Passion Sunday, April 1 - This service begins in Noecker Hall with the procession of the Palms. If you wish, you may be seated in the sanctuary as you will be able to follow the service from there. The cross and the choir will lead us into the sanctuary holding our palms high to remember Jesus’ triumphant entry into Jerusalem.

Maundy Thursday, April 5 - This special evening service, based on the Last Supper will also include first communion for students of the First Communion Class. The 11:00am service will be in the parlor and the 7:15pm service will be held in the sanctuary.

Good Friday, April 6 - This poignant traditional Tenebrae Service, held at 7:15pm, allows us to more fully experience and appreciate Christ’s sacrifice for us. A regular 11:00am service will be held in the parlor.

12 Hour Prayer Vigil - 9:00pm to 9:00am - April 6-7 - A prayer vigil is a quiet time for silent prayer, meditation, scripture readings and devotions. It will begin at 9:00pm on April 6, 2012 and go to 9:00am April 7, 2012. You will be invited to pray for your family and friends, your church family, the people of Pickaway County, and the world; asking God that the power and meaning of Christ’s death on the cross and the soon-to-be celebrated Easter resurrection grow in our hearts and lives. Throughout the prayer vigil you are free to come and go as you please and welcome to bring your friends and family too. Our hope is that there will be constant, uninterrupted prayer for 12 hours. Bibles, devotions, and selected readings will be available to use during the prayer vigil. Feel free to bring any of your own devotions, prayers or readings that you would like to use during your time. If you have any questions contact Matthew Fuhrhop at 567-249-5149 or osubucks85@gmail.com.

Easter Sunday, April 8
- The Sunrise Communion Service will be held at Hargus Lake, near the flagpole, at 6:30am. The Korns family will provide the music. Remember to bring lawn chairs and flashlights. Coffee and doughnuts will be served following the service.
- A full Easter breakfast will be served in Noecker Hall from 8:30-10:30am. Special thanks to the Wippel family, their crew, and the catechism students for making this possible. Sunday school classes are cancelled so that families may enjoy the breakfast together.
- Our Easter Festival Services will be held at 8:15am(traditional) and 10:30 am (contemporary).
MEMORIALS

BARBARA BEVAN
DR ROBERT & SUSANE PHILLIPS

GERRY PRINCE

FOCUS MEETINGS: The joint Vision Team/Council meeting with our Cargill representative was held on March 15. Our next step is a Congregational Focus Meeting. You may choose one of the following options: Saturday Brunch on April 28 or Sunday Lunch at 11:45am. A PowerPoint presentation including the conceptual (not final) drawing, team members who will be addressing the idea of expanding our facilities for expansion of ministry to the community, and financial issues will be a part of the program.

WORLD HUNGER SUNDAY is April 15th. We will be passing out Barnyard coin boxes to each family. Money collected in these coin boxes will be sent to ELCA to fight world hunger. These funds are used here in the United States and around the world. We will be collecting these boxes on Sunday, May 6th. Thank you, Trinity, for helping to fight world hunger.

—Trinity Outreach Team

Council Meeting Highlights for March

Roll Call: 3 excused; Also present, Tim Stevenson

Ministry Team Reports:
Stewardship: Plans for Earth Day and a Thrivent presentation are being made.

Education: The Feed the Flock tutoring program began Wednesday, March 7. Twelve students are participating.

Property: A contract for landscape/yard services from Rhoads Landscaping was approved. It was approved to act on an incentive program offered by AEP for the replacement of fluorescent lighting fixtures due to the discontinuation of current lighting systems. A Capital Improvements list is being compiled.

Worship: Plans for Easter are being made. The team is looking for a new chairperson.

