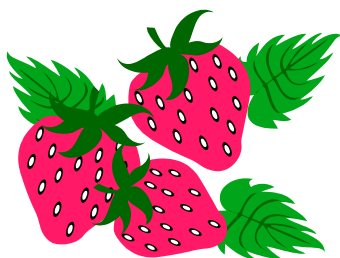


*June Newsletter of Trinity Lutheran  
Church, Wernersville, PA*

# **STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL**

**June 13, 2015**

**3:00 TO 8:00PM**



**FOOD, GAMES, BAKED GOODS, BOOKS  
COSTUME JEWELRY & PLANTS  
RAFFLE PRIZES**

**\*\*ENTERTAINMENT FEATURED\*\***

**3:30 pm TO 6:00pm**

**Vertigo Vibe**

**6:15pm to 7:30pm**

**Trinity Sunday School Orchestra**

*Proceeds Benefit Community Response Fund*

## From the Pastor

*“Therefore I tell you, do  
not be anxious about your life....”*  
Matthew 6:25

Do Not be Anxious...

Of all the things the Lord Jesus asks of us this must be the hardest. It is much easier to feed the hungry, pray for our enemies, love our neighbor, even to tithe our income than it is to overcome anxiety.

Anxiety is triggered by life occurrences from huge things like a sudden death in the family to daily things like driving in traffic or undergoing a medical exam. Anxiety is basically coming right up against the unknown. When we can't see into the future we lose a sense of control over our circumstances and anxiety is the natural response.

I suppose it is also natural to turn to the medical community for relief. That's way so many Americans are on anti-anxiety medication. But consuming drugs, be they legal or not, can cause problems of a different nature. There are other antidotes for anxiety. Growing our faith in God is certainly the most important.

Lately there has been a lot written about “mindfulness.” Mindfulness is a generic way of describing meditation (an Eastern religious tradition) or prayer, although a person who engages in mindfulness may not acknowledge the existence of a higher power while a Christian in prayer is basically focusing their thoughts and desires on God. Whatever you may call it, mindfulness, meditation or prayer, clearing one's mind of daily concerns makes it possible to center on the present and allow the power of the Spirit to sooth one's soul.

Recalling God's promises is an immediate way to allay fear and anxiety. God promises to be with us always, even to the end of the

age. This is not to say there won't be rough patches along the road, but God will be there to see us through. Knowing God is ultimately in control and holds our future in His loving hands gives us much needed relief from anxiety.

It was Mark Twain who said (I paraphrase), "I've suffered through many traumas over things that never happened." How true for all of us. I recently fretted over a family gathering for which I had significant responsibility. I tried to remind myself every time that demon anxiety crept in to pause, breathe deep, and center myself in the present where God is. When I did this I relaxed and actually enjoyed the process of preparing for this event, aware that the Holy Spirit was sustaining me. And, as it turned out, the day was nearly perfect. Seeing each other was a real joy and a good time was had by one and all. Any worrying I did was simply a waste of emotion and energy.

You can, no doubt, recall similar experiences. It isn't easy to overcome anxiety in stressful situations. It is, in fact, a spiritual gift to be able to do so. But God never asks us of anything without giving us the power to do it. So take with you into all the challenges and changes of life these words of our Lord Jesus Christ:

**Do Not Be Anxious!**

God's Peace,

*Pastor Sue*



Once again we are looking for donations for the Raffle at The Strawberry Festival on June 13, 2015. Baskets filled with goodies, art work, crafts, etc. Please contact Connie Fritz 610-678-3876  
Thank you.



Don't forget to bake

The bake sale stand needs your help to have a fantastic 100% profit stand. We sell anything: whole cakes and pies, cupcakes, muffins, brownies, cookies, whoopie pies, rice crispy bars, breads (regular and fruit). Bring your donations to the stand the day of the festival. If you need to bring it earlier, please put it in the church library on the table. Thank you, thank you, thank you in advance. Sue Sickler, 610-678-9796.



**And from Carol Koch @ the Media Table....**

We welcome your donations of hard cover and paperback books, puzzles, DVD's, CD's , etc. for adults as well as children. Please-no magazines. You can bring your donations to the church office Monday through Thursday between 10:30 AM & 2:30 PM or when you come to church on the weekend. Cut off date is Monday morning, June 8th as we need to sort and price all items the week of the festival. Please label cartons or bags to indicate Media. Thank you.



**Wanted**

Gently used or new stuffed animals for our games stands at the Strawberry Festival. Please drop these off in the narthex.

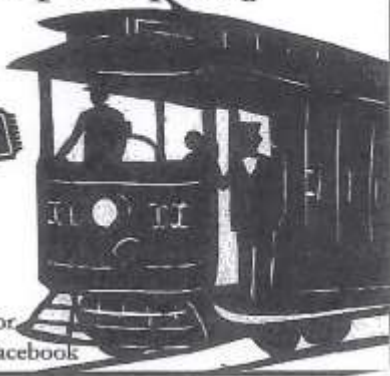
Thank You.

