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MAY BIRTHDAY CORNER
May your birthday bring you all life's simple joys . . .
wrapped in God's love for you!
Please let us know the date of your birth
so we can celebrate with you!

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pastor's corner

Randy Butler

I really enjoyed our Easter celebration on April 16. The pancake breakfast was excellent, the worship service was inspiring, the Easter egg hunt great fun, and the weather beautiful. I wish we could celebrate Easter every Sunday at Trinity. Well, in fact, we can do just that.

It is instructive that the church calendar has always extended Easter to seven weeks, or fifty days, until we celebrate the Day of Pentecost, this year on June 4. It's as if we need to be reminded seven times that Jesus is risen, and that we are risen with him (or perhaps seventy times seven!). We don't just observe the resurrection for one Sunday a year; we live by the power of Jesus' resurrection 365 days a year!

For some reason, the forty days of Lent have come to overshadow the fifty days of Easter. We speak more easily of the Lenten season than we do of the Easter season. It's almost as if we are more comfortable with sorrow than with joy. But St. Augustine wrote, "These days after the Lord's resurrection form a period, not of labor, but of peace and joy. That is why there is no fasting and we pray standing, which is a sign of resurrection."

Easter is just the beginning according to the New Testament. 1 Peter 1:3 says that God "by his great mercy has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." Because of Easter we have been born anew and have living hope. We sometimes think that Easter is a kind of one-off event. We speak of "the resurrection," and look back on it as a historical event. It certainly is that, but it is much more. The apostle Paul unites us with Christ's death and resurrection. Christ's death and resurrection are important because they signal our death and resurrection. In his letter to the Romans Paul says, "For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his...if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him." (Romans 6:5-8).

The Easter invitation of the New Testament is to live a new life, with living hope. It is Jesus' resurrection that gives us life now, hope now and joy now. We can celebrate Easter every Sunday! We can celebrate Easter every day of the year! He is risen! He is risen indeed! We are risen! We are risen indeed! Happy Easter!

— Pastor Randy



Matt's Musings — Matt Gebhart, youth & adult ministries

"Why else were individuals created, but that God, loving all infinitely, should love each differently? If all experienced God in the same way and returned Him an identical worship, the song of the Church triumphant would have no symphony; it would be like an orchestra in which all the instruments played the same note."

- C.S. Lewis (*The Problem of Pain*)

I've been reflecting lately on the beauty of God creating us as unique individuals. Every single one of us is completely unique, and God knows every single one of us completely. This uniqueness is by design because we all have a special role to play in God's Kingdom and we all have a unique way of relating to our creator. Indeed, we are all different parts of the same body (1 Corinthians 12) and we need each other so that our body can be healthy and function the way God intended for it to. There is beauty in diversity.

As I've been settling in a bit more to my role here at Trinity, I've been blessed to be in relationship with such a beautiful variety of God's people. I've been getting to know the youth better, sharing life with them and walking with them as they navigate the turbulent waters of adolescence. I've been getting to know them more and more and as they grow in their understanding of just how much they are loved by God and how much life, joy, and peace they can find in our amazing Creator, the calmer of storms and the reconciler of all things.

The youth group is plowing forward with our big activities for the spring. We have our "Cinco De Service" overnighter on May 5-6 and are hoping some of the rest of you will be joining us on May 5th for our Fiesta and to hear a presentation from World Concern. Our all-area youth worship and arts night is on June 10th, and we have been making great connections with other churches

and youth groups to coordinate that event. We had 8 youth come out to help with the Easter breakfast and it was a huge fundraising success and will go a long way toward helping our kids get to summer camp. We have begun the process of developing a more robust young adult ministry here at Trinity. Starting with social events and Trivia nights, we hope to develop a community of young people to share in what God is doing with all the people at Trinity.

I'm incredibly blessed to be at Trinity as I continue to discover what a wonderful community this is. Trinity is a community of people who genuinely love God, are active in their faith and faithful in service toward God's mission in the world. We all have a unique role to play in "God's Symphony" and we need the uniqueness of every individual to make the beautiful music of our worship to the Creator of all things.

cinco de service

May 5th, 6:00 PM,
in Bethany



Join our youth for a service-oriented Cinco de Mayo fiesta. We will eat delicious homemade Mexican food and hear from local non-profit World Concern about the role service has in God's command to love our neighbors. \$5 suggested donation. RSVP to mattg@trinpc.org

men's fellowship

All men are welcome to our men's fellowship dinner **Friday, May 19**. Join us at 6:00 PM, with dinner at 6:30. RSVP to Ron Hecht at 425-776-4605 or Gordon McPherson at 206-321-7850.

spring adult education

The Wisdom of St. Augustine for Today

Sunday mornings, 11:00 a.m., May 7-June 4, Bethany

What does a fourth century bishop have to say about our life and world today? St. Augustine lived in Africa as the Roman Empire began to dissolve. The subjects he addresses - violence, addiction, family, happiness, grief and faith are surprisingly relevant and contemporary. Come join a discussion of St. Augustine's famous book, *The Confessions*. Each session we will read a brief selection, and then discuss with application to our lives and world today. Led by Pastor Randy

may book group

It's time for the Trinity Book Group to decide what we'll be reading for the 10 months. We'll gather on **Tuesday, May 23**, at 7 PM in Bethany, to share suggestions and discuss what we want to read as a group. Everyone is invited to bring one or two books that they've read, and would like to recommend as a choice for the Book Group in the coming months.

Please be ready to give a short summary of the book and why you think it would make a good subject for discussion. We like a variety, both fiction and nonfiction, recent books or classics. We'll vote on the books, and choose 10 finalists, but we'll keep a list of all the recommendations as well.

If you've always wanted to try out this group, this is a great evening to attend! You don't have to bring any book choices; just come and listen and enjoy the company. We always enjoy coffee, tea, and treats, and have a lot of fun. If anyone needs a ride, please contact Janice Ellis or Tessa Machle.

munch bunch

Wednesday, May 24, the munch bunch (adults available during the day) will enjoy a potluck in the Fellowship Hall at 12:30. All available during the daytime are invited. Bring a small dish and join us for fun and fellowship.

bible study

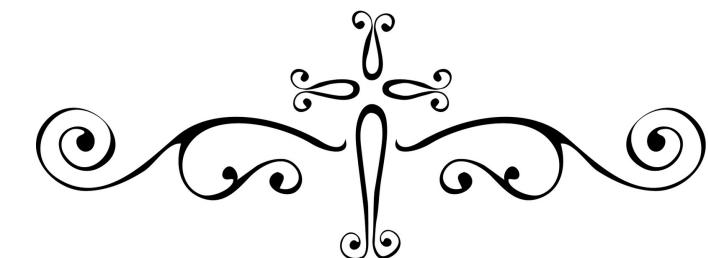
Dale and Betty Parkhurst are hosting Bible studies, on the book of 1 Peter. Come and join:

- Wednesday mornings, 10:00 AM, in Bethany, or
- Wednesday evenings, 7:00 PM, at the Parkhurst's home

Contact Dale or Betty at 206-365-3765 for more information! (No meetings on May 3)

hopelink

In **May** and **June**, we'll be collecting canned vegetables, soup, canned fruit, and baby food. Thank you so much!



Sermon Scriptures May 2017

May 7 — **1 Peter 2:19-25**

May 14 — **1 Peter 2:2-10**

May 21 — **1 Peter 3:13-22**

May 28 — **1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11**