

# TRINITY NEWS

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I found one of my favorite poems the other day among my collection of literary tomes. As some know I have been a bit of a sea-dog since I was a boy - I often say I planned to either run the big boats as I aged, or serve the Lord. God won, but the sea and its lore remain an indelible part of me. I still maintain the Limited Master's License for which I worked about 14 years. I get this way every spring when I recall the times spent preparing the three different fishing/diving boats I had. (Sold the last one in 1984.)

Our Lord liked boats - he rode in them often enough. Of course, four of the disciples were fishermen and Capernaum is on the shore of the Sea of Galilee. It's a pretty spot. Of course, the "sea" is a small lake by our standards, but it remains much the same as in Jesus' day. It is the scene of one of our Lord's most astonishing demonstrations of his authority over natural forces. Matthew Chapter 8 records this particular incident concerning Jesus' ability to calm a storm. (8:23-27) Little do we realize that this is a familiar topic with the Psalmists. God is said to "thunder over the waters" (Psalm 29:3b) God is said to "still the roaring of the seas, the roaring of the waves". (Psalm 65:7a) God rules the raging of the sea"...when its waves

rise...You still them". (Psalm 89:9)

My favorite is the 107th Psalm, verses 23 and 24. "Some went down to the sea in ships, doing business on the great waters; they saw the deeds of the Lord, his wondrous works in the deep." I've been deep too. World War I ammunition is in my display case, taken from the wreck of the "City of Athens" on a cold November day in 1987. Scattered over the ocean floor in 118 feet of water 26 miles SE of Cape May, the "Ammo Wreck" sank in a collision in 1918. A dive club from Philadelphia found the wreck in 1975. Charters go to it in September - November when the visibility is known to be excellent.

The wonders of the deep are just that, aren't they? I believe they rival the wonders of the heavens on a dark night. Rejoice in the realization that we worship the Lord of it all. So majestic is it that we wonder just why the Redeemer would bother. Compare it all and we see the great love God has for us. That his Son would leave it all to become the Lamb of God to die in our place....That knowledge is too high... "I can't attain it". (Psalm 139:6)

See you in church,  
Pastor Dave

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR APRIL, 2008

APRIL 6

Acts 2: 14a, 36-41; Psalm 116: 1-4, 12-19; I Peter 1: 17-23;  
Luke 24: 13-35

APRIL 13

Acts 2: 42-47; Psalm 23; I Peter 2: 19-25; John 10: 1-10

APRIL 20

Acts 7: 55-60 ; Psalm 31: 1-5, 15-16; I Peter 2: 2-10; John 14: 1-14

APRIL 27

Acts 17: 22-31; Psalm 66: 8-20; I Peter 3: 13-22; John 14: 15-21

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TAKE THE ROBE OFF CORNER

*SEA FEVER*

I must go down to the seas again, to the lonely sea and the sky,  
And all I ask is a tall ship and a star to steer her by;  
And the wheel's kick and the wind's song and the white sail's shaking,  
And a gray mist on the sea's face and a gray dawn breaking.

I must go down to the seas again, for the call of the running tide  
Is a wild call and a clear call that may not be denied;  
And all I ask is a windy day with the white clouds flying,  
And the flung spray and the brown spume, and the sea gulls crying.

I must go down to the seas again, to the vagrant gypsy life,  
To the gull's way and the whale's way where the wind's like a whetted knife,  
And all I ask is a merry yarn from a laughing fellow rover,  
And quiet sleep and a sweet dream when the long trick's over.

*by John Masefield*





# Mailbag



BROEK CIRCLE - will meet on Monday, April 14th at 1:00 p.m. in the Library Lounge.

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Broek Cooks will have "the last soup of the season", Chicken Gumbo available on May 11th. An order form is on the hall bulletin board.

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JACOBA CIRCLE - meeting to be announced.

