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## Pastor's Message

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disciplines are the keys to each of these!

I also want to offer my heartfelt thanks to all those who participated in one of this year's Lenten Spirituality Small Groups based upon "Exploring the Way." If you were one of the 50-plus to participate, I pray you found great value in what you tasted through this introduction to the Christian spiritual life. I also hope you continue cultivating these life-giving practices!

Lastly, I want to thank the tremendous leaders who made the Lenten program possible: Bill and Cindy Cook, Barbara DeCarlo, Dick Greenlaw, and Paula Riepl. Their worshipful sacrifices of time and energy enabled us to taste the power of spiritual formation, and the opportunity to focus more and more each day upon our relationships with the Lord!

In Peace,  
*Rob*

## Kathy's Corner

The trees are blooming, and the birds are singing. It's that time of year again. It's time for Youth Sunday!

On May 3, our youth will be focused on "People Who Make A Difference."

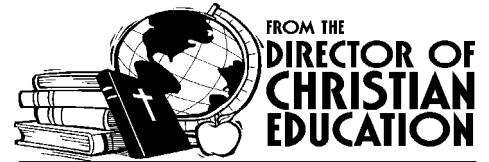
We will be looking specifically at the stories of Deborah, Jeremiah and the Samaritan Woman as together we strive to find the ways that God is calling each of us to be a faithful mark on this world.

This particular service will be written by the members of the youth group, and we are thrilled to have Anna Sandberg preaching for us!

The meaning behind a youth Sunday service is certainly praise and proclamation of the word of God, but there is also a secondary meaning. While giving our young people an opportunity to be worship leaders, the service also gives them an opportunity to offer their testimony about who God is in their lives.

We have been very blessed at Trinity to have several of our members who have stood before us and shared their faith journey. Each one has been extremely moving and powerful.

I also believe each of them would tell you it was a difficult task. Sharing one's faith story is not necessarily something we do with ease.



Kathy Genus

This Youth Sunday will be a form of testimony for each of these young people.

They will stand before the body of the church and share very intimately through spoken word, skits and song, how they understand God to be at work in their lives.

This day has an opportunity to be a faith-forming day for each of them.

I pray that each of us as adult members of this church will support them by being in attendance, giving them our complete attention and being open to the ways that the Holy Spirit is at work in each of them.

It has been my deepest joy to work with this very special group of young people on this project and to have been a guest along their journey this past year.

Trinity is truly blessed with magnificent young people, and I believe that each of them is going to make a very large difference in this community and in their world as they continue to live out who it is that God has called them to be.

## Happy birthday

*The Trinity Times lists the birthdays of active members each month so you can wish your church family members a happy day.*

*Celebrating May birthdays are:*

4 – Lila Gawel, Marge Wavrica

5 – Lisa Cusumano, Sonja Eilenberger

7 – Carlos DaLamba, Roy DeBoer Sr., Christopher Koutis, Ruth Timmes

9 – Lisa Carney, Jennifer Kaczmarek, Sharon Richardson, Lindsay Schwalje

10 – Rachel Lipkin

11 – Richard Carter, Andrew Mango

12 – Todd Bates, Norma Morrison

13 – Stephanie Carrato

14 – Adam Augliera, George Collard, John Geesey Jr., Daniel O'Halloran

16 – Lynn Bush, Evan Cimmino, Skyi Lewis, Olivia Mango

23 – Starr Lewis, Storm Lewis

24 – Sally Conway, Diana Oppong-Dwamena

## May concludes with Pentecost Sunday

**May 3** — On the first Sunday of the month we celebrate a special service created and led by Trinity's youth! Worshippers will be invited into meaningful worship service that praises the Lord and opens us up to a depth of faith. Scripture will be read and proclaimed through song, skit, and a sermon offered by Anna Sandberg.

Following the Word, all will gather to share in sacrament together through the Lord's Supper.

**May 10** — On this day in which the whole nation celebrates the gifts of motherhood, Trinity will celebrate mothers and all women by celebrating a Gifts of Women Service. As such, women of Trinity will share their gifts through the leadership of this morning's worship service.

