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Dear Friends,

The Easter Season is a time to celebrate and give thanks.

After the observance of Lent "by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word (BCP pg. 265)," each of us has an opportunity to contemplate our daily activities and to make those changes that lead to happier, more meaningful, and healthier lives. No doubt, each of us found places where there is a need to grow, transform and plan for the future.

The self-discipline, the "spiritual workout," of Lent ought not end with the close of this season of reflection. It should increase and broaden as we continue to exercise and care for our souls. Just as one proceeds in a physical fitness program through the use of more weights, more laps around the track and pool, and ever increasing challenges, so too, each of us must stretch and extend the care of our souls. Developing our spiritual lives enables us to cope with the struggles of everyday life and supplies us with ample evidence of God's presence and call to give thanks.

In the coming months, build upon those things that help strengthen your spirit. Those of you who didn't manage a strict adherence to a Lenten discipline, take heart, it's not too late to begin finding ways to develop a regular exercise plan for your spiritual well-being. Let us help one another, nurture one another, and grow in Spirit. The gift of Christmas, the gift of "God with us," has not been overcome by darkness. It has not succumbed to death. Our God is near, waiting for us, challenging us, encouraging us, loving us. Christ is Risen!

May we be invigorated as we journey through each day and may we experience New Life in Christ!

In Christ,

Denzil J. Luckritz, Rector



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## Upcoming Events

- May 19, 2019 - Drawing for the home gift basket
- June 16, 2019 - Fathers Day and a visit from Bishop Lee - his last, be sure to come!
- Thanksgiving, 2019 - Drawing for the St. Margaret's Guild Quilt.



## Financial Snapshot YTD (Month Ending April 30, 2019)

**Income:**

Pledge and Plate	\$22,989
(Year to date budgeted pledge and Plate Budget)	\$24,674
Endowment Income	\$23,651
Year to date budgeted Endowment Income)	\$18,810
Total Income	\$60,967*
Budgeted Income	\$73,347*
Net Income	\$ 120

**Expense**

Building and Grounds	\$15,495**
Year to Date Building and Grounds Budget)	\$11,608
Office & Admin	\$5,997***
Year to date Office and Administration Budget	\$2,180
Total Expense	\$65,725
Budgeted YTD Exp.	\$59,122
Excess of Expense over Income	\$ -4,767

**Funds (As of 2/28/19)**

Endowment Balance	\$657,280
On 12/31/2015 it was	\$640,461.
Memorial Balance	\$228,726
On 12/31/2015 it was	\$335,368
Checkbook Balance on December 31st, 2018	was \$9,675
On April 31, 2019. it was	\$6,780
On December 31, 2018 Our Mission Fund Balance was	\$11,946
After the first quarter of 2019 it was	\$14,842

### Financial Notes

- We took our first drawdown of the \$12,500 from the Memorial Fund the beginning of March that was scheduled to be drawn down on January 1, 2019.

\*\* Building and Grounds is \$3887 over budget. We had pipe repair costs of \$3,312 which is \$937 over budget. It has been an expensive year for natural gas this year: \$4,135 as compared to \$2,375 budgeted.

\*\*\* This number is inflated due to a double tax payment . We are now square with both the IRS and the State of Illinois.

### Building and Grounds



- The biggest B & G news of the month is the approval of our claim to replace the roof of the Church due to wind damage! The total cost of the roof over the nave of the Church is \$182,308.51. Trinity's deductible is \$1,000. We were given the option to also do the roof over the Sanctuary. Our negotiated price for that work is \$26,000. If we do both our liability is \$27,000 plus the cost of permits. The contractor is seeking the permits as I type. Work should begin in early June and continue through the beginning of August. This is terrific news!

- Once the roof is redone, we are contracted to fix and repaint the Church Ceiling. The ceiling has been our One - to - Grow on project for the last two years. I am very glad it was so hard to find a contractor (we have one waiting in the wings, ready to jump in when the roof is finished). The roofers warned us that there might be some plaster damage due to work on the roof and that if there was, they would follow up for additional financial support from the insurance company. Sometimes God sends the right plan even though it drives us 'getter done now' humans crazy!
- Thanks to Ken Adam and his family, we finally got the new flagpole installed and the brackets installed!. Next up, seasonal banners for each!

