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On Sunday June 5, Trinity Episcopal Church will celebrate Rogation Sunday at the Bunday residence. The plan is to have a Rogation liturgy with a blessing of the crops followed by a picnic. What exactly is Rogation?

The term rogation comes from the Latin, *rogare*, which means, “to ask.” The traditional church calendar listed four days of Rogation and divided them into the Major Rogation and Minor Rogations. Major Rogation was April 25. Minor Rogations were the Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday before Ascension Thursday. So, our celebration of Rogation Sunday will be a hybrid.

The celebration originated in 5th Century France. 5th Century France, or Gaul as it was called at the time, was not a great place to live. The Goths invaded Gaul. Constant epidemics killed a whole host of people. On top of that, natural disasters such as earthquakes and fires were a common occurrence. During one such fire, Bishop Mamertus of Vienne decided to institute an annual day of prayer. The idea was for the whole community to gather together, process around the boundaries of the parish, and ask God’s blessing and protection. The Minor Rogations were a time of preparation for Ascension in which people fasted and farmers asked the priest to bless their crops. Over the course of centuries, a custom of beating the bounds of the parish during Rogation developed. Beating the bounds meant reestablishing the bounds of the parish by processing out to all of the boundary markers and beating them with sticks. During the procession, the priest asked God to bless the trees, fields, and people of the parish.

As you’ve probably guessed, what we will be doing is a combination. We will not be beating the bounds. One, modern methods of surveying have made that tradition unnecessary. Two, walking the boundaries of the Greater Grand Ledge area would take a very long time. Furthermore, what we are calling Rogation Sunday happens after the Feast of the Ascension and not the three days before Ascension Thursday. Ideally, Rogation, if celebrated on a Sunday, should be celebrated the Sunday before Ascension Thursday. However, the Sunday before Ascension Thursday is the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend. But, I digress.

What we will be doing on June 5 is blessing the crops and other agricultural implements and asking God for a bountiful harvest. Many people in rural Michigan still rely on farming for all or part of their livelihood. Without a bountiful harvest, they suffer financially. For us at Trinity, we are hoping for a bountiful harvest so that we will have a bounty of fresh vegetables to share with those less fortunate than ourselves. So, I hope to see you all at the Bunday residence on Sunday, June 5.

Peace,

Fr. Aaron



Fr. Aaron Evans and Bishop Robert Gepert

Bishop Gepert's Visit

Bishop Gepert celebrated with us on Sunday, May 8, 2011.

Bishop Gepert preached the sermon and then talked to the congregation about their outreach, following the special luncheon that was provided by Jeannie Schroeder and friends, in the undercroft.

Easter Thank You

Special Thank You go out to:

Father Aaron Evans for all the work that went into the services during Holy Week and Easter.

Tudy Soelberg for her work with the choir, the music she provided at the services, and her coordinating the soup supper on Maundy Thursday.

Our choir; Tom Anderson, Dan Rodeck, Kal Smith, Marsha Smith, Rozanne Doty, Emily Rodeck, and Inger Lanese, you all are just wonderful!

To all who spent a quite hour during the All-night Vigil.

Our Vestry members who provided the Easter Brunch between services on Easter morning.

Lori Hudson our special Easter bunny!

Sacristy Work

The sacristy work has been completed and special Thank you goes out to our Junior Warden John Bunday for coordinating all the work and picking the best contractor for the job. Jim Perry and his assistant did all the work, inside and out, and they did a great job. Be sure and check it out.

Clothing Without Charge

Our next committee outreach will take place on Saturday, June 18, 2011, 9 a.m. till 4 p.m. We will be offering slightly used, clean clothing, adult and children, shoes also, to whomever is in need without charge.

Starting the first of June you can drop off your donations for this event. Please put them in the Sunday school class room. Remember there usually is someone at the church from 9:30 a.m. till noon Mon thru Fri, but it is a good idea to call first to make sure.

On Friday June 17, starting at 9 a.m., volunteers will be needed to help set up the tables in the Trinity room.

