

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

TRINITY GRAND LEDGER

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Summer activity begins next week when the Golf League begins. I hope that you will find other ways to draw closer to God this summer. Perhaps you will take time to enjoy nature while walking, riding a bike, paddling a canoe, jogging, or just sitting quietly. Perhaps you will find a daily devotional or a Christian book for which you will make the time to read. Perhaps you will take fifteen minutes a day to pray and meditate. Perhaps you will take on an act of service in our community. I hope that you will live into the possibilities for spiritual growth which the summer affords. Enjoy the rhythm of summer in Michigan.

Attendance was up 31% for the **Triduum**, that is, for the services on **Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday**. Attendance was especially up at the services on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. Thank you for experiencing this Journey with Jesus.

Thanks to John Bundy, Daniel Knaggs, and Junior Warden John Lanese for removing and **rebuilding the bottom section of the stairs** from the undercroft to the narthex in one **Saturday, March 28**.

On **Sunday March 29** at the 10 am service, **the new purple Chasuble and purple Stole**, which were made by Pere Robert Bassette of The Abbey St. Benoit-du-lac in Quebec, Canada, were blessed and used for the first time. These vestments are a gift from those who were part of Trinity's Pilgrimage to Quebec in May of 2008. Thank you to the pilgrims for these additions to our liturgical robes.

During the **Potluck on Sunday March 29**, choir members put their heads together and decided to bid on blue choir cassocks and white surplices so that each of the singers and the organist could be clothed appropriately. Michael Kegley was the astute bidder. We won **49 cassocks and 47 surplices** of varying sizes for \$460. Choir contributions covered the total cost (with shipping) of \$544. Ann McMillan, Inger Lanese, and Marsha Smith expedited the fitting, altering, and steaming of these vestments so that the choir was comfortably and properly attired for the Maundy Thursday Eucharist. The excess of vestments will be resold so that we may raise \$630 to purchase 18 Manhasset Music Stands.

On Saturday April 5, Ann McMillan organized a **party to watch the MSU in the Final Four** of basketball. People gathered in the Trinity Room to watch it on the big screen. Thanks to Ann for the idea and the execution of that idea.

On **Easter Sunday, the Vestry provided breakfast** between services. Thanks to the vestry and to Senior Warden Sallee Anderson for coordinating this event. Sallee has made a note to increase the quantities by 50% for next year.

On **Easter Sunday**, Bill and Yvonne Fleener organized an **Easter Egg Hunt** for younger children and another activity for older children. The children were very engaged with these events after church!! Thanks for doing such a fine thing for our energetic younger people on Easter.

Thanks to the **musicians and choristers who made the Triduum** so beautiful. Bill Henson, tenor, was the cantor for Maundy Thursday and Easter Vigil. Jim and Helen Niblock played violins and viola for Easter. Tamara Hicks-Syron played the violin with them on the hymns and sang with the parish choir at that service. Marian Stolz had more fun playing the organ than she might ever have believed. The choir stalls were full including Nathan Buchweitz who was invited to fill out the soprano sound. Thanks to all of you.

On the **Sunday after Easter, 'Low Sunday'**, we did not experience a 'low' Sunday. Our music that day included **Bill Henson**, tenor, singing the second of **Four Hymns for Tenor and Viola by Ralph Vaughan Williams**. **Helen Niblock** played her wonderful Bishop viola with Bill. I am very thankful that Bill and Helen have recovered so well from major health problems six months ago, and that they are able to perform so very well again!

On that same Sunday, another one of our miracles, **Gary Lowery**, was in church with many family members who had come to celebrate his 40th birthday. Gary was very sick last summer and has fully recovered.

Please keep the Swint and Kallen families in your prayers.

On April 11, before the Easter Vigil Service, **Ed Swint** died at the age of 91. For more than half a century, Ed had been the head usher at Trinity. His face was the first face that many people saw when arriving at our church. Ed was much loved by all and will be missed.