#### • Around the Church

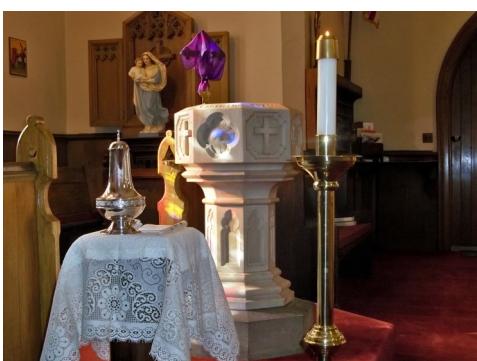
- For those of you who were playing March Madness of the Saints, Martha of Bethany won! See the Article on page 8.
- Thanks to our generous donor for bringing in a crew that completely cleaned the kitchen including the exhaust fan and putting a coat of wax on the floor! Beautiful!
- Congratulations to everyone who bought ticket to the Concert Series and/or made donations to the organ restoration fund. It looks like we now have enough money to do phase one of the needed repairs!

*Trinity is becoming!*





## Pictures from Holy Week, Concert Series and a Baptism





## Ritual, Reason, and Why... Incense

**Incense** Refers to: any number of woods and/or resins which, when heated or burned, give off a fragrant smell.  
 “frank” means PURE incense. Resin from the tree species - *Boswellia*.

Use: very old and widespread. Used by MANY religions.

7 uses:

- as a sacrifice to the god or gods
- as a sacrifice to a deceased human(s)
- as a symbol of honor to a living person(s)
- as a “demonifuge” = to drive away evil spirits ~ living or dead
- as a means of purification or healing
- as a festive accompaniment for processions and ceremonies
- simply to create (through using senses) a worshipful atmosphere

ALSO had PRACTICAL USE ~ to cover the smell of the burnt offerings and the People.

Has also come to represent our PRAYER RISING.

1<sup>st</sup> three centuries NOT used in Christian ceremonies because OTHER religions used it and it was associated with sacrifices to “GOD(S)” other than the Christian God and also to the emperor(s). All which was consider FALSE use.

4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> century we begin to see it coming into use. HONORIFIC led to rapid widespread use by the 6<sup>th</sup> century ~ sacrificial offering as an act of ADORATION.

AT HOLY COMMUNION used:

- in processing the gospel book BOTH INTO the church and to it PROCLAMATION
- in HONORIFIC reverence to the ALTAR (can be used at entrance OR just before the EUCHARIST).
- HONORIFIC reverence to the OFFERINGS OF THE PEOPLE ~ BOTH MONEY and BREAD AND WINE.
- in RECOGNITION of the participants of the worship service: the celebrant, the servers, the choir, the People.

Scripture references:

I Chr. 9:29; Jer. 41:5; Ps. 66:15; Isa. 43:23; 60:6; 66:3; Jer. 6:20; 17:26, 41:5; Deut. 33:10; Isa. 1:13; I Sam. 2:15-16; Jer 19:13; 44:21, 23; Hos. 4:13; 11:2; Hab. 1:16; Exod. 30:8; Lev. 10:1; Ezek. 8:11; Exod. 30:34-38; 25:6; 35:8, 28; 37:29, etc....





# Trinity Episcopal Church St. Margaret's Women's Guild

A Fund-raiser Supporting



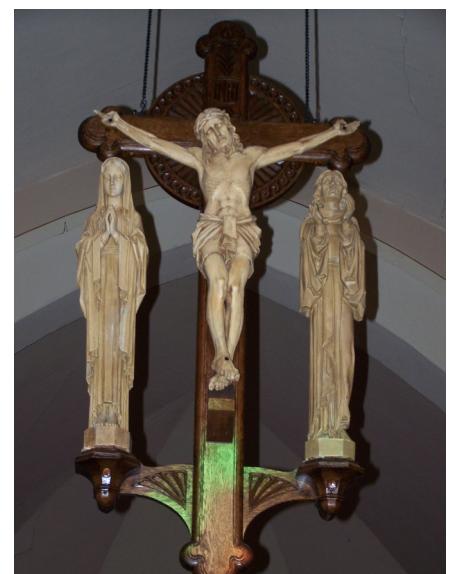
*A Quilt for drawing on  
Sunday November 24*

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Our quilt was lovingly hand-made by St. Margaret's Woman's Guild members and a quilting friend.

Raffle Tickets \$5 each or three for \$10

Mutual Grounds provides help to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault free of charge. Services include an emergency shelter along with all of the tools, support and services victims will need for the healing to begin.





On Saturday, May 11th, 2019 Linda Barber and Pat Wilson attended the Episcopal Church Women (ECW) annual meeting at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Downers Grove. All adult (16+) females are considered members, whether participants or not. ECW is a very worthy organization that funds women's groups throughout the world's Church. It offers scholarships and helps support Episcopal Charities, primarily through United Thank Offerings which is collected twice a year, in Spring and Fall.