New Business: Tim Stevenson shared information regarding the Thrivent matching funds program. Tim explained support for five outreach projects are being planned for the current year. Those to be held at Trinity include the annual Turkey Dash, an education day for money management (planning for the college and retirement), Preventing Identity Theft workshop, and a hog roast/block party. Liz Young moved to transfer $1,500 from the Capital Securities Money Market account to the Good Samaritan Fund. Motion carried. The Property Team will look into possible security systems for the church. Gary Montgomery reported that the Nominating Committee has one candidate for each position to be filled on the Council and various committees (Disbursement, Nominating Committee) except for the position of Vice President. Trinity's constitution (Chapter 11, B11.01.03a) states that there should be at least two candidates for each position.

Complete minutes may be found on the Involvement Center Bulletin Board.

Questions or Comments for Trinity's Leadership?

June 1, 2011—May 31, 2012 Administrative Team:
Gary Montgomery—President; Larry Stout—Vice President, Brenda Palm—Secretary; Rojanne Woodward—Member-at-Large

Full Council (June, '11—May, '12):
Karen Ashby, George Back, Keith Connell, Valerie Crist, Mike Faler, Cindy Ferguson, Matthew Fuhrhop, Larry Jeffers, Jr., Judy Manes, Gary Montgomery, Brenda Palm, Raylene Shapiro, Larry Stout, Rojanne Woodward, Becky Valentine, Liz Young
In everything give thanks...

Dear Pastor Kraus,

I would like to thank you and the church body for all of your support I have received through my four years at Capital University. Being a recipient of the Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church endowed scholarship is truly a blessing, and I am very thankful to have such a great support system.

I chose to attend Capital University my senior year of high school. This was a life changing decision that I will not regret and am very pleased with. Being at a small Lutheran college has allowed me to express and grow in my faith. I have chosen nursing as my career which allows me to be a big part of my career. Praying with patients and families is so touching and my field of study makes me really look at myself and my world from a different standpoint.

Receiving aid in my education is important to me because everyone knows college is not cheap and when it is all said and done I do not have many funds to support system. I have been able to support and be there in a way others cannot, and I am proud of what I have to offer.

Sincerely, Becky Roush
Southern Ohio
SynodFest 2012

The Southern Ohio Synod is hosting SynodFest 2012 in the Cincinnati area June 6-10, 2012.

ELCA Global Mission Event at GoodShepherd, Cincinnati June 6-7.

Retreat, Service and Learning Activities for Rostered Leaders offered June 7-8 at the CrownePlaza Hotel in Blue Ash, Ohio.

Worship, Fellowship, Education, Music and Family activities for everyone will be offered June 8-10 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Blue Ash, Ohio as well as area Lutheran congregations, Kings Island and other local gathering places.

Service activities for all age groups offered June 8 & 9.

Synod-wide Commissioning and Sending Worship Service for ELCA National Youth Gathering participants to be held Friday evening, June 8 at Nisbet Park in Loveland, Ohio. After worship stay for a picnic dinner, and family-oriented concert featuring musical artist Peter Eide. These are free events.

Synod Assembly will be held the morning of June 9 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Blue Ash.

SynodFest 2012 is open to all members of Southern Ohio Synod, ELCA congregations.

Families are encouraged to attend. Stay for all or just part of the activities! What you participate in is up to you!

Volunteers are needed to carry out the many activities being offered at SynodFest 2012. If you would like to volunteer your time during SynodFest 2012, please contact Susan Barton-Nonno @ 614.464.3532 or sbarton-nonno@southernohiosynod.org.

Dwelling in the Word

June 8, 2012    10 am – 4:00 pm    Crowne Plaza Hotel, 5901 Pfeiffer Rd., Cincinnati

Join Pat Ellison, PhD, accomplished and dynamic consultant and trainer, for a one-day interactive training on Dwelling in the Word. Dwelling in the Word is intentional Bible study designed specifically for use by lay people. It works best in small and large groups that meet together regularly. During the training on June 8, participants will practice, understand, and adopt in preparation for sharing with their congregations a tested process for deep listening to God, one another, and your neighbor. Dwelling in the Word is just that, dwelling, not giving His Word a cursory reading and moving on to the business of the day. Instead, groups will dwell on chosen Bible verses over a period of time using the process outlined in this training session. By living into the Bible passage over time, your group will begin to better understand God’s intended mission through your congregation.