On April 20, **Sandy Kallen's husband David** died after an eight-year battle with cancer. Over the seventeen years of their marriage, David developed strong bonds with many of the parishioners. He will be missed. David was a member of Kehillat Israel Synagogue in Lansing.

I am slowly **visiting all of the parish families**. Please expect a call. I have questions. I hope that we will look for the answers together.

May God richly bless you in His service,

Nixon+

In memory and honor of Ed & June Swint here is a letter that their daughter Judy (Swint) Manson wrote about their life.

My father was born in Atlanta, Georgia in 1918. He flew in an open cockpit small airplane at Hartzfield Airport when it was a dirt runway, delivered papers to Robert Trent Jones in Atlanta and is a true 'Rebel'.

My mother graduated from High School in 1933, in the midst of the Depression and of course jobs were scarce. Her sister had just graduated from Ferris College and her brother was in Michigan State at the time but had to drop out and of course he too went to work for General Motors and retired after many years. My mother passed away December 10, 2005 at the age of 90, as she was born in 1915. So in looking for work, as going on to college was out of the question at the time, she was offered a job as a Nanny for a General Motors Executive, Clarence E Smith who was from Ottawa, Canada and was the head of Sales & Service, Midwest Zone centered in Lansing, Michigan, and he was transferred to Atlanta, Georgia, so my mother accepted the job and traveled with the family to Atlanta, Georgia. This, of course, is where and when my parents met. They were married in Georgia in October of 1934 and migrated back to Michigan the following year.

My Dad's first job in Michigan was with Matthews Dairy in Lansing and because my parents did not have a car, he used to hitchhike to work back and forth from Grand Ledge to Lansing.

One of his favorite memories of this timeframe was when Governor Frank Fitzgerald, who was born and lived in Grand Ledge, and his driver stopped and gave Dad a ride to work, the Governor was very nice and wanted to help this young man get to work.

Then my dad was fortunate enough to obtain a job at General Motors in 1936, with beginning wage of \$.63/hour. At that time, there were no benefits, so no insurance coverage, no IRA accounts or retirement savings, etc. However, when my brother was born in 1935, the total cost to my parents for his birth was \$25, and costs for subsequent children were on \$75 each. So medical costs have changed considerably.

My dad's first job was at the Axel Plant, on the Axel assembly line at the main plant, Building 26 in 1937, GM closed the Oldsmobile Plant were dad worked. However he continued to work there until January 4, 1938 when he was laid off. Production slowed down and GM was laying people off. In 1938, there was a recession in the auto industry prior to World War II. There was no Union at that time but they were in the process of organizing. My dad marched in the first Labor Day Parade in 1936 with Walter Reuther. He was the first and best according to my dad, there ever was. There was no contract at the time with GM or Ford, and Union stewards would come through the Plant to get workers to join, \$1 monthly, and if the GM Management caught you signing up, they would fire you.

So while dad was laid off the GM in 1938, he worked at the Tile Factory in Grand Ledge and the Grand Ledge

Coal and Ice Company and the Grand Ledge Chair Factory making the grand sum of \$14.31 take-home pay weekly. The in the fall of 1940, we was called back to work. Now during this time, there were no benefits such as Unemployment monies, welfare, etc. President Roosevelt is credited by all people of that timeframe as putting together programs that helped people during those times and continue until this day.

He worked at GM until he was drafted in the Army in 1945, reporting for duty at an Army Camp in Camp Blanding in Florida for basic training and just before he was shipped off to Europe, VE and VJ day happened and precluded his orders to be shipped to Europe. World War II ended and he came back to Michigan December 27, 1945 and returned to work at General Motors.

At the time, his job was driving cars off the end of the Assembly line and his pay was \$1 hour. Then he had an opportunity to get into the Skilled Trades and became a Millwright and was at that position until his retirement in 1975 and when he retired was making \$7.70 and hour with benefits.

