



*Newsletter of Trinity Lutheran
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From the Pastor

*I thank God in all my remembrance of you.
Always in every prayer for you making my prayer with joy,
thankful for your partnership in the gospel
from the first day until now.*

*And I am sure that the one who began a good work in you
will bring it to completion...*

Philippians 1:3-6

The announcement has been made and a tentative date set for the call of a new pastor. Praise God that the process has moved along so smoothly! It is indeed evidence of God's work among us. If all continues to go well the candidate will be approved by the council and then the congregation and within a few months take their place of leadership as pastor of Trinity.

A part of this process is saying goodbye. People have begun to say to me, "We're going to miss you." To that I say, "Well don't miss me yet. I'm still here!"

The reality is I'll always be here with my prayers and precious memories of the special relationship we share. This relationship began many years ago at the beginning of my ministry. I recently came across a newsletter article I wrote when I left here as an intern in 1991. In it I enumerated the many things I had learned while serving here. Among them was how to write newsletter articles! I've written so many by now that I'd actually forgotten that there had been a learning process involved.

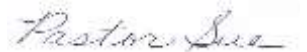
I signed that newsletter article "Susan" as everyone called me then. Soon enough as an ordained minister I assumed the moniker "Pastor Sue." I know many of you had trouble making the transition. But you have. One by one you have called me "Pastor Sue" or simply "Pastor." Recently I made a hospital visit to one of the pillars of the church, one in that category where change comes hard. Tears came to my eyes as I left and heard her say, "Thank you, Pastor." This was

an affirmation as meaningful to me as the group who gathered in Wilks-Barre at the 1992 synod assembly to celebrate with me as I was introduced as a newly approved candidate for ordained ministry.

It's safe to say that without your support and endorsement I never would have made it through. Who could have seen ahead to 2015 when I would be back serving as your interim pastor? What a blessing to be called back and reconnect with members who were active then and get to know many new ones. It has been a pleasure working with Nancy, who has, it seems, been here forever, and with Carol, who for me was the "new kid on the block." I knew Jerry Jarsocrak through his kids who were in the confirmation ministry then; I'm blessed to know him now not only as father and grandfather but church council president. And the names go on and on in my prayers and in my heart. People I've come to know and love, people who have faithfully served God through the life of Trinity their entire lives and newer folks who have brought new life and vision to Trinity.

So like Paul to the church at Philippi, I thank God for you and will always pray for you with joy. I'm thankful for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. I have confidence God will carry on the work that has begun in you as you call a pastor for the years to come. I know you will love, nurture, support, and work together with that pastor as you have me. And I'll never be gone. After all, I live just down the road.

God's Peace,



There is one week left for Summer Sunday School and that is September 6th. The Children should go right to the Library at 10:30 and then they will return to the nave for Communion for the older children and a blessing for the younger children. Thank you for faithfully bringing your children to church/Sunday School over the summer.

Carol

Rally Day and Grandparent's Day Sunday, September 13



An Old Fashioned Rally Day Service in church @ 10:30 AM.

This will be a child friendly service.

The theme for the day is Joshua, Jericho and the walls that came tumbling down!

We'll sing those favorite hymns from your childhood.

We will recognize and honor all grandparents present that Sunday.

If your grandparents or children or grandchildren don't belong to Trinity, why not invite them to attend with you for this special day of celebration and recognition.

Following worship we will proceed to Fellowship Hall for a birthday party for all our members who attained the age of 90 or more in the year 2015. Please plan to be there to help them celebrate.

According to our records, the honorees are:

James Putt who was 96 in February

June Page who was 91 in March

Raymond Harp who was 95 in March 29

Monell Schaffer who was 94 in April

Fern Bagenstose who was 92 in April

Jane Wilkinson who was 93 in May

Rosalie Putt who was 92 in June

Mary Jane Yackera who was 91 in June

Clarence Shein who was 97 in August

Clarence Coldren who will be 92 in October

Betty Reber who will be 91 in November

Ruth Bachman who will be 90 in December

What's most notable about this is our two oldest members are in church nearly every week.

Regular Sunday School classes begin 9/20.

A new group for teenagers is being formed and will meet in the youth room with Pastor Sue for discussion at 9:15 AM. If you are a teenager, you are encouraged to come and see what's happening.

Adult Sunday School led by Bob Bashore and Kevin Kurtz will meet in the library at 9:15 AM

Children's Sunday School for children between the ages of 2 and 12 will continue to begin worship in church and then be dismissed to Sunday School in Fellowship Hall after the Children's Sermon. The theme for the First Module this year will be Joshua and we will learn about him through art, cooking, games, music, and science projects.

Other Educational Opportunities

Second Sunday † Training

Join Pastor Sue on Sunday, **September 13, from 4-6 pm** to discuss the Biblical basis for marriage, what the Bible has to say about homosexuality and the history of the church on these matters. We will also explore ways that our church has adapted to changes in society over time.

