

The Spader's Speaker

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From Pastor Jim Kniseley...

during the entire Season of Easter.

May the Lord grant you understanding, hope and joy in this season of reflection.

*In Christ's love,
Pastor Jim*



*"Why do you look for the dead among the living?
He is not dead. He is alive!" Luke 24:5-6*

Building Projects at St. Jacob's and Trinity Both!

Will you be with your church family on Easter Sunday? I hope so! We will be doing what Christians have been doing for the past 2,000 years. We will celebrate Jesus' victory over sin, death and the devil. Because he lives, we shall live too.

What about Maundy Thursday and Good Friday? I have noted through the years that some folks come for just the "good part" of Holy Week, the happy time. How can one possibly understand the overwhelming joy of Easter without experiencing what Jesus endured for us earlier in the week?

I wish we could begin our worship on Easter outside in the cemetery before the sun rises. The tradition of Moravian Christians is to do just that. They stand beside the grave of a loved one. At the first break of day, someone shouts out, "He is risen!" And all respond, "He is risen, indeed!" This truth is about Jesus and about their loved ones.

A tradition in our worship that is meaningful is the absence of saying or singing "alleluia" during Lent. Have you noticed? But you can be sure we will again say and sing our "alleluias" on Easter Sunday and

The Council and Congregation at Trinity have approved the installation of an elevator. Soon after Easter, renovation of the area now used as stairs from the kitchen to the upstairs hallway will begin. We hope to have this project completed by June 1. This long-anticipated project makes the facility more accessible to those having trouble using the stairs.

Ground-breaking for the Community Center at St. Jacob's took place on February 26. After worship, the congregation gathered outside for the liturgy that involved scripture reading and prayer. Several folks used shovels to turn the earth and some buried meaningful crosses as part of "laying a firm foundation". The temporary delay of construction is a result of the decision of the building committee to add an additional restroom and the plans had to be re-approved by the county. Our contractor estimates that it will take 4 months to complete our project, once he has the county approval.

Upcoming Events

April 5 Meal and Worship at Keezletown UMC

We will have our final Lenten Wednesday Meal and Worship at Keezletown United Methodist Church on April 5 at 6:30 pm. Pastor Joel Robinette will tell us about John Wesley and what Methodists believe and practice.

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Holy Week Worship

Palm Sunday

April 9

*Procession with Palms
Reading of the Passion Story
Reception of New Members*

Maundy Thursday

April 13

*Holy Communion in Remembrance of the Last Supper
Foot washing is offered
Three Congregations are invited: Keezletown United
Methodist, St. Jacob's and Trinity
Offering is for "People Helping People"*

Good Friday

April 14

*A Service of Tenebrae (Darkness)
The Seven Last Words of Jesus from the Cross are read
Beautiful and meaningful music is offered by selected
musicians and the congregation.
Three Congregations are invited: Keezletown UMC,
Trinity and St. Jacob's*

Festival of the Resurrection

April 16

*The alleluias return to worship as we celebrate Jesus'
victory over death.
Please invite family and friends to worship on the
most important day in our church year.*

Holy Week Worship Schedule			
Apr 9	Palm Sunay	9:00am	Trinity
Apr 9	Palm Sunday	11:00am	St. Jacob's
Apr 13	Maundy Thursday	6:30pm	Trinity
Apr 14	Good Friday	6:30pm	St. Jacob's
Apr 16	Easter Worship	8:00am	Trinity
Apr 16	Easter Breakfast	9:00am	Trinity
Apr 16	Easter Worship	11:00am	St. Jacob's

Reformation 500

The Reformation 500 Planning Team reminds us that we will have a joint church picnic this summer (July 30) with our 3 congregations. Earlier in July we are planning to have a Hymn-Fest, remembering the musical influence of Martin Luther. In October, we

will have a Festival Worship Service on the campus of one of the universities in Harrisonburg. We are still planning the details. Soon after Easter we will announce more about the location and featured speaker.