He has fond memories of his times with GM, was part of the Quarter Century Club, has his Oldsmobile Ring of which he is very proud, has the Quarter Century Club Books published, again very proud and a replica of some of his work equipment made by his 'buddies' in the Plant at his retirement. He is proud of work record, never missed a day of work in the 39 years he was at GM with the exception of being hospitalized at one time and was never late for work, again with the exception of the 1967 snow storm that encompassed Lansing, he drove in

from Grand Ledge through 24+ inches of snow to arrive a little late and to be told by his boss that the plant was not running because no one could get into work, but he stayed and worked anyway.

Thank you Judy for sharing these memories of your parents, Ed passed away on Saturday, April 11, 2009 at the age of 91.

Condolences

Our condolences go out to the families of Ed Swint and David Kallen.

Ed passed away on Saturday, April 11, 2009 and David passed on Monday, April 20, 2009.

Please continue to keep their families in your prayers.

Easter Flower Donations

Easter flower donation were from: Duane Falor in memory of Sis Falor

Ann & Nixon McMillan in memory of loved ones and in Thanksgiving for the Trinity family.

Jim & Bev Seling in memory of family and friends.

Kal & Marsha Smith in memory of loved ones.

Episcopal Church Women

Calling all Episcopal Church women, the Diocese of Western Michigan's 128th annual meeting will be held on Saturday, May 9, 2009 at St. David's' Episcopal church in Lansing. This meeting will be honoring all women and girls, 10 and up. The day will start with a continental breakfast, then

interactive workshops for women and girls, luncheon and then an afternoon tea. Full day of learning will be \$20 for women and \$10 preteen/teen. Registration forms are at the church.

Sine Nomine Concert

On the fringe of the annual East Lansing Arts Fair, let the eight singers of the **Early Music Ensemble Sine Nomine** take you on a fast-moving unaccompanied **'Musical Tour of Germany, Italy, Spain, France and Belgium'**.

Let these professionals delight you with the intricate weavings of Renaissance polyphony and the profound simplicity of Gregorian Chant. Enjoy short French chansons and miniatures from Bach's organ repertoire.

Listen to samplings of the vocal music Schärer, Gumpelzhaimer, Praetorius, Böhm, Palestrina, Grancini, Guerrero, Lobo, Janequin, Sandrin, and Waelrant under the direction of J. Nixon McMillan.

Sunday May 17, 2009 at 3 pm.
 All Saints Episcopal Church (across from the Hannah Center)
 800 Abbot Rd
 East Lansing, MI
 Parking available
 Handicapped accessible
 Admission by donation



Altar Guild

Thank you to our Altar guild members for all the extra work they put in for Holy Week.

Golf League

This year Trinity's golf league will be joining the golf league from Immanuel Lutheran church here in Grand Ledge.

Golf will be on Wednesday nights, starting Wednesday, May 6, 2009, at Willow Woods in Portland. Tee time are between 5 & 6 pm. Teams are formed when you arrive. Cost is \$15 per person, for 9 holes and a cart. \$8 if you are walking, \$1 for

pull carts.

Immanuel has a golf website at www.immanuel-gl.org/golf/.

If you are interested in joining, please contact Marian Stolz, at 627-7712.

Thursday Nights

On Thursday nights until July 2nd John Lanese will be performing a solo acoustic show from 9 pm to midnight at the Log Jam, in Grand Ledge. Each performance will be different from the last with a special show on July 2nd. The Log Jam is smoke-free and serves food, so plan a Thursday night of dinner and a

show.

Betty Bottom

Betty Bottom has moved, she is now in Charlotte at the Eaton County Medical Care Facility.

Her new address is:

Betty Bottom

Eaton County Medical Care Facility
530 W. Beech St.

Room 206, Victorian Lane
Charlotte, MI 48813

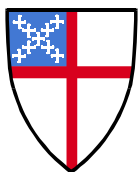


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Our Mission Statement

Trinity Episcopal Church is an inclusive environment, open to everyone, actively promoting God's love in our community and the world through liturgical worship and outreach.

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Service Schedule

Sunday: Holy Eucharist 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School 10:00 a.m..

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