Our hope is that a broad cross section of people will attend this forum, willing to share their thoughts and opinions. We are committed to maintaining an open and respectful atmosphere in which we can share and, together, discern what God is calling us to do.

This is the kick-off for a series of topical discussions tagged "Second Sunday † Training" sponsored by the Endowment Committee.

Please note that if you can't stay for the entire time you are welcome to come to the first hour. The second hour will be Q & A. If you are not able to be present on 9/13, Pastor Sue will present this topic again at 9:15 on Sunday, 9/20.

Looking ahead through the remainder of 2015. Beth Byler will present a forum on Elder Care on Sunday, 10/11 from 4-6 pm and then on 11/8 there will be a presentation on Other Faiths.

Interested in Church Membership or a Refresher Course on what it means to be a Lutheran?

Pastor Sue will offer a class on Saturday, 9/26 @ 11 AM. Let Pastor Sue or Carol Koch know if you are interested.

Knitters & Crocheters....get out your yarn.

Yes, it's time once again to be collecting hats, scarves, mittens & gloves for the men, women & children who are served through the annual community event-**People First**.

Can you help? This amazing event serves more than 1000 people each year in November. Each year a warm gift of hats, scarves, gloves, or mittens is offered to each guest. Not a "crafter"? Donations of purchased items are gratefully accepted. Need more information? If you are interested, in helping, let Carol Koch know. We will gather the donations here and deliver them to Cheryl Young/Reading Berks Council of Churches representative. This is an opportunity to touch and perhaps change a life. Please put your donations in the blue bin on the windowsill in the narthex. Deadline to donate is Sunday 10/25 as all items must be delivered to Cheryl that week.

Remember to save the date of December 13th @ 3 PM for the Christmas Concert. The Senior Choir will be joining the Bell and Chime Choirs this year so this will be a really special event.

Council Highlights

1. During a recess, the Call Committee presented biographic information about a possible Pastoral candidate and assessed that person utilizing the needs profile compiled through numerous surveys at Trinity. Council determined to move on with a possible sermon and vote on October 25th.
2. Second Sunday Cross (t) Training will be presented monthly beginning in September from 4 to 6 PM. Subjects will include Christian marriage, elder care, and other faiths.

3. Carol noted that we averaged 5 children per Summer Sunday School session.
4. The Christmas Concert has been scheduled for Sunday afternoon, December 13th with Bell Choirs and Senior Choir participating.
5. Pastor Sue recognized and thanked Carol and Nancy for their assistance and flexibility in preparing for and participating in our "child friendly" summer services.

Church Council Members

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 Pamela Moyer 610-670-5896
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August 5th

Thank you every one for the beautiful flowers. They really made me feel so good!
Thank you all for keeping all your prayers.
God Bless you all.
 Sincerely
 Dawn L. Higginson

Last month we published a thank you for the monetary gift from the Strawberry Festival Community Response Fund we gave to Amy. A detailed letter about her progress with esophageal cancer is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.

**Women of Trinity will present their annual
Thank Offering Service on Saturday, September 19th and Sunday,
September 20th, 2015**



Our Organization to help this year is the PJ Project

My name is Kaitlyn Berger, I am 15 years old and I'm in tenth grade at the Boyertown Senior High School. In the spring of 2010 my pastor told me about the children in need at the Delaware County Shelters. I wanted to do something to help so I started The PJ Project which is collecting pajamas for children in need. Pajamas make us feel safe and at home even if we aren't. We accept pajamas in any size, gender and season for area children. Our batches of collected pajamas benefit over 1,000 children at the Delaware County Homeless Shelters, The Laurel House in Montgomery County and Berks Women in Crisis, shelters for women and children .

Kaitlyn is now in college and our thank offering will benefit this organization. Come and hear her and her mother speak that weekend (Saturday & Sunday).

We invite the children of the congregation to come to church in their PJ's that Sunday and we will also take a special offering in Sunday School for this project.

Shepherding Volunteers Are Still Needed

Shepherding Ministries added quite a few new clients during the summer months. Unfortunately, we also added quite a few volunteers to the temporary disabled list. We continue to struggle to find enough volunteers for the Womelsdorf community and hope

that our partner churches in Womelsdorf will encourage their members to join us in service to others who need our help to get to their doctor appointments, dental appointments, testing and therapies. Whether we like to admit it or not, all of us are going to be in need of help with transportation at some point in our lives. It's nice to think that our children, grandchildren, friends and neighbors will provide that transportation for us when we need it. But, in many cases, the reality is that they may not have the time or desire to do it when that time comes.

Shepherding is and will be there as long as we have caring individuals who are willing to come forward and give just a little bit of their time to help others. Just a reminder of what you can expect as a volunteer:

One hour of training
Only one transport a month that will average 2 ½ hours of your time
Mileage reimbursement
Insurance coverage
NO driving in bad weather
A wonderful volunteer thank you breakfast

VIP transportation for volunteers who need to become clients
The knowledge that you have made life so much better for someone else because you were willing to give just a little bit of your time for them

The next training date is **Wednesday, September 16th at 10:00 at St. John's (Hain's) UCC in Wernersville.** Please call Cheryl Young at 610-670-5945 if you have any questions.

