



*Newsletter of Trinity Lutheran
Church, Wernersville, PA*

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**“And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.”
(NRSV Luke 2:52)**

These are the words that we hear from the gospel of Luke after Jesus, a boy of 12, was found in the temple listening and asking questions of the teachers who were there. Jesus’ early yearnings for the knowledge of scripture led him to seek out the education he desired and needed (even though it meant disobeying his parents.)

And so grace and peace to you all as we say goodbye to summer and hello to a new school year. I don’t know about you, but because of my 50 plus years in education either as a student or teacher, my “year” seems to move from September to June (with July and August swimming somewhere in the middle) rather than January to December. Of course, there’s always the church year which moves from the end of November to the end of November.

And so here we are again. Parents are awaiting that first day of school—both eagerly and anxiously. In many ways, September marks a new year for all of us. As schools reopen their doors, the rest of us are preparing to leave behind vacation memories, warm days of swimming, BBQs, and all kinds of summer fun. Fall tends to bring with it new smells, sights, and sounds and a sense of getting back to work.

For a faith community it can mean returning to “regular” schedules, changing liturgies, ramping up Sunday School, committees, and realizing new ideas and visions that were dreamt about over the summer.

The same is true for Trinity people. As a people of God yearning for the gospel message, we enter this fall ready to dive into Christian learning, mission events, and . . . a new year of preschool. We are very excited for our preschool and its future. Though we are small in number, we are strong in the plans that God has for us.

This past summer, the preschool boards of both Trinity and St. Daniel’s met to share thoughts and ideas. We talked about our histories and hopes. Most importantly we discussed our futures— together. Though all of our topics of conversation are still on the table, our hope is to examine and evaluate the needs of our

community and how we might better live into those needs. As our conversations deepen, we will keep you informed of any plans we may have. One of our points of discussion has focused on some kind of afternoon care for our preschool aged children in both churches.

If you know of someone who is still looking for quality, faith-based preschool and desires an experience for their children that is personal, loving, and preparatory for what lies ahead in Kindergarten, then won't you please tell them about one of the greatest ministries of Trinity Lutheran Church in Wernersville: our preschool. Registration is ongoing and there are brochures and registration forms available in the Narthex and on-line at www.trinitywernersville.org.

AND mark your calendar for **RALLY DAY September 18th**! We invite everyone to be present at the 10:30 worship service along with children and grandchildren as we celebrate our new school year. On this day our worship will focus on Christian Education and what that means for all of us—young and old alike.

In addition there will be a blessing of school and vocations. We ask each and every person to bring an artifact or object from home that represents you. It could be a book, a backpack, a hammer, a stethoscope, papers, soccer ball, football, ANYTHING that is meaningful to you and your life in this world as a child of God.

There will be a designated time during worship when you will bring your item to the front of the church for a blessing. Christ calls us to be bearers of the light. We are to each be a beacon in this world where we are to let out our talents and gifts shine through the work that we do. What you are sent to do in this world is a living proclamation of the gospel.

May you the Lord Jesus Christ walk with you in this coming school year and in your vocations and in your daily lives. May you yearn to hear the scripture and know the gospel. Amen.

Peace and grace,
Pastor Julie

Regular Sunday School classes begin 9/25.

Committee Information

We recently received a letter of resignation from the Kricks stating that they will be retiring as our Sextons, after years of service, at the end of December 31st. Although we're sad that they will be leaving a job that they performed exceptionally well, we can still look forward to seeing them at services, events and functions while they can look forward to more time for themselves.

We are beginning a search to replace the Kricks in their position as sexton and encourage any member who is interested or who knows someone that may be interested to submit names to any member of the Personnel Committee (Dick Hummel, Jerry Jarsocrak, Kevin Kurtz, or Rick Lawry). A position description will be posted in the Narthex and outside of the office by September 22nd. It will include the proposed salary and average working hours. If you are at all interested in the position or know anyone that may be, or have any questions, please feel free to contact a member of the personnel committee.

The Personnel Committee

The Endowment committee will be meeting on Wednesday, September 14 and will begin the process of determining the 2017 budget. Our focus on the 14th will be on allocations of funds from the "External" portion of the budget. We encourage members of the congregation to submit ideas (along with suggestion for amount of support) for organizations, activities, causes, etc. that are beyond the doors of Trinity. Suggestions should be given to one of the committee members (Bob Bashore, Diane Brown, Wendell Byler, Karen Houck, Diane Klinger, Kevin Kurtz, Lori Shoumilisky or Pastor Julie) no later than Sunday, September 11. To see what was allocated for the current year, check out the congregational annual report or contact one of the committee members.

In October, we will focus on development of the "Internal" budget request. These are activities, projects, leadership enhancement programs, etc, that directly involve or affect members of Trinity. We would also welcome suggestions for new ideas for use of the "Internal" funds from members of the congregation.