Who should sign up for this event?

- Bible study groups
- Congregational Councils
- Visioning Teams
- Youth and Family Ministry Teams
- Christian Education Teams

The June 8 training is Phase I. Participants will meet together again in the fall (Phase II), either in person on via web/conference call to share how God is using the Dwelling in the Word process to positively change the mission focus of participating congregations. Pat Ellison will also provide additional tools, if needed, for taking the Dwelling in the Word process to the next level.

There is a one time fee of $35 per person. The fee is reduced to $25 per person if five or more people from one congregation register for the session. This fee includes Phase I and II of the training, the Dwelling in the Word book, and lunch.

Pre-registration for this event is required as books need to be ordered for each attendee. Deadline for registration is May 18, 2012.
Attendance Statistics

LENTEN SERVICE, March 14, 2012:
Worship: (11:00am) 24 (7:15pm) 64 = 88 Total

SUNDAY, March 18, 2012:
Sunday School:  children -16; youth - 8; adults -32 = 56 Total
Worship:  (8:15) 96  (10:30) 163  =  259 Total

LENTEN SERVICE, March 21, 2012:
Worship:  (11:00am) 26 (7:15pm) 60  =  86 Total

SUNDAY, March 25, 2012:
Sunday School:  children -8; youth - 3; adults -32 = 43 Total
Worship:  (8:15) 115 (10:30) 136  =  251 Total

The Remainder of March:

Wed.  28th  11:00am  Lenten Service
      Noon  Lenten Luncheon - N.H.
      3:00pm  Feed the Flock Tutoring
      6:00pm  Soup & Sandwich - N.H.
      7:15pm  Lenten Service

Thurs.  29th  9:00am  Staff Meeting
       6:30pm  Daisy Scouts - N.H.
       6:30/7:30pm  Bells/Choir Rehearsals

Fri.  30th  6:30am  MBA/parlor
       7:00pm  Praise Team Rehearsal
       8:30pm  AA Meeting - N.H.

Relay for Life Events

Bob Evans’ Fundraiser
Thursday, April 5 10:00am-10:00pm
15% of sales will be donated, flyers available at the Involvement Center.

Community Tupperware Party
Sunday, April 15 - 1:00pm - 3:00pm
Neecker Hall
Sponsored by:  Accent Angels Relay for Life Team

Christian Counseling Available at Trinity
Dr. Nina Helene has been counseling individuals, couples, and families for 20 years and has provided counseling to Trinity and Circleville area families for nearly 8 years. Dr. Helene counsels at Trinity in a convenient, private location that protects client confidentiality. You may find out more about her and WellSpring Counseling on the WellSpringColumbus.org website. Click Staff and Services, then Staff Directory. Call toll free 1-888-236-4035, ext. 6243 to speak to Dr. Helene or to schedule an appointment.

PRESCHOOL CORNER...

Spring is here! We have certainly been enjoying the nice weather. Going outside and playing in the fresh air and sunshine does wonders to lift our spirits. The children brought in canned goods for our chapel time and we were able to donate bags and bags to the Emergency Clearing House. We welcome the Alley Park Road Show this week and they will talk to the children about animals and their camouflage. We are looking forward to this fun and educational event. Next week we will welcome the families of our 4’s, 5’s and kindergarten classes for our annual Easter Celebration. The children will help prepare the food, sing some songs and we will share in fellowship together. The afternoon 4’s and 5’s will sing at Brown Memorial and all the kids will have fun with Easter Egg Hunts before we enjoy some time off to celebrate the Easter holiday. The school will be closed April 5-9. Have a blessed Easter!

--Nancy Harrow, Director