10th ANNUAL  
A Taste of Wernersville  
SATURDAY 11-6  
JUNE 13, 2015

Fun activities, music, open houses,  
tours & Strawberry Festival 3-8 pm.  
Many locations will be selling food.

Shop Local or Visit participating  
organizations to  
receive (1) free  
trolley ride   
for day of event.

Tickets are limited and available  
first come first serve basis.  
Contact [www.fiveanddivine.com](http://www.fiveanddivine.com) or  
search Taste of Wernersville on facebook



*Sunday School in June, July, and August*

We are going to have Sunday School for the children of elementary age and younger throughout the summer. It will meet in the church library. Children will start in church @ 10:30. The first hymn will be something that the children either know or can easily sing with the adults. We will share the peace early in the service so they can participate and will read a lesson from the Children's Bible. Then they will go to the library with the designated teacher for the day where they will hear a story based on the Gospel for the day and do crafts and games. We encourage our families with younger children

to attend worship, as they are able, throughout the summer knowing that there will be activities for their children as well. Worship services are remaining at 10:30 throughout the summer.



*Congratulations to our Graduates*

Erin Dougherty

Daughter of Kelly Thompson

June 12, 2015

Conrad Weiser High School

Plans on attending Weidner University in the fall

Michael Bromhead

Son of Kim Bromhead and Grandson of Eleanor Brossman

May 8, 2015

Reading Area Community College

Associate Degree in Business Management

Ryan Gemmell

May 9, 2015

Lebanon Valley College

BS in Music Recording Technology

We will be honoring them at worship on Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Fathers**



Give us the opportunity to acknowledge you in worship and remember you with a small gift. The men and boys chorus will sing a medley of hymns again this year.

June 21<sup>st</sup>, 10:30 AM



**Worship will remain @ 10:30 AM throughout the summer.**

**Don't forget!**

**There will be no 5:30 PM Worship service the day of the Strawberry Festival, June 13.**

**Our pantry Sundays for June are the 21st and 28th. All items donated will be given to the Conrad Weiser Food Pantry.**

Items needed are: Jelly, Rice/Stuffing, Canned vegetables, Canned meats, Canned Fruit, Potatoes-canned or boxes, Saltine crackers, Pasta, Cereal, Drinks-mixes or cans, Canned soup, Canned beans, Canned pasta, Tuna, Peanut Butter, Spaghetti Sauce, Macaroni & Cheese, Snacks/Dessert, Toilet tissue, Paper Towels, Tissues.



**Have a garden?**

If God blesses you with an abundance bring your "overage" to the basket on the back windowsill.

**Beginning Sunday, June 21st.**

If you don't have a garden or are not growing what's in the basket take what you would like, leave a donation.

All donations will be given to **World Hunger.**

Applications for the Student Loan/Grants from the Endowment Fund for higher education (trade school, associate degrees, bachelor degrees, etc.) are available now. We ask that applications be

returned by June 30, 2015 so that we can evaluate the amount available for each student. Please contact Diane Klinger, Endowment Treasurer, for applications (610-670-3198) or call the office.



### **Church Council Highlights for May**

1. Approved Laura Miller and April Schwartz for membership.
2. Received status report on audio system update from Donald Oxenreider.
3. Carol Koch & Pastor Sue presented info received at a workshop they attended on Child Abuse policies and our plans for implementation.
4. Call Committee reported on their meeting with Pastor Richter.



*Thank you from all the clients and staff at Opportunity House for volunteering in our kitchen on April 2nd! Please share our thanks and deep gratitude with all the members of your cooking team. John Moulf*

Thanks to Tedd Hickernell who planned and prepared our Mother's Day Banquet. And thanks to the guys who set up, served, brought desserts, and cleaned up. We also appreciate the talents of the Conrad Weiser High School Jazz Band. They were a real hit and we have them tentatively booked for next year.

Speaking of Mother's Day, on the following page is a picture of our Mothers and Daughters singing in church on Mother's Day, May 10.





**Our Mission Possible Team who packed boxes, etc. in New Windsor, Maryland on 5/21.**



**Kevin, Stephanie, Carly, and John Kurtz, Mary and Dan Nace, Dick and Helen Hummel, Jerry and Lynda Jarsocrak, Kerri and Jullie Searfoss, Kelly Thompson and Erin Doherty, Beth Byler, Bob Bashore, Diane Brown, Sue Sickler, Kathy Lawry, and Scott Franzen.**



Our sincere sympathy to Ardelle Heffner on the loss of her sister on 5/8. Please remember Ardelle in your thoughts and prayers.