August 18, 2015

Commissioners:

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Secretary

George J. Vogel, II
Executive Director

Dear Congregation Leader,

Addiction is a complex but treatable disease.

Addiction does not discriminate.

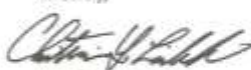
Addiction is our nation's number one health problem, which not only affects the individual, but the family as a whole.

We are jointly writing to cordially invite you and your parishioners to a free educational event, "Many Communities, One Message." This forum will bring Berks County residents together to learn more about the issues surrounding drug and alcohol addiction, while discussing various intervention options, to include treatment and long term recovery.

"Many Communities, One Message" will be held on Saturday, September 12 from 8 am until Noon at the School of Health Sciences at Reading Health System. This is a free event, however registration is requested. Enclosed you will find a few brochures detailing the event. We encourage you to not only attend but to also extend this invitation to your parishioners.

For further information, please visit www.cocaberks.org/onenmessage.html or call Christa at (610) 376-8669 x133. We look forward to see you.

Sincerely,



Christian Y. Leinbach
Chairman, Berks County
Commissioners



George J. Vogel, Jr.
Executive Director
Council on Chemical Abuse



Joel Jakubowski
Chief Clinical Officer
Teen Challenge

Encl.

Sunday School Orchestra at Strawberry Festival



Some of the Bell Choir enjoying breakfast at the Penn Werner on 8/23



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 altar flower sponsors for 9/20.**

Altar Flower Sponsors for September: 9/6-Diane Brown in memory of her father, 9/13-Beth & Wendell Byler in honor of Morgan's birthday, 9/20-available, 9/27- Marlene Ochs in memory of Leon.

Bulletin Sponsors for August: 9/6-Rick & Kathy Lawry in honor of Sara's birthday, 9/13-Carol Koch in honor of everyone who taught Sunday School this summer, 9/20-Darlene & Gary Lundy in honor of Kaitlyn Shaffer's birthday, 9/27- Marlene Ochs in memory of Leon.

Helpers for September

Communion Assistant-Pamela Moyer

Altar Guild-Betty Lou Franzen

Greeters: 9/6-Marlene Ochs, 9/13-Kirsten & Linda Weiss, 9/20-Women of Trinity, 9/27-Phyllis and Frances Luft

Acolytes: 9/6-Patrick Bergenstock, 9/13-Carly Kurtz, 9/20-Barbara Debiec, 9/27-Kevin Gemmell.

Lay Readers: 9/6-Bob Bashore, 9/13-Paige Shannon, 9/20-Women of Trinity, 9/27-Laura Miller

Ushers: 9/6-Lawrys, 9/13-Coldrens, 9/20-Women of Trinity, 9/27-Berkenstocks

Counters: 9/6-Jarsocrak/Brophy, 9/13-Debiec/Rinehimer, 9/20-Hummels, 9/27

Sound Technician: 9/6 & 9/13-Donald Oxenreider, 9/20-Wendell Byler, 9/27-Scott Franzen

Bulletin Assemblers: 9/3-Mary Jane Evans,9/9-Carolyn Kurtz, 9/17- June Rapley, 9/24-Diane Brown, 10/1-Connie Fritz.

Children's Summer Sunday School Teacher: 9/6-April Schwartz.

Please remember in your prayers:

Members who are sick or recently hospitalized: Dawn Giangiacomo, Tedd Hickernell, Sue Holder, Sharon Matlack, Marlene Ochs, Catherine Richards, Janet Searfoss, Margie Stine.

Members who are homebound or in care facilities: Ruth Bachman, Fern Bagenstose, Ron Harman, Raymond Harp, Janet Dissinger, June Page, Mary June Yackera.

The Military: Eric Alderman, Marie Rosati Clark, Allison Rosati Martin, Justin Klinger, Brent Naveiro, Eric Ochs, Scott Schaffer, and Jeffrey Troutman, Jr.

Family and Friends: Wanda Barnett, Carolyn Bryant, Marge Dietrich, , Sharon & Larry Hamilton, Amy Hatlee, , Letitia Jarsocrak, Hannah Kramer, Holly Shaffer, Ann Zimmerman, Rev. Mark Billow, Jerry Brossman, Larry Brossman, Kevin Hartman, Scott Hickernell, , Nicholas Hydock, Leslie Jarsocrak, Sam Jarsocrak, Ryan Manbeck, Nick Moore, Gary Ochs, Jake Powers, Rodney Weiss, Jr., and Jerry Zachouski.

Special Ministries: Our missionaries in Tanzania-Dr. Stephen Friberg and his family.

Sympathy: Bonnie Gerhard and her son Jeffrey on the loss of their husband and father, Donald, on August 8.

Please let us know when our prayers are answered so we can keep our prayer list current.