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## **Bread for the Journey: Proclaiming the Easter Gospel**

*Alleluia, Alleluia!, ALLELUIA!! The Lord is risen!*

It is the honor of my life to stand before you and read the Easter Gospel, the central message of our faith. The Easter Gospel is the dramatic culmination of the events retold during Holy Week. In the Easter Gospel we hear and begin to understand the resurrection of Jesus, the Christ, the dramatic

expression of God's love and compassion for all humanity. And as we read further during the Easter Season, we learn what this means for us and what God asks from us in our lives. How we are called to respond to God's gift of salvation and renewal.



*Deacon Dan Maxwell*

Easter occurs in spring, during the annual season of growth, restoration and rebirth. It is during the Easter services, when we hear the Easter Gospel, that we baptize new Christians, welcoming them into the community, or family, of Jesus, continuing a tradition that dates to the earliest days of the Church. At the same time we are reminded of and reaffirm our own baptismal vows, the promises we made to God and ourselves, responding to God's love for us and God's call to us to love each other as God loves us.

I originally thought that I would write about the honor of proclaiming the Easter Gospel at the Easter services. But as I thought about it, proclaiming the Easter Gospel is not the exclusive responsibility of ordained ministers. Proclaiming the Gospel (and not just the Easter Gospel) is the right, and the privilege of all baptized Christians. To proclaim the Gospel does not mean, necessarily, standing

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It made it through another Easter.

Trinity Rector Fr. Bill McClure stands beside the parish's very old, very rugged cross which stood atop the 90-foot-tall steeple for 124 years, beginning with the church building's opening in 1884. It was gingerly retrieved and replaced in 2008 and since then is each Easter carefully displayed in the sanctuary.

### **Our Old Rugged Cross**



# Proclaiming Easter

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on a street corner, or even reading it in church. Proclaiming the Gospel means living it in our daily lives, following the guidance and promises of our baptismal covenant, demonstrating God's love each and every day. As Jesus (John 13:34-5) tells us: "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you should love one another. By

this everyone will know that you are my disciples". And (John 8:31) "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples". The gospel lives every day in each and every one of us.

So, let us open our hearts and lives to God and to each other, proclaiming in love the (Easter) Gospel each and every day of our lives.

***The Lord is risen indeed! ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!!*** – DEACON DAN

## Deserving of praise...

Individuals and groups in the Trinity Community consistently do so many things deserving of praise that naming any risks leaving out most. Yet we will try, from time-to-time, to single out a few of those brought to our attention:

★***Those who helped organize the Ukrainian aid garage sale***, responding to a call from women of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints who initiated the project. ***Ellen Eagan, Deb McClure, and Gerry Cawthra*** played a part in helping LDS get the ball rolling, and many parishioners contributed and supported the sale which raised more than \$20,000 for Ukrainians fending off the invading Russians.

★***The Trinity Choir***, which after a years-long hiatus due to covid returned to form Easter Sunday with a wonderfully moving rendition of "We Have Seen the Risen Lord." We offer our appreciation to ***Deb McClure, Ted Rockwell, Ellen Eagan, Bill McClure, Tina Wilson, and Lisa Rhea***.

★***Vivian Furtaw***, granddaughter of Sonya Titus, has since last fall gifted Trinity with her talents as a fute player in duet and solo. Teacher Mary Ann Hubbard calls Vivian a remarkable player, more so because she is not yet in her teens!

★Parishioner ***Cindy Baker*** of Lasting Expressions gives her artistic talent to create the beautiful flower arrangements adorning Trinity on Sundays and holidays.



## In April, 3 baptized into the faith!

The Rev. Bill McClure (above right) performs the joyful rite of baptism for **Maya Joy Losano**, baptized at Trinity April 17 in the presence of parents Jessica Harbson and Dario Losano (at left) and Godparents Dave and Monica Losano. Maya joins brothers Jayce and Dominic.

During the Easter vigil on April 16, two more children were baptized into the faith: **Brynn Erin Bertsos**, daughter of Matthew and Kelsey Bertsos; and **Nora Emery Marsh**, daughter of Daniel and Meghan Marsh. Brynn's Godparents are Mark Bertsos and Daniel and Meghan Marsh; Nora's Godparents are Jacob O'Brien and Matthew and Kelsey Bertsos.