CHICAGO (July 18, 2016) – In a July 15 letter addressed to Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump, the Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton, presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), joined more than 90 national Christian leaders with the Circle of Protection asking to meet with the candidates to discuss “plans for offering help and opportunity to hungry and poor people in the United States and around the world.”

“We are leaders of Christian communions, organizations and schools who care deeply about hunger and poverty, and we are praying for a president who shares that concern,” the letter reads.

The leaders emphasized that steps toward ending hunger and poverty “will require action by all sectors of society and by all the nations of the world.”

The Circle of Protection is a coalition of diverse Christian leaders that advocates for hungry and poor people in the United States and around the world. The letter is available at <http://bit.ly/2agvixy>.



Remember to save the date of December 11th @ 3 PM for the Christmas Concert. The Bell choirs, Chime Choir, and Senior Choir will all participate. We will do some carol singing as well. This will be followed by a light supper organized by the Fellowship Committee.

Speaking of Christmas—we invite all newer members and all those who have not brought an ornament in the past for Trinity’s Christmas trees to bring an ornament this year. It should be approximately 4 inches in diameter. You may bring it December 10th or 11th and

place it on the tree at the end of the service when we decorate the trees. It does not have to be new, it may be one of your family treasures-just something you are willing to part with it as it will be stored and used in future years to decorate our trees. If you can't be there that weekend, you may bring it the Saturday or Sunday before and just lay it on one of the front pews.



Thank you from all the clients and staff at Opportunity House for volunteering in our kitchen last night. Please share our thanks and deep gratitude with all the members of your Trinity Lutheran cooking team. *John*

Dear Trinity,

There really are no words to adequately express the love & gratitude I feel for all of you at Trinity. Your cards, phone calls, emails, text messages, hugs, prayers & caring thoughts have all meant so much to me & have been what is getting me through this difficult time after the loss of my dear brother, Donald.

I am indeed blessed to be part of such a caring & loving church family.

*With My Most Heartfelt Thanks
& Love,
Anne Marie*

Honduras Items Needed!

If you would like to contribute to the Mission Possible trip to Honduras, please bring the following items to church:

- Large Toothbrush/Toothpaste
- Soap
- Play Dough
- Markers, Crayons, Colored Pencils
- Glue sticks or liquid glue
- Scissors
- Masking Tape
- White Paper
- Balloons
- Beads (green, yellow, red, black, blue & white)
- Coloring Books
- Puppet for Hygiene

These items will be used for the hygiene team which will be teaching proper hygiene to the Mom's and children of the village.

Other acceptable items are:

Deflated soccer balls, nerf footballs, Frisbees, jump ropes, stickers, crayons, coloring books and paper.

We are looking forward to a wonderful trip leaving Friday, October 28th.

Thank you.



Our Garden Basket on the back windowsill will continue through September. Remember all monies collected go to World Hunger.

Preschool News

TRINITY LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL, WERNERSVILLE



The new academic year for Preschool begins September 7, 2016. We are excited to welcome back last year's PreSchoolers who will begin their PreK year, as well as six new families beginning their PreSchool or PreK experience with us.

We still have openings in both classes. PreSchoolers (age 3 by Sept 1) attend Wednesdays and Fridays. PreKindergarten students (age 4 by Sept 1) attend Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. PreS and PreK students (age 3.5 by Sept 1) have the option of adding an extra day to their schedule.

The tuition for 2-day, 3-day, and 4-day classes per week, is \$90, \$120, \$150, respectively, per month.

As always registration forms, brochures, and more information about tuition, fees, and class schedules are available on our website www.trinitywernersville.org. —Mrs. Franzen

Opus One
Berks Chamber Choir

W.A. Mozart

REQUIEM

Free Admission
(\$10 donation suggested)

Fifteen years later...

9.11.16
4PM

Concert, interfaith gathering and reception hosted by
THE JESUIT CENTER
501 North Church Road, Wernersville, PA

www.OpusOneChamberChoir.com

RME
Wernersville Area Chamber Music Association

WERNERSVILLE AREA CHAMBER MUSIC ASSOCIATION

The Friends of the Robesonia Library are seeking donations of clean, gently used books, DVDs and CDs for their next book sale. We cannot accept magazines or VHS tapes. Items can be dropped off at the library during hours of operation--Mondays through Thursdays 9:30 to 8:00, Fridays and Saturdays 9:00 to 1:00. For more information, call the library at 610-693-3264.

Where do our mission dollars go?



ST. LUKE'S NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER

**ST. LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH,
7TH STREET, ALLENTOWN**

Imagine ... Destiny Melendez started college in the fall. She first came to St. Luke's Neighborhood Center at age 10, looking for a safe place to go after school. For the past seven years it was "a place I could learn to get involved with the community and help others." She now volunteers her time to help the next generation of children experience the fellowship of the Neighborhood Center.

Deion White is an accomplished participant in the Theatre programs at William Allen High School. He considers the Neighborhood Center his second home, and invites staff to see him in his theater productions. After attending for the past seven years, he credits the Center with giving him the confidence he needed for singing and dancing through the support he received from the staff.