Virginia Synod Assembly is June 6 – 9

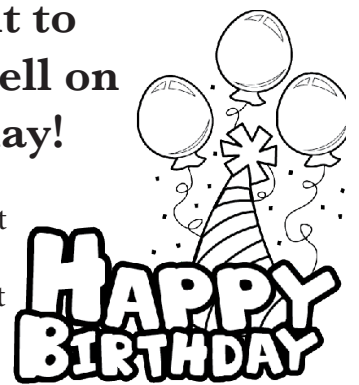
The 2017 Virginia Synod Assembly takes place on June 6 – 9 at Roanoke College in Salem, Virginia. Each of our congregations is invited to send two delegates. Nancy Bradfield and Donnie Coffey will represent St. Jacob's. Lou Murray is representing Trinity and we need to select another delegate (female). Pastor Jim is also attending. A most important order for this assembly is the election of our new Bishop.

Others may attend all or some of the assembly too. If you would like to participate in the assembly, you may register on the synod website as a visitor (vasynod.org). Of special interest to all is the dinner and reception honoring Bishop Jim Mauney and the entire Virginia Synod staff. The dinner will be held in the new Cregar Center on the Roanoke College Campus. You may purchase tickets for this event also on the synod website. For more information, you may speak with Pastor Jim.

You may wish to contribute to the retirement gift for Bishop Mauney. Soon, we will provide information on how to contribute to this cash gift that is being given from all of us in the Virginia Synod.

**Take a moment to
wish someone well on
their special day!**

Apr 1 Maria Archer
Apr 14 Mark Lambert
Apr 15 Halia McAfee
Apr 16 Paige Lambert
Apr 21 James Eye
Apr 23 Cassidy Lam



Do You Have an Article to Contribute?

All of us are baptized ministers of the gospel, and all of us have something to share. If you have an article or announcement for the bulletin or *The Spader's Speaker*, please send it to Whitney Meyerhoeffer, who compiles both the bulletin and *Speaker*. Send it to: wmeyerhoeffer@gmail.com.

Sparglecremesuppe (White Asparagus Soup)

from www.spectacularlydelicious.com

As part of our 500th Anniversary we will be featuring a German recipe each month!

- 2 T. butter
- 1 lb. white asparagus
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1/4 c. flour
- 4 c. chicken stock
- salt and white pepper
- 1/2 c. heavy cream (totally optional)
- sandwich bread to make croutons, plus more butter to brown them

Peel the asparagus and cut off the tips, which you want to keep whole for garnish. Set aside the tips and chop the rest of the stalks into 1/2" pieces. Sweat the chopped onion in the 2 T. butter over medium heat taking care not to brown them. After they've softened, add the chopped asparagus pieces and cook 5 minutes more, stirring to avoid browning. Add the flour and stir to mix well over the vegetables and cook for 3-4 minutes to take off the raw taste. Again, don't let things brown. Now add the chicken stock and bring to a low simmer.

Use some cheese cloth to wrap the tips into a bundle and submerge it in the pot so the tips cook along with the rest; the cheese cloth bundle makes it a snap to pull out and save the tips before you move onto the final purée. While the soup is cooking, cut the bread slices into fanciful shapes to make croutons. Brown them on both sides in butter 'til crisp. Simmer the soup for 25 minutes with the lid ajar. Fish out the tip bundle and then use an immersion hand blender to make it all smooth. It will be nice and thick. Add salt and white pepper. Now's the time to add the cream, if you feel you need it.

Weekly Word from God	
April 2 - Fifth Sunday in Lent	John 11: 1-45
April 9 - Palm Sunday	Matthew 26: 14-27:66
April 16 - Easter Sunday	Matthew 28: 1-10
April 23 - Second Sunday of Easter	John 20: 19-31
April 30 - Third Sunday of Easter	Luke 24: 13-35

Worship Leader Schedule				
Date	Worship Assistant	Piano	Ushers/Greeters	Lectors
April 2	Cindy Lam	Ann Royer	Paul Driver and Cindy Lam	Linda and Glen Showalter
April 9	Glen Showalter		Glen Showalter and James Eye	Linda and Glen Showalter
April 16	Ann Royer		Mark Lambert and Glen Showalter	Linda and Glen Showalter
April 23	Nancy Bradfield		Ann Royer and Carolyn Randolph	Linda and Glen Showalter
April 30	Ian McNeil		Don Coffey and Tom Lam	Linda and Glen Showalter