning



Easter Morning (cont'd)



Easter Morning (cont'd)



Donations for **Birthday in a Bag Club.**

Throughout April we collected items for a local Farmstead called You, Me and The Boys. The items needed are things to make birthday cakes for anyone in need regardless of their situation.



Reminders

HOLY TRINITY GOES LIVE! Our Sunday morning Service of Holy Communion is now being live-streamed and recorded each week at 10:00a on our [Holy Trinity Facebook Page](#). If you are not able to be present in person, you are invited to join us on the internet. We also continue to provide a copy of the sermon text and the bulletin with music links via email. Many thanks to those who have volunteered to operate the camera on Sunday mornings. **Volunteers are always needed.** If interested in helping out in this way, please contact **Linda Veren**.

Donating Altar Flowers: Please keep in mind that your normal offering contributions do not pay for altar flowers. If you would like to donate a particular Sunday's flowers, the cost is \$35.00. Simply use the sign-up sheet on the corkboard located in the narthex, and as the Sunday approaches place your donation in the offering plate. Make checks payable to Holy Trinity, noting "*Altar Flowers*" on the check. Please note there are no flowers at the altar during Lent.

Current vs. Building Fund Reminder: Specify how you want your offering split between the Current Fund and the Building Fund. If you do not specify on your envelope, it will by default go to the Current Fund. Anonymous cash (without an envelope specification) will all go towards the Current Fund. Checks without an envelope or notation on the check will by default go 100% towards the Current Fund. If you wonder about the percentage split that best services both funds, try directing 65% towards the Current Fund and 35% towards the Building Fund. Ongoing mission activities and Synod/ELCA funding is sourced from the Current Fund.



April's Prodissee Pantry Crew

Worship Leadership Assignments for May

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church - Worship Leader Assignments				
	May 5, 2024	May 12, 2024	May 19, 2024	May 26, 2024
Assisting	Cyndi Howell	Tommie Morgan	Jeff Ramsland	Toni Fassbender
Acolyte	Emily Cormier	Dave Kummer	Nic Bogle	Emily Cormier
Lector	Andy Veren	Kevin Burkey	Dave Kummer	Pam Burkey
Cantor	Randi Patterson	Phyllis Buccholz	Randi Patterson	Debi Horlebein
Children's Sermon	Pam Burkey	Pam Burkey	Cyndi Howell	Linda Veren
Altar	Diane MacShane	Linda Gregg	Judi Luken	Joan Micelli
Greeter/s	Phyllis Buccholz	Lorraine Mueller	Jerry Driskell	Lorraine Mueller
Usher	Dave Howell	Sam Thorsrud	Dave Howell	Fred Fassbender
Teller	Dave Howell	Jerry Driskell	Dave Howell	Jeff Ramsland
Teller	Fred Fassbender	Jeff Ramsland	Fred Fassbender	Diane MacShane
Camera Operator	Linda Veren	Diane MacShane	Eric Veren	Andy Veren
Hospitality	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Altar Flowers	Fassbenders Family B-day Month	Ramslands & Spizzrris Barbie's Bday & Barbara Stawski's Bday	TBD	Jerry Driskell in memory of Cprl Billy Joe McCarty

If you are unable to do this assigned worship leadership responsibility, please trade with a person with your same responsibility assigned to another date

A heart-felt ***Thank You*** to all who are helping to lead our worship services each week. The list above reflects just how many are involved with our worship services this month. Their dedication and many contributions make our worship meaningful to everyone each and every week. When you get a chance, express your thanks to them.

If you have a prayer request for the e-prayer group, you have a few options on relaying this information to the congregation.

Option 1: Write it on the yellow attendance sheet in your bulletin and place it in the offering plate.

Option 2: Send an email with your request to

holytrinityprayers@googlegroups.com.

Option 3: Email, text, or call Erika Oldham: erikaramsland@gmail.com or (256) 404-2975.

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MAY AT HOLY TRINITY

Lunch Bunch

We will meet on Tuesday,
May 21st @ 11:30am



(Jubilee Square)

6870 US-90, Daphne, AL



<u>Name</u>	<u>Birth Date</u>
Elliott Veren	05/04
Maxwell Veren	05/04
Derek Thorsrud	05/05
Jieying Guan	05/06
Anna Thorsrud	05/08
Harvey Cunningham	05/11
Barbie Ramsland	05/12
Shonna Martin	05/19
Betty Madison	05/24
Connor Lavin	05/25
Chris Lavin	05/30
Cathy Jones	05/31

Men's Breakfast

8 AM Saturday, May 6th

Gathering Place

Fellowship Hall



We will volunteer at **Prodisee Pantry** on
Wednesday, May 15th @ 5:30pm followed
by dinner and fellowship.



Rick & Lynn Russell
05/07/1983 41 yrs
Hank & Lish Spizzirri
05/27/1995 29 yrs



Prayers for our People

We continue to pray for the following:

Ministries in the Church

Those who are serving in leadership roles at Holy Trinity, including Congregation Council

Triumphant Cross Lutheran Church – Dothan, AL and Rev. Stephen Alsleben

Those who are seeking Christian Community may find Holy Trinity to be a welcoming place

Those who are new to Holy Trinity that they may find opportunities to grow in faith.

Those worshipping for the first time at Holy Trinity

Those Who Serve & their Families

Those serving in military, firefighters & law enforcement, including Marc Alverson, Daryl Bogle, Colter Burkey, Steve Duke, Shawn Ethington, Brent Massey, Jordan Miller, Christopher Mueller, Titus Nissen, Rich Peacock and Dylan Winslow.

Those Who Are Ill/Injured/Hurting/Hospitalized, Recuperating: Tammy Cain, Milissa Collins, David Durant, Jay Fassbender, Brittany Dyché Harvey, Elsie Lamb, Susan Mueller, Dot Peterson, Sheila Ross, David Scott, Charles Sharp and Joey Simon.

ELCA LEADERS: SE Synod Bishop Kevin Strickland, ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Pastor Rich Mueller

PURPOSE STATEMENT

God's purpose for Holy Trinity is to grow faith that moves us beyond ourselves.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

1. Faithfully living with Christ at the center.
2. Prayerfully listening with open hearts and minds.
3. Selflessly welcoming all without preconceptions.
4. Courageously bearing our neighbor's burdens
5. Relating to one another with respect and honesty
6. Boldly sharing our blessings with others.

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The deadline for articles and information for the May issue of
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is **Monday, May 22nd**
If you wish to discontinue receiving this newsletter, please contact us at
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SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

10:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

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