**May 17** — In John 15, we hear Jesus interpret the greatest commandment: "Love one another as I have loved you."

It sounds simple and seems as if it should be easy enough — until we comprehend exactly *how* Jesus has loved us! How do we love others — not just family or those to whom we're closest — with a love deep and strong enough that sacrifices one's own self and well-being?

Yet this is the call of the Christian disciple.



**May 24** — In the 17th chapter of John, gospel readers are invited in to Jesus' final prayer to God before his crucifixion.

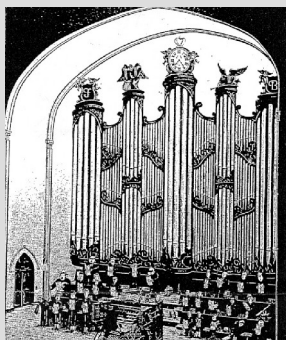
Of all that Jesus could be praying for, it is this — the *unity* of his followers.

Unity is a difficult thing to come by in our world today. We have so many ways of judging our differences — right vs. left; blue vs. red; choice vs. life. Even the church is guilty of waging doctrinal wars to interpret "pure" faith — as if any human's faith can be pure. Jesus' prayer seems to offer all disciples a question — do these differences really matter?

In the face of our common call to ministry and life, where do we draw the line among what unites us vs. what separates us?

**May 31** — On the final Sunday of the month — the Sunday of Pentecost — we gather in celebration of God's eternal presence with us through the

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A special heart-felt thanks to all musicians of Trinity Church for their dedicated ministry during the Lent/Holy Week/Easter Services.

Easter may be over but the Season of Easter continues though Pentecost Sunday.

**May 3** — "Feed My Lambs," W. Boyce, Chancel Choir.

**May 10** — "We Have Been Told," D. Haas, Chancel Choir.

**May 17** — "With A Voice of Singing," M. Shaw, Chancel Choir.

**May 24** — "God Be In My Head," K. Scott, Chancel Choir.

**May 31, Pentecost Sunday** — "All Earth Rejoice," A. Vivaldi, Calvin Ringers, Trinity Bells.

**June 7, Trinity Sunday** — "In Remembrance of Me," B. Red, Chancel

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## Longtime member continues to serve

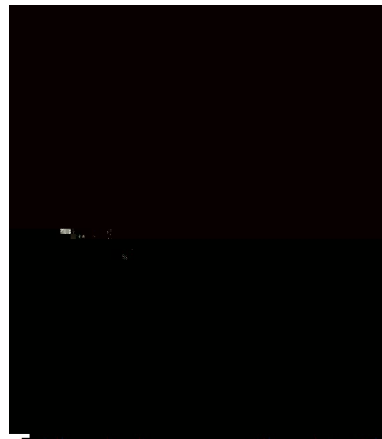
This month, **Rosemarie Cavanaugh** is the focus of our "Disciples on the Path" column.

Rosemarie has been our Communion Marshall for more than 25 years, quietly going about preparing the elements for the Lord's Supper and enlisting elders and deacons to serve.

She has been a member of Trinity for more than 40 years and has served as a deacon. She is currently the Assistant Sunday school superintendent.

Rosemarie lovingly cares for the communion cloth, ironing it carefully before placing it on the table. Helen Hanson, a longtime member of Trinity, made the cloth some time ago.

Rosemarie then prepares the bread and the glasses of grape juice on the Saturday prior to

**Disciples on the Path**

each Communion service. She said she has always felt that "we are supposed to go to the Lord's table" and was delighted to learn we would be serving by intinction. "We are going to come to his table to share the Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation and

that seems to be perfect."

Rosemarie wanted to thank all those disciples who have shared their precious time and talents to serve our Lord by assisting in serving Communion.

Trinity also wants to thank you, Rosemarie, for your loving and dedicated service and for enhancing the worship experience for each member of the congregation.