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## CHURCH WORLD SERVICE - BLANKET SUNDAY

April 6, 2008. Blankets are still a bargain at \$5 each. Bunny Adams will be in the narthex to accept your donations.

School Kits and Health Kits will also be collected. A list of supplies needed for each type of kit is posted on the hall bulletin board. Postage for shipping the is now \$2 per kit.

For more information, see Bunny Adams.



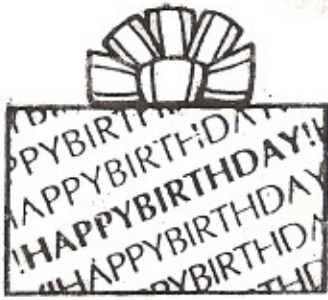
On February 29, 2008 I was honored and "roasted" by my family and members of the congregation of Trinity Reformed Church for my service. The event was held at Madeline's restaurant in Bound Brook, N.J. I was truly surprised as the whole event was a well-kept secret. I would like to thank all the members of the church for giving me this recognition. The beautiful plaque presented at the "roast" is proudly displayed in my office. The small cross made by Don Adams from repair pieces of the stained glass windows is very special to me. Joel Kenderdine's slide show about me was a real treat, and I loved his imagination!

I would like to especially thank the "roasters"...Pastor Dave, Don Adams, Jim Beil, Joel Kenderdine, Gordon Wich, Frank Taylor and my son, David, and daughter-in-law, Carla. Also a special thanks to Beth Kenderdine for organizing the event.

While it was a snowy night for traveling, a large contingent of church members attended. I would like to simply say I appreciate what you did and how you did it!

Thank you so much.

Donald J. Zolkiwsky



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- 5. Julia Adams
- 10. Nicole Gaddis
- 14. Shawn Coppola
- 15. Susan Tingley Hageman
- 20. Sarah Coppola
- 24. Laura Tarbous
- 30. Dave Zolkiwsky

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# Prayer List

Please remember in your prayers, our members and friends who cannot be with us on Sunday.

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| Joanna Agnone     | Pastor Rosie and |
| Ruth Carreno      | Dennis McLelland |
| Marianne Clark    | Sally McGahey    |
| Corey Coleman     | Luke Nikorak     |
| Joan Cornish      | Denis O'Hara     |
| Jim Dever         | Margaret Rubas   |
| Christopher Flood | Resi Sheppard    |
| Jill Gaddis       | Leona Wagner     |
| Emil Habeeb       | Henrietta Werman |
| Belle Hales       | Marie Werman     |

All Servicemen and Women

This glorious Easter season has come and gone. We, reading Philippians 3:10 need to remember this gift of salvation that has been given to us.

In 1887, Ernest Shurtleff wrote words as regal as the music. Take a moment and sing this text:

"Lead on, O King Eternal, we follow  
 not with fears,  
 For gladness breaks like morning where'er  
 thy face appears.  
 Thy cross is lifted o'er us, we journey  
 in its light.  
 The crown awaits the conquest,  
 Lead on, O God of Might."

Another joy we have experienced is Joshua Jackson joining us these past three weeks. He is becoming a super musician and is part of three generations in our Trinity Choir. His grandmother is Meip Devries, who sings alto, and his mother Lory sings soprano.

Thanks be to God!!

Joan Beil

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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE for May News:

Tuesday, April 15th (IRS Day)





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EVERY SUNDAY  
 Church School 9:15 a.m.  
 WORSHIP 10:30 a.m.

		1.  EVERY	2.  EVERY	3.	4.	5.
6.	7.  Consistory 7:30 pm	8.  TUESDAY	9.  WEDNESDAY	10.	11.	12.
13.	14. * Newsletter Deadline	15.  CHOIR	16.  BIBLE	17.	18.	19.
20.	21.	22.  MEETS at	23.  STUDY	24.	25.	26.
27.	28.	29.  7:30 p.m.	30.  at 7:30 pm			