

THE BEACON

April 29, 2026

SERVANT OUTREACH PROJECT

Our May outreach project is cleaning supplies for **Miriam's House**, an emergency, short-term housing facility for homeless families. Miriam's House also provides supplies to families as they move out of shelters and into housing of their own. The following items are needed: all-purpose cleaner, dish soap, dishwasher detergent, laundry detergent, and bathroom cleaner. Please place items in the narthex outreach basket.



PASTOR'S INFORMATION CLASS

Sunday, May 3
2:00 - 4:00 p.m., in the Parlor

This class is designed for those who would like to learn more about Martin Luther and the Lutheran Church. Join us for an overview of Lutheran Church history, theology, liturgy, the church year, ecclesiology, and life at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. Please speak with Pastor Roberts for additional information.

NIBBLIN' and SIPPIN'

Sunday, May 3, at 6:00 p.m.

Join us in the Fellowship Hall for an adult fellowship gathering as we nibble and sip our way through a variety of hors d'oeuvres and wines, guided by Pegeen Griessmayer from the Farm Basket. Participants are asked to bring an appetizer to share.

The cost is \$15 per person.

Please make reservations in the narthex or Fellowship Hall.
or call the church office by **April 30**.



ALTAR FLOWERS

The 2026 Altar Flower Calendar is available on the hallway bulletin board next to the church office. Flowers are needed for **May 17, June 21, June 28, July 5, July 19, and July 26**. The cost of altar flowers is \$100 per week for two vases. Payment for altar flowers is requested *before the selected date* and should be made payable to *Holy Trinity*. There are no delivery fees or sales tax. Please contact the church office with any altar flower questions you may have.

CANDLE TRIBUTES

The 2026 Candle Calendar is available on the hallway bulletin board next to the church office. Candle sponsors are needed **May 31, June 7, June 14, June 21, July 12, and July 26**. The cost is \$20 per week, with checks made payable to *Holy Trinity Lutheran Church*. Please note "Candle Fund" on the memo line. Please contact the church office with any questions.



MIDWEEK HOLY COMMUNION

each Wednesday ✠ 12:10 - 12:30 p.m.

Join us for a time of spiritual nourishment as we gather for quiet reflection, prayer, the Word, and the Meal.

NEW MEMBERS TO BE RECEIVED

We will welcome new members into Holy Trinity in the coming weeks.
Please speak with Pastor Roberts if you are interested in joining our church family.

ORGANIST-CHOIRMASTER SEARCH

Our Organist-Choirmaster Search Task Force is currently conducting initial interviews with candidates. Serving on the Task Force are **Christine Brennian** (Adult Choir), **Organist-Choirmaster Bill Greene**, **Nancy Overstreet** (Handbell Choir), **Judy Schulz** (piano teacher and volunteer church musician), **Deb Serio** (president of the congregation), **Davis von Oesen** (Finance Committee chair), and **Pastor Roberts**.



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 3, 2026

The Lessons: Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14
The liturgical color for the season of Easter is white. A coffee hour follows each service.

8:30 A.M. - SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

9:30 A.M. - SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

ADULT EDUCATION
BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP
(Parlor)

Cherished Belonging
Visible Entirely

10:30 A.M. - SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION with LIVESTREAM

The Prelude by the Handbell Choir will begin around 10:20 a.m.

2:00 P.M. - PASTOR'S INFORMATION CLASS

5:00 P.M. - SENIOR YOUTH (grades nine - twelve)

6:00 P.M. - NIBBLIN' & SIPPIN'

THE WEEK OF MAY 3 - 9

<u>WEDNESDAY,</u>	9:00 A.M. - PARISH NURSE in office (until 10:00 a.m.)
	12:10 P.M. - SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION
	7:00 P.M. - ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL
<u>FRIDAY,</u>	9:00 A.M. - STRENGTH AND BALANCE EXERCISE CLASS
	9:30 A.M. - CHAIR YOGA CLASS

IN THE CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY

Recuperating from outpatient surgery is **Bruce Gerlich**.

PARISH NURSE SCHEDULE

Parish Nurse Gail Midkiff will be in the office Wednesday, May 6, from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m., instead of Thursday, May 7. She returns to her regular Thursday morning office schedule May 14.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

The memorial service for Jerry Martin will be held at Holy Trinity on Friday, May 1, at 11:00 a.m.
The memorial service for Mary Ann Lippincott will be held at Holy Trinity on Thursday, May 7, at 11:00 a.m.

2026 GRADUATE INFORMATION

Families with 2026 graduates are asked to notify the church office so graduates may be recognized in an upcoming issue of *The Beacon*.

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THANK YOU TO HANDBELL CHOIR

Our appreciation to the **Handbell Choir** for their beautiful music during the 2025-2026 program year. Their prelude this Sunday, May 3, at the 10:30 a.m. service, will be their final musical offering this spring.

