

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Greetings!

I am delighted to begin serving Trinity Church and to start to get to know all of you. I'd like to share a bit about myself so that you can get to know me as well.

I was born and raised in East Texas and church was an important part of my childhood. My grandfather was a Southern Baptist pastor for most of his life and my family went to church every time the doors were open. During college, on a university tour of the United Kingdom and Ireland, I first attended an Anglican church and the beauty of the worship impressed me. During my years at East Texas Baptist University, I began exploring churches other

than the one in which I was raised. The liturgy of The Episcopal Church continued to draw me but ultimately I was confirmed in the Evangelical Lutheran Church. In a few years, I accepted my first call in an Episcopal Church as Youth Pastor in Kilgore, Texas. It was there that I finally decided that The Episcopal Church really was the place for me. I was received into The Episcopal Church in 2002. That same year, I married Rachael. We moved to Northern Indiana so Rachael could finish her degree at Valparaiso University. I spent this time working on my first master's degree and serving as Director of Christian Education at a Disciples of Christ Church. Rachael and I then served an Episcopal Church in Elkhart, Indiana as co-youth pastors.

We began seminary at the same time. We attended and graduated from the University of the South School of Theology, otherwise known as Sewanee, in 2008 and were ordained priests on the same day in July of that same year. After graduating from seminary, Rachael accepted a call to be an assistant priest at a church in Alexandria, Louisiana. While we were there, I served Leonidas Polk Memorial Church in Leesville Louisiana, a lovely little mission near Fort. Polk.

We both were excited to move to Western Michigan and have been here for a year now. Rachael is the Rector of St. Gregory's in Muskegon, where we reside. We enjoy time on the beach of Lake Michigan nearly every Friday. We hope to be in the area for a long time.

I look forward to meeting all of you and hearing your story. You can reach me easily by email at fatheraar-onevans@gmail.com or on my cell phone at 231-955-2466.

Blessings,

Aaron+

Invitation

The Vestry at Trinity Episcopal would like to invite you and your family to join them in celebrating the call of our new rector, Fr. Aaron Evans, in a special celebration on **Sunday, September 12, 2010.**

This celebration will begin with a **10 a.m. service**, that Fr. Aaron will be the celebrant at. So that we can all celebrate together **there will only be one service that morning at 10 a.m..** Please be sure to remind your family and friends of this.

Following the 10 a.m. service there will be a welcoming coffee hour.

At 2 p.m. that day, Trinity's Annual Lamb Roast will begin. Fr. Aaron will be there, this will be a great time to meet and greet him.

The lamb roast will take place at the home of Tom & Sallee Anderson, 6398 E St Joseph Hwy, Grand Ledge. The phone number is 517-627-4864. If you need directions to their home, call them or the church.

Mark your calendar for this celebration to welcome your new rector.

90th Birthday

On September 15, 2010, Roberta Doty will be celebrating her 90th birthday.

In celebration let's see how many birthday cards we can send out to her.

Safeguarding God's Children

Safeguarding God's Children – it is a nation-wide Episcopal Church requirement that any person who interacts with children, in any way, will be trained in appropriate interaction with them using the material provided by the Diocese called "Safeguarding God's Children". Trinity has one member who has been certified by the Diocese to deliver this training. The training session will be scheduled for early this fall. The date and time will be announced shortly. Even though your ministry may not include children, you are welcome to join the training. Safeguarding children includes observers as well as mentors, all of whom are trained observers.

Kitchen Supplies

Trinity is in need of someone who will keep track of kitchen

supplies and when they get low, go and purchase more. Then the church will reimburse you for what you bought. If this is a ministry that you would like to do, please contact Sallee Anderson.

Grand Ledge Garden Club Dedication

On Saturday, September 11, 2010 the Grand Ledge Garden Club will dedicate the Blue Star Memorial By-Way marker in honor of all who have served in our nation's armed forces.

This will take place near the entrance to the Island park at 3 p.m.

Refreshments at the island gazebo will follow the ceremony.

Lookin' for a Good Time?!?

Well, it just might be that music could be the answer for you! As I was contemplating what to write for this newsletter entry, my morning devotional reading (from "Jesus Calling" by Sarah Young) featured a wonderfully appropriate verse from Zephaniah: "The Lord your God...will take great delight in you...[He] will rejoice over you with singing!"

Now, for many years I've heard, read, and sung texts like "Make a Joyful Noise unto the Lord" and "Serve the Lord with gladness; enter His courts with praise and come into His presence with a song". But the idea of Our Savior's taking *delight* in us (who, me?!?) and singing over us while rejoicing is a prospect that's both undeserved and overwhelming--and just like our amazing Heavenly Father, isn't it? Have you ever wondered what it would be like to hear a jubilant song...or the sweetest lullaby imaginable—directly from His Lips?

That's something for us all to contemplate...but in the earthly meantime, we can be blessed by all manner of wonderful music here at T.E.C. Having been on hiatus since mid-June, our wonderful Choir will be returning to those up-front pews! There will be singing of Psalms, harmonizing on hymns, and anthems of varying attitudes and antics—all with the aim of enhancing worship and having a great time in the process. Our first rehearsal will be on the evening of Thursday, Sept. 9, running from 6:30 to 8:00, and *EVERYONE* is *WELCOME*! There's no requirement of music-reading ability or past experience whatsoever—all that's asked is a willing heart, a physical presence, and at least a bit of mischief, 'cuz you know that we *do* like to have our fun! The Choir is a group of appreciative, precious, praising, and *praying* people, and any-

one would be warmly welcomed to join in the fun and fellowship of our practices and performances.

Many of you from the Choir & Congregation have let me know how much you appreciate the care I take in selecting our music, and several of you have asked me to write something for a newsletter, explaining the special process I use. That will be coming this Fall. In the meantime, though, please know that what *you* like—what nourishes YOU—is very important to me, and I'd love to include your particular "favorites" whenever possible. Won't you please jot down a hymn-or-2-or-3 (or-14!), sign your name, and give me your list? Even if we're not *singing* a hymn on a given day, there might be a chance for me to play it during the time prior to the organ prelude, or perhaps during Communion...it's so great to see your smiles appear as I play the first few notes of "your" very special piece!

You know, Trinity's congregation enjoys many kinds of music. Might you have a (secret?) talent you'd consider sharing? Please let me know! We'd all so love to experience the many and various gifts God has imparted to those who worship at T.E.C., and any offering you'd care to make would be a treasure for all of us. I'd help you prepare, if you like, and I know how to encourage

without pushing or forcing...after all, the music you provide is an *offering*, not a taxation, and God honors and blesses all the gifts we present!

Soooo...whatever your unique personal "Joyful Noise" may be, consider yourself *invited* and . .

Please -- R.S.V.P. -- Your Tudy!

Altar Flowers

Open dated for altar flowers:
October 3
November 7
November 21

If you would like to provide flowers for one of these Sundays, please contact the church office, 627-6287, with you information.

Dates to Remember

Wednesday, September 1 -
Fr. Aaron Evans begins as our Rector

Sunday, September 12 -
Fr. Aaron's first Sunday with us.
10 am service only

Special coffee hour

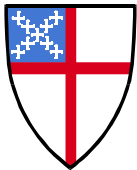
Annual Lamb Roast
2 pm

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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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