We welcome them all into the family of God!



### Profiling parishioner

## Gerry Cawthra

With her energy, talents, and can-do spirit Grand Rapids native Gerry Cawthra would be welcome anywhere. Moving over the years from Michigan to Maine to New Jersey, she fortunately landed here – and in six years with Trinity she’s added much to our parish.

Within a year of her arrival Gerry was asked to assist Maggie Lamb as vice president of Trinity Episcopal Churchwomen (TECW), then took her turn as president and through the covid pandemic has been a reliable guiding hand. Gerry has also been a principle driver of the “Santa for Shelter” program providing clothes and toys to Huron Shores Alliance for abused women and children, and has offered her hand in a number of other fundraisers including the recent community Ukrainian Aid project.

People turn to Gerry because she’s honest, quick, competent, and completely approachable, not to mention adaptable. When she and Jack Cawthra married, Gerry had a teaching certificate from U-M and was teaching first grade. He was working in the auto industry. They changed careers, moved to Holland and ran a convenience store, living in the apartment above for 21 years as daughters Geri and Rebecca were born, went to school in Holland, and then on to college.

In 1991 Gerry and Jack sold the store and moved to New Jersey for a year, then bought a 14-cottage motel in Maine, running the business together until Jack’s death in 2001.

Gerry returned to Holland, then moved to Alpena and Turning Brook to be near daughter Geri and son-in-law Paul Samp. Recently daughter Rebecca and husband



Don Stockdale have moved to Alpena too, along with Don’s mother, bringing together Geri’s expanding family that includes two Samp granddaughters, two Stockdale granddaughters, and two great-granddaughters.

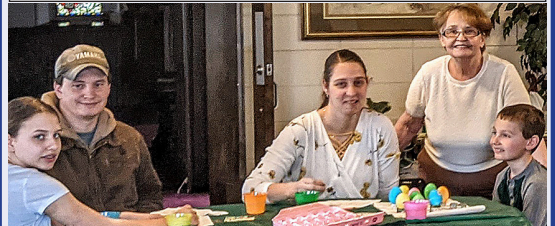
It’s quite a clan, considering Gerry started out with no family at all. She was adopted as a 2-year-old and folded into a good Grand Rapids family that raised her in the Congregational Church.

How did she get to Trinity? Gerry went sometimes to the Episcopal Church with her adoptive grandmother, fell in love with an Episcopalian named Jack, and married him at Grace Episcopal in Holland. As she settled into Alpena, Trinity Episcopal seemed right.

“It’s a beautiful church and the people I thoroughly love and enjoy,” Gerry says.

For our part, we know a woman with her grace, good nature and talents would be welcome anywhere. We at Trinity feel lucky to have her.

*HOW do we choose parishioners for our profile? Completely at random. Eventually we hope to get around to every member of the family!*



**Families coloring 100 eggs for Sunday Supper!**



## Trinity members honored

### Ron and Cheryl Lemke named Alpena Outstanding Citizens

*“We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give.”\**

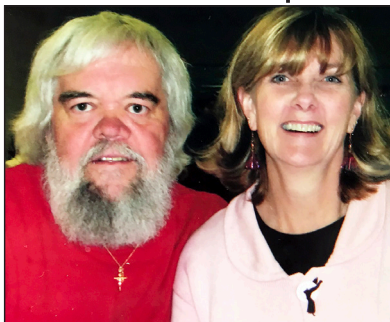
Like many in our generous community, Ron and Cheryl Lemke have always been “giving.”

But not many of us are able to turn it into a full-time job.

That could be why the Lemkes, who in retirement use their own resources and funnel the contributions of others into something of a personal “social service agency,” are the latest Trinity Episcopalians to be named Alpena Outstanding Citizens.<sup>1</sup>

Whether it's money, food, clothing, housewares, transportation, animal care, or just plain hard work, with a phone call the Lemkes are on it. Using their own funds where possible – grown through investments, Ron says – the Lemkes are “investing” in Alpena, trying to help meet needs as they arise. And if they can't do it they try to find someone who can.

Three years ago an anonymous donor began adding a sizable monthly gift to the couple's efforts, and since then the Lemke name has gotten around to others, like the man wanting to unload 1,000 pounds of potatoes and the individual with



hundreds of pairs of socks to give away. Three knitters who make caps and coverlets get them delivered to nursing home and cancer patients via the Lemkes. Ron and Cheryl have become a link between those who want to help and those who know where that help may do the most good.