Rosemarie lives in East Brunswick with her husband, Michael. They have 3 children and 2 grandchildren.

— Barbara DeCarlo

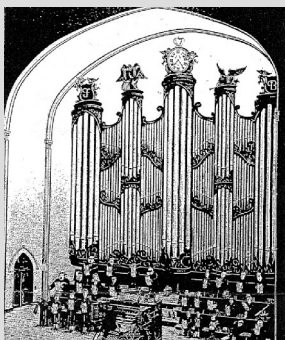
## Pentecost Sunday to be celebrated May 31

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power and presence of the Advocate — the Holy Spirit.

We will hear the Pentecost story reflected in Acts 2, and see the gifts of the Spirit revealed before our eyes through the profession of faith of the

dedicated and faithful members of this year's Confirmation class! Following a year of study and reflection, these new members will fulfill the baptismal promises their parents made on their behalf, becoming adult members of our community.



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Choir; "Keeping My Eyes On You Lord," S. Pethel, Children's Choir, Sunday School Singers.

**June 14, Choir**  
*Appreciation Sunday* — "Cantate Domino," J. Chepponis, Chancel Choir; "God Made Me and You," K. Gullickson, Children's Choir, Trinity Bells, Calvin Ringers.

**Descending dove**

The descending dove is a symbol of the Holy Spirit. "As soon as Jesus was baptized, he ... saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove" (Matthew 3:16, NIV).



The three-rayed nimbus around the dove's head identifies the Spirit as a member of the Trinity. A dove shown without the nimbus is a symbol of peace.

For the past two years, Joan and I have attended the Metropolitan Opera's live telecasts at the Regal Theatre, North Brunswick, so I thought it would be fun to start a small group at Trinity to join us.

Originally, three members signed up, and we all met for breakfast and then went to the theatre to see Berlioz's production of *Damnation of Faust* in November. However, this was the only time we all went together.

Millie Wilkens joined us for most of the performances, and

*Opera small group planned for the fall*

Joan Bowman went to see *Madame Butterfly*. Everyone enjoyed the performances. We brought along some other friends to a couple of the operas, including two who had never seen an opera before. They were very impressed.

Next year, the Met plans to offer nine telecasts, mostly of very popular operas and all with excellent casts. We will probably start up a new group in the fall to see what interest we get.

In any case, all of you are invited to join Joan and me whenever you can.

—Doug Haff

**Economic woes subject of two-hour session**

Amid the current economic downturn, many people have either lost jobs or are potentially facing a loss of income.

What does one do amid such a situation? How does one cope with such stress? What does our

faith have to do with all of this?

Elder Dick Greenlaw will be leading a two-hour session exploring these questions and much, much more.

The session will be held twice: first on Friday, June 12, from 7-9 p.m., and again on Sunday, June

***It's no fluke: Trinity plans fishing trip***

All Trinity members and their friends are invited to participate in a half-day fluke fishing outing on the Raritan Bay out of Atlantic Highlands.

The outing is scheduled for Saturday morning, June 13, but the date is subject to change depending on the response.

The boat will leave the dock at 7 a.m. and return at approximately noon.

Come one and all and join in on a fun-filled morning of Trinity fellowship. For more information, call Scott Biri at 732-821-0360.

*“Growing disciples of Christ who know  
God, love God, and serve God.”*

Church School 9 a.m. - 10 a.m.  
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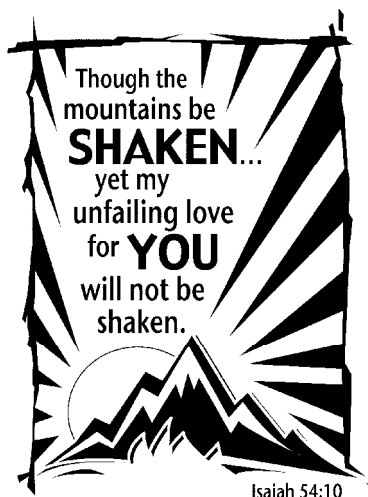
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