A sign-up sheet is at the church in the undercroft. Volunteers will also be needed on the day of the event.

Thanks to Connie Fast and Marian Stolz for coordinating this, if you have any questions about this please contact them.

Bake Sale for *Share Our Strength*

Trinity will be holding a bake sale on Saturday, June 18, 2011 for *Share Our Strength*.

Share Our Strength is a national nonprofit that is ending childhood hunger in America.

This bake sale will be a part of the Great American Bake Sale initiative, a national campaign that mobilizes Americans to end childhood hunger by holding bake sales in their communities.

Lori Hudson and her friend Candy Little are organizing this.

They are asking for bake goods for this event. You can drop off your bake goods at the church on Friday, June 17, from 9 a.m. till noon. or Sat morning.

Weather permitting tables will

be set up on the lawn in front of the church, if there is rain the bake sale will be held inside.

A sign up sheet for this will be in the undercroft at church.

Both Events

Both of these events "Clothing Without Charge" and the "Bake Sale" will be held on June 18, 2011 which is during Grand Ledge's Yankee Doodle Days. We are hoping that the increase in traffic will help these events be successful.

Be sure to encourage your family and friends to stop by.

Plant a Row for Hunger

If you are planting a garden this year, please consider planting an extra row for hunger.

When harvest time gets closer look for more information about this in your weekly bulletins and newsletters.

Now start planting!!

Altar Flower Openings

The following dates are open for altar flowers:

May 29

June 19

July 3, 17, 24, 31

If you would like to provide altar flowers for one of these dates, please contact the church office with your information.

Bishop's Golf Outing

Tee off with Bishop Geper, on Saturday, July 23, 2011. This golf outing will take place at Shamrock Hills golf course in Gobles, MI, with a shotgun start at 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$65 per person.

If there is anyone from Trinity that would like to get a team together, please contact the church office.

Proceeds from this event will help the Diocese build a mission at San Simon in the Dominican Republic.

Condolences

Our condolences go out to Pam Cathey, her father Bob and their family following the passing of Pam's mom Virginia Swenson on April 30, 2011.

Episcopal Church Women (ECW)

On Monday, May 16, 2011 Trinity's ECW group meet at Independence Village and had lunch with Roberta Doty.

Roberta was very happy to see everyone and said "I thought you went to the Log Jam!" Reply "We do sometimes, but today we are visiting with you."

Following lunch, Roberta took us on a tour, that ended at her room.

The next ECW meeting will be held at the Log Jam on June 20, 2011 at 12:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

Congratulations

Trinity congratulates Emily Rodeck on her upcoming graduation from High School.

Emily has participated in Trinity's choir for the last 3+ years and her trumpet playing always adds to our Sunday morning worship.

Emily, thank you for all you do at Trinity and we all wish you the best with your future studies.

Spring Clean-up Day

Trinity's Spring outdoor clean-up day has been reset for Saturday, June 11, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. Bring your gloves and outdoor yard tools. Lunch will be provided.

Derby Party

Trinity's Kentucky Derby party was held on Saturday, May 7, 2011. 20 people attend and \$40 was donated for the Grand Ledge food bank.

Easter Flower Donations

Easter Flower donations were given by:

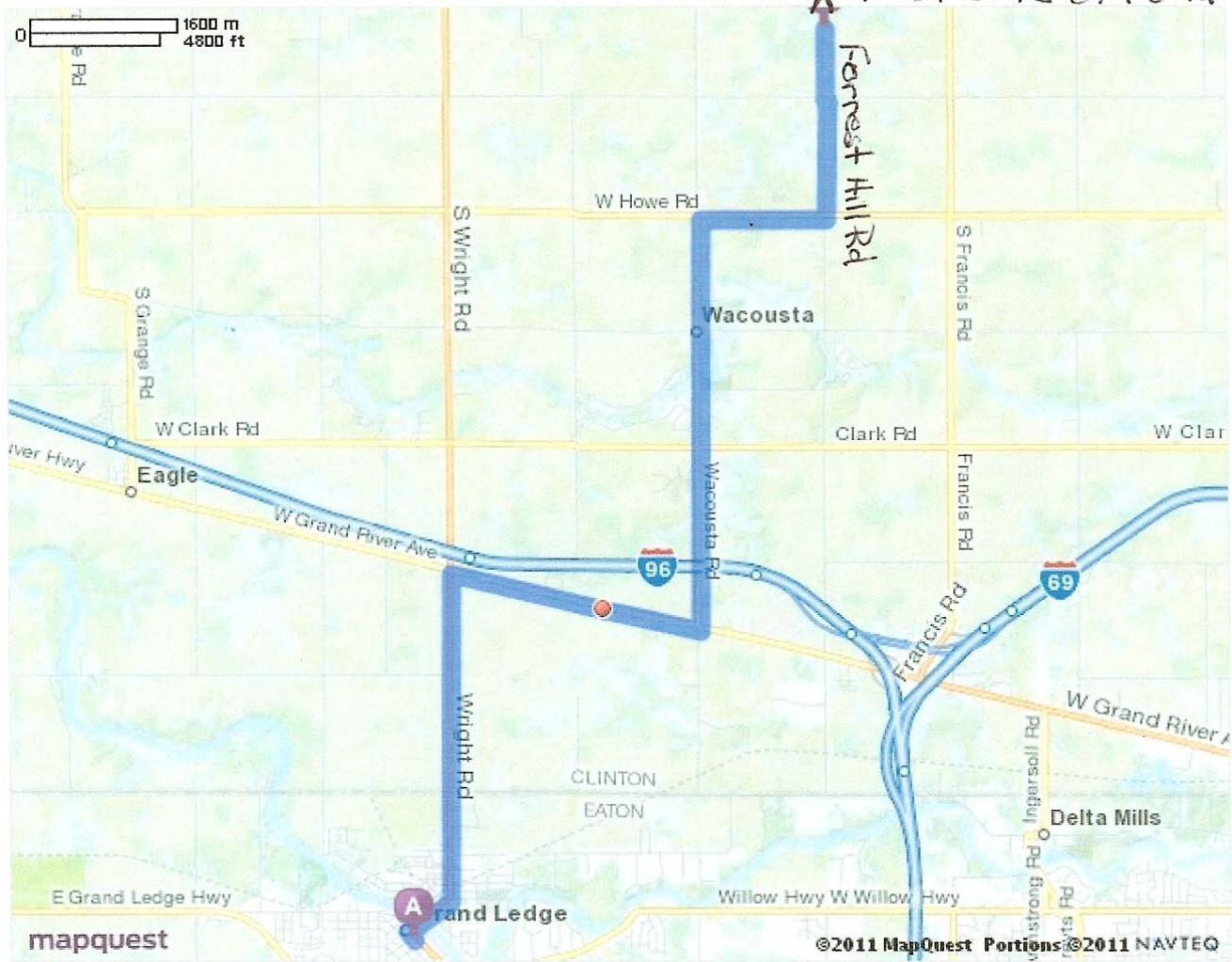
Duane Falor in memory of Sis Falor,

Mary Jane White,

Kal & Marsha Smith in celebration of Easter,

Jackie & Michael Johnson in memory of Jake & Betty Edgar, Harry & Doug Johnson, and Dortress Smozel.

Route Map [Hide](#)



Rogation Sunday June 5, 2011, 10 a.m.

Trinity's Rogation Sunday celebration will take place at the home of John & Ellen Bunday. They live at 10499 Forest Hill Rd, DeWitt, MI home phone # 517-626-2149.

There will only be one service that morning at 10 a.m.

Following the service there will be a picnic potluck, please bring a dish to pass, your table service and drinks.

There is a sign up sheet in the undercroft for car pooling to the Bunday's, sign up if you are willing to drive or if you would like a ride.

If you have any questions regarding this please contact the church office, 517-627-6287.