Ron's penchant for giving time and treasure began in childhood in

Wausaw, WI with his mother Alice, a visiting nurse. “We took care of foster kids, old ladies, abandoned rabbits, everything,” Ron says. “I grew up thinking it was just ‘what you do.’”

Cheryl, as school nurse, stocked her office with shoes, socks, boots, and coats because she saw a crying need among kids coming to school without them. “Why does this happen? We have months of winter, and a child tells me he has no coat? No boots?” In a family blessed with resources, Cheryl felt – and still feels – the need to share, to give, to help.

“For me, it's part of my faith; there's a strong connection among me, my church, and God.”

*The Lemkes have a daughter, Ashley, (Adam Page) and grandchildren Cameron and Cailyn*

#### Among the ways Lemkes and others give

**K-12 School Success workers and staff, Aces Academy, Preschool at Sunset, Children's Closet:**

kids' clothes, supplies, shoes, boots, mittens

**Baby Pantry:** infant supplies

**St. Bernard Friendship Room:** food, money, gas cards, clothes, transit tickets

**Trinity Sunday Supper:** food, time, money, clothes, caps, mittens

**Hope Shores Alliance (Shelter):** furniture, toys, clothes, bedding, food, school supplies, dishes

**Salvation Army:** clothes, coats, mittens, hats, boots

**St. Vincent dePaul:** clothes, money

**Boys' and Girls' Club:** clothes, food,

backpacks, boots, hair dryers, programs  
**Senior Citizen Center:** canes, handi-cap assist items, fabric, yarns

**Cancer Center and Friends Together (Cancer Support):** blankets, hats, gas cards, jewelry, money

**Homeless Shelter:** food, clothes

**Food Pantry and Grace Lutheran**

**Food Pantry:** cash donations, food

**Sunrise Center:** bedding, clothes

**Alpena Veterans:** Christmas wrapping, merchandise, cash donations

**Also: for essential workers** (gift cards); **Public Safety** (food, funds for equipment); **Businesses in need**

**during pandemic** (cash for employees)

\*Often mis-attributed to Sir Winston Churchill; true author unknown.

<sup>1</sup>Among Trinity members, Elbert Heath received the honor in 1991, Tim and Sue Fitzpatrick in 2009, and Bronwyn Woolman in 2018.

# Building a First Century village



**B**elow Trinity's fellowship hall a small First Century village has come to life. In it are a potter, jeweler, baker, farmer, tailor, woodworker, rabbi, and shepherds. They've built their own houses (of cardboard) and labeled them with their names in Hebrew. They've made their own furniture (with help from Cathy Meske), their own utensils (with help from Joe Donna at ACC) and with more than a little help from Sue Krafft and Cynthia Taylor, their own robes. On Sundays they meet in the village, share traditional foods, do their "jobs," and most importantly, learn about the life of Jesus.



**COUNTER-CLOCKWISE,**  
*From upper left: building benches to sit on, ritual washing of hands, trying 1st Century foods,*



*buying essentials, enjoying the Seder meal on home-made plates!*



# HISTORY OF THE VICTORIAN TEA:

## Part XI: Tea at Grandmother's House

Series by Kathryn Kunze

Louisa May Alcott said it so well: “Every house needs a grandmother in it.”

Truthfully, Trinity Church has a large group of lovely grandmothers. However, we do know that not all grandmothers meet the stereotype of the quiet old lady with soft cheeks and white hair.

Some grandmothers are creative, whimsical, and ready to tackle any challenge, including turning a large hall into the perfect grandmother's tea parlor. The creative planning committee of Trinity Church's 2017 Victorian Tea had the vision and imagination; its members, along with inventive volunteers, were willing to tackle the challenge. Add in maybe a little magic, and All Saints' Hall was transformed into a pretty parlor of which any grandmother would be proud.

Round tables were covered in deep pink cloths which grandmother would have additionally covered with lace, of course, so Lori Maxwell kindly provided the ecru lace overlays. Oil lamps graciously loaned by many members centered each table and napkins in ecru and off-white came from

TECW's collection of vintage table linens. The buffet table was covered in deep pink over a white ruffled skirt topped with an intricate long runner fashioned



by Tammy Linke using the many various-sized doilies the committee had collected over the years. At the buffet center stood a silver candelabra decorated with pink roses and above it our much-used “birdcage” festooned with gorgeous many-hued pink flowers, pearls and ivy.