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE

Severe weather events are impacting communities in many parts of the United States, leaving a trail of damage that will require significant cleanup and long-term recovery. In recent weeks, tornadoes and significant flooding have destroyed homes. Roads have been washed out. Lutheran Disaster Response is present in moments such as these, not only at the onset of an emergency but in the months and years that follow.

Across the country, Lutheran Disaster Response listens closely to local leaders and walks alongside synods, congregations, and trusted community partners that know their neighbors best. Working together, urgent needs such as debris removal, repair, rebuilding, and disaster case management are addressed, as well as the ongoing emotional and spiritual care so many survivors need. Lutheran Disaster Response accompanies communities for as long as it takes, honoring their dignity and supporting a recovery rooted in relationship.

Our support helps make this steady presence possible. Please make checks payable to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and designate for "Disaster Relief." Gifts may also be made through our online giving portal at www.holytrinitylynchburg.org by clicking on "Lutheran Disaster Relief."

**CHILDREN'S and YOUTH MINISTRIES
THE WEEK OF MAY 3 - 9**

Sunday, May 3

9:30 a.m. - Sunday Church School (grades one - five)

5:00 p.m. - Senior Youth (grades nine - twelve)

Join us at the Youth House for a discussion on gossip: what it is, what to do with it, how to disengage from it. Dinner and a mission project will be part of our time together.



SERMON DISCUSSION GROUP

The next Sermon Discussion Group will meet Thursday, May 21, at 11:00 a.m., in the Parlor. We will discuss several previous Sunday sermons, copies of which will be provided in advance. Please make reservations in the narthex or Fellowship Hall to receive the reading materials.

**SALAD & ICE CREAM SUNDAE
SUMMERTIME LUNCHEON**

Sunday, May 31
11:30 a.m.



Our Holy Trinity Youth invite all to enjoy assorted salads and ice cream sundaes.

Free-will gifts will be received for youth missions.

Please make reservations
in the narthex or Fellowship Hall.



A GATHERING FOR WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS

Parish Nurse Gail Midkiff will facilitate a gathering of widows and widowers on Sunday, May 31, at 3:00 p.m., in the Parlor. The purpose of the gathering will be to share experiences in dealing with the death of a spouse. Topics might include the emotions of grief, dealing with loneliness, what is normal in grief, coping with the life changes resulting from the death, and any other issues the group identifies. Please speak to Gail for additional information.

SPREAD THE WORD

A number of people move into and within our community each year with job relocations, retirements, or the purchase or rental of a new home or apartment. All are encouraged to spread the word about Holy Trinity's many exciting ministries and programs as we meet and welcome new people to our neighborhoods. There is no better way to put down roots in the community than to be a part of our dynamic and growing congregation. Reach out and invite others to be a part of our faith journey together.

SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR ANIMAL CLINIC

The Lynchburg Humane Society Spay/Neuter Clinic is in need of old newspapers and old top sheets and towels. Items may be placed in the "Animal Clinic" basket in the narthex.



MAY BIRTHDAYS

(in-town members and students)

- 1 - Nancy Hall
- 2 - Kea Oboth
- 4 - Marle Quirk
- 6 - Melinda Bobbitt
Robert Copelan
- 7 - Kenneth Leamon
- 8 - Tom Schwab
- 9 - Olivia Good
Shelby Wiley

- 10 - Brooke Ayers Maddox
Gretchen Roberts
- 13 - Gisela Pest
Karen Pollok
Kingsley Quirk
- 14 - Allison Gryder
- 15 - Katheryn Good
Ted Krueger
- 19 - Ana Malkiewicz
- 20 - Judy Berryman
- 21 - Myrna Blake
Cathy McAden
- 22 - Andrew Percival
Hank Prasse

- 24 - Robert Duda
Marjorie Huiner
Kyle Polzin
- 25 - Joe Franklin
Ann Mitchell
- 26 - Pam Martin
Carolyn Wiley
- 27 - LeAnn James
- 28 - Sarah Goolsby
Heather Garnett Tyler
- 29 - Maureen Mahland
Judith Saunders
- 30 - Steve Euhus
- 31 - Mitch Overstreet

TIME TO START PAINTING AND PRACTICING!

The Holy Trinity Art and Music Showcase will be **Sunday, June 7** - less than two months away! The purpose of the Showcase is to share our talents with our Holy Trinity family and friends. Artists and musicians of all skill levels are encouraged to start NOW working on that piece of art, or practicing that piece you haven't played since high school! Dust off those paints, and get your old instrument out of the attic NOW!! For encouragement, contact **Christine Rooney** at christine_rooney@msn.com or **Susan Manion** at plsemanion@gmail.com.

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