Bishop Lee presided over the Holy Eucharist along with the Reverend KJ Oh and the Reverend Trilby Murray, Deacon. The officers and newly elected Board Members were installed during the Eucharist. The United Thank offering was presented also.

We began our day with a continental breakfast, followed by Morning Devotion. A business meeting followed. The details of which are available on the Diocesan website



Our sincere congratulations to Matthew Stephens who recently graduated from Aurora University! His comment on Facebook follows.

*"After three years at NIU and being told by voice faculty that I was a failure and remedial musician...after a restart at Waubonsee Community College...and after finding a my place and successfully finishing my senior recital at Aurora University...after seven years of college...I've now completed what at a point seemed like a lost cause. I have now graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Music (Voice) from Aurora University."*

Way to go!, Matthew!

### Jubilee Ministry notes:

#### Sandwich Board:

Teleconferenced a meeting with the Hunger Commission. I think there will be a fall CROP walk in our area.

We were looking to fill six monthly cooking slots for Sandwich Board. So far, to date; St. David's Church has taken on two extra Thursdays and will be helping with Thanksgiving. We have been blessed by the additional help of Scott from St. David's, Brett from St. John and Jim from St. Charles. These three fellows have been great. Just when you think you don't have enough, the Lord provides.

#### Amnesty Center:

This year we have helped with one citizenship application and one DACA renewal. Still not giving up hope that some of the archaic immigration laws will be brought up to date.

### St. Margaret's Guild News

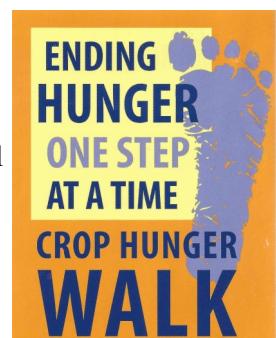
We are selling tickets for the quilt raffle which will be held in November

Our meetings are on the 3rd Tuesday each month at noon. Come and join us. Just bring a sandwich to share and that is all it takes. The rest of the lunch is provided by the hostesses and we have some great desserts. Lots of conversations and fellowship.

Linda Barber, Jubilee Director

### Outreach

We are currently seeking donations or cash support for one of the Association for Individual Development's Group Homes. A Group home is a place where 4 to 6 individual with a developmental disability reside in a safe loving environment with continuous Staff supervision. Since the State of Illinois only pays AID for \$.80 of every \$1.00 they Spend, the programs are always looking for local support. If you are interested in supporting this cause you can donate household goods, or donation envelopes are available!





## Mary, Martha (and Lazarus) of Bethany

*Martha, Winner of the Lent Madness 2019*

Mary and Martha of Bethany, with Lazarus their brother, are described in the Gospels according to Luke and John, as close and well-loved friends of Jesus. Luke records the well-known story of their hospitality, which has made Martha a symbol of the active life and Mary of the contemplative, though some commentators would take the words of Jesus to be a defense of that which Mary does best, and a commendation of Martha for what she does best—neither vocation giving grounds for despising the other.

John's Gospel sheds additional light on the characters of Mary and Martha. When Lazarus is dying, Jesus delays his visit to the family and arrives after Lazarus' death. Martha comes to meet him, still trusting in his power to heal and restore. The exchange between them evokes Martha's deep faith and acknowledgment of Jesus as the Messiah (*John 11:21–27*).

John also records the supper at Bethany at which Mary anointed Jesus' feet with fragrant ointment and wiped them with her hair. This tender gesture of love evoked criticism from the disciples. Jesus interpreted the gift as a preparation for his death and burial..

### "Who was Martha in the Bible?"

Martha is a significant New Testament figure, a personal friend of Jesus, and someone with whom many women today identify. She lived in Bethany with her sister, Mary, and her brother, Lazarus, whom Jesus raised from the dead (*John 11:1–15, 43–44*). We meet Martha three times in the Bible, and each event helps to build a profile of this interesting woman.