**THE PERFECT WELCOME!:** What better greeting than lovely Kelly Bates (now Mann) beside the glass door she designed proclaiming “Welcome!” to the 2017 Tea.

Grandmother's house would have had antique dishes on display and family portraits lovingly hung over wallpapered walls, but recreating that homey atmosphere took ingenuity, creativity, and generosity.

Cheryl Bates and daughter Kelly offered their talents, placing lattices covered with fabric in an old wallpaper design on the recessed walls of the hall. Two panels painted black held various decorative plates. Volunteers brought in lovely framed heirlooms of family ancestors to cover the remaining walls and

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plants, ferns, and floral arrangements were pleasantly placed throughout the “parlor.”

The kitchen front counter was covered with pink and ecru cloths; lace curtains and valances covered the window; and small vases holding miniature pink roses and ivy were placed among photos of the “**Founding**

**Grandmothers of the Tea:”** *Enid Frederick, Cynthia Taylor, Bea Fox, Jean Schuelfer, and Virginia McCarty.*

**O**ld lace curtains hung over every window, doorway, and entrance, and the front entrance was made particularly spectacular by a scripted glass door proclaiming “Welcome to the Victorian Tea” beautifully designed by Kelly Bates. The overhang above the entrance became a garden scene with trees, flowers, gazing ball, cranes, watering can, and a small table and chairs.

The garden theme above the entrance introduced people to the former “Tea Cozy” shop now renamed: “Pots, Plants, and Posies.” Kelly and Cheryl’s chalkboard signs, fresh flowers, and a black-and-white striped awning covering the lower level

doorway pointed the way.

In the church, Mason jars filled with garden flowers stood in each window and “The Old Hat Shoppe” was open for business with an extra abundance of garden hats for those in need of new adornment.

Steadfast butlers Dr. Dan

Maxwell and Lew Kunze were on hand to make the ladies sigh with their impeccable attire and unfailingly proper manners. The crisply-gowned maids, who actually put The Tea in motion, hurried back and forth to ensure every need was met. Our Tea Hostesses – this year Carole Cadarette, Elaine Duvall, Laurie Griggs, and Thelma Stevens – never seemed to tire and graciously poured tea as they engaged in friendly



**STEAMING WITH ELEGANCE – 2017 tea hostess Carole Cadarette not only steams her tea with elegance, but pours it that way, too.**

conversation with each attendee. It’s worth repeating that every group and each person is vital to the overall success of The Tea, from the downstairs to the kitchen crews to the parlor itself, and most definitely the clean-up crew!

“**T**here’s no place like home, except Grandma’s.” It’s a sentiment penned by an unknown author and understood by everyone fortunate enough to know a grandmother’s love. The 2017 Victorian Tea personified that experience in a most charming way. Like being at Grandma’s, everyone was welcomed; loved; offered the tastiest sandwiches, cookies and tarts ever; and given tea and conversation that never stopped flowing. The 228 guests, second highest attendance ever, proved the point – tea at Grandma’s is the best!



**VICTORIAN BUTTERFLY – Abby is great-niece of Trinity Episcopal’s Laurie Griggs, who shared tea with sister Linda, niece Kelly, and this little Victorian butterfly.**

## Oh, those Ella White Eagles! 4,000 food items for the needy!



**Cupboards, once bare, are filled to the**

**brim!** Thanks to the Ella White Eagles and their families who in March and April donated more than 4,000 food items for the hungry, the community food pantry at Trinity Episcopal Church is now able to meet the immediate need. Once the Ella White troops gathered in the food, community volunteers transported and stacked all of those items in the pantry at Trinity Church. Duane Himes led the “movers” and

Sonya Titus recruited the “stackers,” just a few of whom are pictured in the photo at left, from left: Claudia Rosbeck, Cathy Meske, Ellen Eagan, Diane Przeslawski, Lorie Vorraro, Sonya, Midge and Bruce Connon, and Jim and Betty Masters. In the photo at right, Lori and Claudia pack the shelves. Others from Trinity and across the community were part of this big effort. It does, indeed, take a village.



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