Congratulations to Laura and David Laudenslager on the birth of Benjen Riker Saturday 5/-/2015. He weighed 7 lbs 12 oz. Proud grandparents are Betty Lou and Scott Franzen.

### **Some Pictures from Easter which didn't fit in the May Newsletter**



Can you guess who was the Easter Bunny?



E.B. with Jocelyn McFadden, Leah and Paige Shannon

It's Forrest Lamm, Jr. He did a great job and we thank him.

## **Flower and Bulletin Sponsorship**

The cost of sponsoring the flowers is **\$38.00**. If you are sponsoring the flowers, please note that there are flower envelopes in the narthex beside the sign up list for altar flowers. Please put your check (payable to Trinity) or cash in the envelope and place in the offering plate. The cost of sponsoring the bulletins is **\$12.00**. We also want to remind you that the week you are an altar flower sponsor, please call the office, Nancy Moyer, or contact the altar guild person listed in the bulletin if you want to keep the flowers. Otherwise, the flowers will be given to the sick, shut-ins, or others in need. Thanks. **We need bulletin sponsors for 6/14 and 6/21.**

**Altar Flower Sponsors for June:** 6/7-Pamela Moyer in memory of her father, 6/14-Pastor Sue & David Fox in thanksgiving for their 28<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on 6/7, 6/21-Ron & Dawn Giangiacomo in honor of their wedding anniversary, 6/28-Bonnie Giamotti in memory of her mother's birthday.

**Bulletin Sponsors for June:** 6/7-Sandra Miller in memory of her and Larry's 35<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, 6/28-Joe & Sue Sickler in honor of Joe's birthday.

## **Helpers for June**

**Communion Assistant**-Jerry Jarsocrak

**Altar Guild**-Betty Lou Franzen

**Greeters:** 6/7-Linda & Kirsten Weiss, 6/14-Marlene Ochs, 6/21-Bonnie, John & Margie Stine, 6/28-Kelly Thompson & Erin Dougherty.

**Acolytes:** 6/7-Ben Sdcheider, 6/14-Patrick Berkenstock. 6/21-Kevin Gemmell, 6/28-Carly Kurtz.

**Lay Readers:** 6/7-Kevin Gemmell, 6/14-Bonnie Giamotti, 6/21-Kevin & John Kurtz, 6/28-Ron & Ruth Rush.

**Ushers:** 6/7- Bob & Kathy Bashore, 6/14-Coldrens, 6/21-Kurtzes, 6/28- Berkenstocks.

**Counters:** 6/7-Hummels,-Coldrens, 6/14-Franzens, 6/21-Rapley/Pirl-Roth, 5/28-Jarsocrak/Brophy.

**Sound Technician:** 6/7 & 6/14-Donald Oxenreider, 6/21-Wendell Byler, 6/28-Scott Franzen.

**Bulletin Assemblers:** 6/4-Sandy Miller & Pat Sickles, 6/11-Mary Young, 6/18-Mary Jane Evans, 6/25-Carolyn Kurtz.

### Prayer List

FERN BAGENSTOSE, Wanda Barnett, SYLVIA CHRISTY, Marge Dietrich, Maddy Folmar, Sharon & Larry Hamilton, Amy Hatlee, SUE HOLDER, Hannah Kramer, Holly Shaffer, Ann Zimmerman, Jerry Brossman, Larry Brossman, Ralph East, RON HARMAN, RAYMOND HARP, Kevin Hartman, Scott Hickernell, Nicholas Hydock, Leslie Jarsocrak, BUZZ LOCKWOOD, Gary Ochs, Jake Powers, Ryan Manbeck, Nick Moore, PHILIP SCHAFFER, Rodney Weiss, Jr., and Jerry Zachouski. Armed Services: Eric Alderman, Marie Rosati Clark, Allison Rosati Martin, Justin Klinger, Brent Naveiro, Eric Ochs, SCOTT SCHAFFER, and Jeffrey Troutman, Jr., Please help us with this prayer ministry if there is someone you want to include. (Capital letters designates members of Trinity).

### **Church Council Members**

Diane Brown 610-678-8083

Diane Klinger 610-670-3198

Mary Nace 610-207-4104

Pamela Moyer 610-670-5896

Kelly Thompson 610-468-8920

Nick Eshbach 610-670-6934

Jerry Jarsocrak, President 610-670-0954

Kevin Kurtz, Vice President 610-693-5233

Donald Oxenreider 610-678-4866

## **Happy Birthday**

### *Birthday Milestones in June*

Pat Sickles will be 82, Rosalie Putt will be 92, Mary June Yackera will be 91, Marlene Ochs will be 84, and Edward Paine will be 89. Happy Birthday to Pat, Rosie, Mary June, Marlene, and Ed.