The Bible first mentions Martha in Luke 10. She is in her home in Bethany, a small town near Jerusalem, where she is hosting Jesus and the disciples. Jesus was well-known to Martha and her siblings; in fact, Jesus loved this little family (*John 11:5*). On the day that Jesus visited, Martha's desire was to be a good hostess—to serve the best meal with the best possible presentation, for Jesus' sake. Her sister, Mary, however, was taking some time out to listen to Jesus (*Luke 10:39*). As Martha "was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made" (*Luke 10:40*), she became a little cross with Mary and spoke rather abruptly to the Lord: "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!" (*verse 40*). In this foolish utterance, Martha implied that Jesus did not care about her, and she gave the Lord a command, demanding that He force Mary to assist in the serving. In her busyness, Martha had taken her eyes off the Savior. Jesus, who was able to see into her soul, diagnosed her problem: she was worried and troubled about the serving and had no peace in her heart. He gently told Martha that a simple dinner was more than adequate, and He reminded her that Mary's decision to sit at His feet and hear His word was the better choice (*verses 41–42*).

We see Martha again just after her brother, Lazarus, had died (*John 11*). The sisters had sent for Jesus when Lazarus fell ill (*verse 3*), but He did not arrive in time to heal him. When Jesus finally approached Bethany, four days after Lazarus' death, Martha ran out to meet Him and declared, "If you had been here, my brother would not have died. But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask" (*John 11:21–22*). Notice Martha's faith: she firmly believed that Jesus could have healed Lazarus of his illness. And her faith is not diminished by the fact that Jesus had arrived "too late." Jesus encourages Martha with one of His "I AM" statements: "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?" (*verses 25–26*). Martha's response is one of great faith and understanding of Jesus' divine nature: "Yes, Lord . . . I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world" (*verse 27*). Martha's faith was rewarded that very day as she witnessed her brother's miraculous resurrection from the dead (*verses 43–44*).

The third time we encounter Martha in the Bible, she is doing what Martha was known to do—serving (*John 12:2*). Jesus is again attending a dinner in His honor in Bethany, and Martha is again serving. It is on this occasion that Martha's sister, Mary, anoints Jesus' feet with expensive perfume (*verse 3*). It becomes apparent that Martha was likely a woman of some means, evidenced by the size of her home, the frequency of her hosting dinners, and the expensive perfumed oil her sister owned.

In Martha's life-changing encounters with Jesus, we see the importance of balancing service with worship, of trusting the Lord even when all seems lost, and of using our material resources for the glory of God.

*O God, heavenly Father, your Son Jesus Christ enjoyed rest and refreshment in the home of Mary and Martha of Bethany: Give us the will to love you, open our hearts to hear you, and strengthen our hands to serve you in others for his sake; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*



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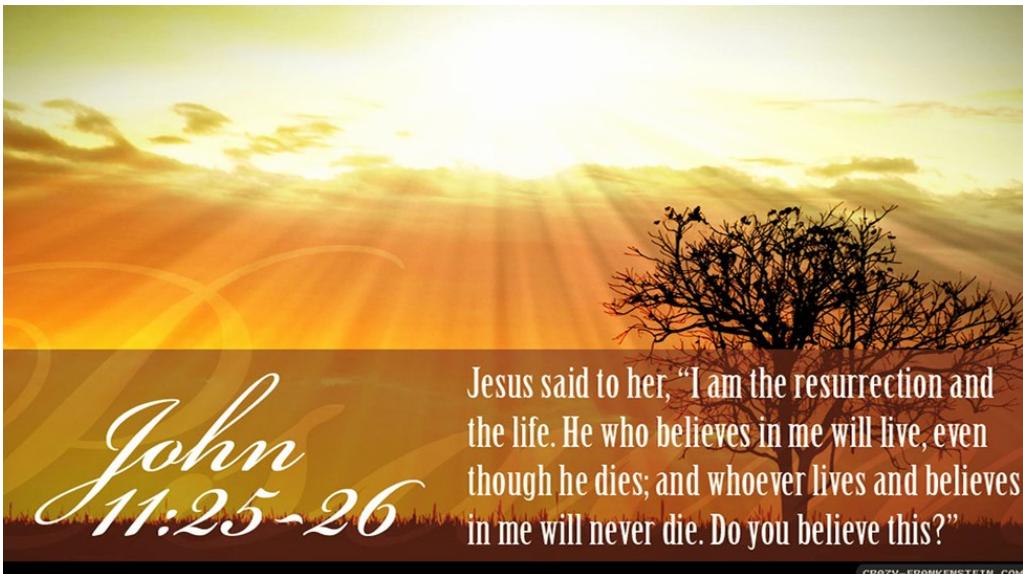
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*Trinity is a congregation that strives to be a thriving, vibrant, open and affirming, diverse community of hope that, with God's help, heartily welcomes the stranger, joyously worships the Lord in the beauty of holiness, and lovingly serves 'the least of these,' a church that changes people's lives for the better.*



**John 11:25-26**

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

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