- *More than 12 years of successful neighborhood outreach*
- *Programs for Pre-K, elementary and teens*
- *Committed volunteers come from area colleges, churches, civic groups, businesses and corporations*



GOD'S GARDEN OF GRACE

ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH,
PLAINFIELD TOWNSHIP

Imagine ... Jim Sandt, a retired farmer and member of St. Peter's, designed a plan using 9,000 sq. ft. of church lawn to grow food for local food pantries. Thanks to a \$500 grant from the Synod's Witness and Service team, fencing was purchased to keep out deer and rabbits. Members donated time and energy to prepare the ground and plant the seedlings. It became a community project, and Girl Scouts worked on merit badges, Sunday School children planted seeds, local farmers plowed, a local contractor donated a water tank, and the Plainfield Township Volunteer Fire Department brought water for the tank weekly.

- *11,000+ pounds of fresh vegetables*
- *Recipes provided by members and friends*
- *Four Slate Belt food pantries were the beneficiaries*
- *Surplus went to Nazareth and the homeless program of Safe Harbor in Easton*
- *Volunteers learned new garden tricks, and new friendships were forged*



JOIN US FOR OUR "CROP Hunger Walk" FUNDRAISER

On **Thursday, September 15, 2016**, Isaac's Famous Grilled Sandwiches (Village Square, Wyomissing) will host a fundraiser benefiting the Reading-Berks CROP Hunger Walk. Isaac's will be supporting the CROP Walk by contributing 25% of your meal cost. Bring your family and friends out for a great dinner and support the CROP Walk as we raise money to feed hungry people through Church World Service and the Greater Berks Food Bank! We hope you will come out and support CROP Hunger Walk 2016!

WHERE: Isaac's Famous Grilled Sandwiches
Village Square, 94 Commerce Drive
Wyomissing, PA 19610
Call 610-376-1717 to place your takeout order
(Valid at this location only)

WHEN: **Thursday, September 15, 2016, 5:00 - 9:00 p.m.**

HOW: Bring this flyer with you to Isaac's, complete the information, and hand it to your server when paying.

**This form can be used for Dine-In, Takeout &
Online Orders at www.isaacsdeli.com!
Use coupon code FUND for online fundraiser orders.**

Please complete this information for your server.

Name: _____

of People in Party: ____ **Cost of Meal (excluding tax):** _____

In order to maximize the amount of donation for the organization, we ask our Loyalty members to kindly refrain from using their number during fundraisers. Coupons, Discounts, and Loyalty Perks are not valid during Fundraisers.

Want to help us earn even MORE? Add an Isaac's **Gift Card** to your check and **15%** of the gift card sale will be added to the fundraiser! Gift card must be used on future visit.

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 9/11, and 9/25.**

Altar Flower Sponsors for August: 9/4-Carol Koch in memory of her 50th wedding anniversary, 9/11-Scott Franzen in memory of Peter Hassem, 9/18- Marlene Ochs in memory of her husband Leon, 9/25-Charlotte Moyer in memory of her husband Donald's birthday.

Bulletin Sponsors for September: 9/4-Diane Brown in memory of loved ones, 9/18-Connie and Terry Fritz in memory of the birthday of Connie's dad, Earl Price.

Helpers for September

Communion Assistant-Pamela Moyer

Greeters: 9/4-Ed & Mary Jane Evans, 9/11-Frank & Laura Krick, 9/18-Phyllis and Frances Luft, 9/25-Clarence Schein.

Acolytes: 9/4-Bethany Miller, 9/11-Forrest Lamm, Jr., 9/18-Gevin Gemmell

Lay Readers: 9/4-Laura Miller, 9/11-Kevin Gemmell, 9/18-Paige Shannon, 9/25-Kathy Lawry.

Ushers: 9/4- Lawry's, 9/11-Bashores, 9/18-Kurtzes, 9/25-Berkenstocks,

Counters: 9/4-Franzens, 9/11-Hummels, 9/18-Rapley/Pirl-Roth, 9/25-Jarsocraks.

Sound Technician: 9/4-Wendell Byler, 9/11-Scott Franzen, 9/18-Wendell Byler, 9/25-Scott Franzen.

Bulletin Assemblers: 9/1-Carolyn Kurtz, 9/7-Connie Fritz, 9/15-Darlene Lundy, 9/20-Mary Nace, 9/29-Linda Weiss.

Newsletter Assemblers: Linda Weiss and Ann Sentz

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Church Council Highlights for July/August

- **Discussed how we would publicize the presentation by our missionaries, the Freibergs on 8/13.**
- **Resignation of Frank and Laura Krick as sextons, effective 12/31/16 was accepted with regret.**
- **VBS was a success, average attendance of 25.**
- **Rental Property (108) is vacant.**
- **Will receive Wentzels as new members.**