

Trinity Tidings for Sept 2017

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PASTOR'S NOTE

Rally Day September 17th beginning at 9am with "Breakfast with the Luthers"

"The proverbs of Solomon son of David, king of Israel:

² For learning about wisdom and instruction, for understanding words of insight,

³ for gaining instruction in wise dealing, righteousness, justice, and equity;

⁴ to teach shrewdness to the simple, knowledge and prudence to the young--

⁵ Let the wise also hear and gain in learning, and the discerning acquire skill,

⁶ to understand a proverb and a figure, the words of the wise and their riddles.

⁷ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.

⁸ Hear, my child, your father's instruction, and do not reject your mother's teaching;

⁹ for they are a fair garland for your head, and pendants for your neck." (Proverbs 1:1-9)

In just 21 days we begin a new "school year" of Christian Education. I remember the Sunday School of my youth—maybe you have some old Sunday School memories. At the end of each church school year I received a promotion card. I got one every year beginning in Pre-K all the way through Junior High school. I kept all of them. They each had a picture of Jesus and read that Julie Grasham had been successfully promoted from one grade to the next.

Of course in those days, there were enough kids that there was just one class per grade and each class had 15 to 20 children in it. You remember those days, right? I loved Sunday School and remember playing Sunday School at home with my dolls. My mom was a Sunday School teacher and also directed the children's choir. It was when I got to the Junior High class that I found a teacher who really helped to form and shape my faith. Mr. Binz would bring newspaper clippings and a Bible to class. With these two resources he would teach our class. He'd read the news article to us and then ask us what we thought of it or how we might handle the situation.

As a class we would discuss, argue, and discuss. Mr. Binz would guide us to think about these news stories in ways that reflected our faith and understanding of what it meant to be a follower of Jesus Christ in the real world around us.

It is with the help and guidance of the Holy Spirit that our teachers, students, and classes at Trinity also guide us and form us as we learn how to live lives as followers of Jesus Christ in this world today.

The following Christian learning experiences are available to the people of Trinity:

Pre-school through 5th grade: Sunday mornings following the Children's message during the 10:30 worship service. 5th graders would be helpers to the teacher.

Confirmation Class: For students 6th grade and up who want to be confirmed in the church (let Pr. Julie know if you have a child ready for this commitment). This class normally meets at 9am Sunday mornings. (Specific dates to be set by the parents of Confirmation Students.)

This Changes Everything: For students attending the 2018 National Youth Gathering in Houston, TX. Grades 8-12 at least once a month. The first meeting will be September 24th at 9am.

Other opportunities for children, youth, and families:

Advent Family Fun days. Each Sunday in Advent children will meet after worship for lunch, fun, and Christmas pageant practice. (The pageant is Christmas Eve during the 3:30 service.)

First Communion: for any child age 4 by the end of February, 2018, or older, who has not received communion and feels their child is ready. This group meets for lunch and instruction after worship for 4 Sundays in Lent. First Communion is Maundy Thursday of Holy Week (3/29/18) at 7:30 pm.

Vacation Bible School each summer

Various special events to be announced.

For Adults and Confirmed Youth:

Sunday Morning Forum: in the Library beginning at 9:15am. This fall we will be taking a look at Martin Luther and the Reformation as part of the Reformation 500 celebration.

Women's Daytime Bible Study: Meeting the second Tuesday of every month at 1:00pm at the homes of various participants. The September meeting on 9/12 will be at the home of Connie Fritz. Please let Deacon Carol or Pr. Julie know if you are interested.

Evening Women's Bible Study: Meeting the 4th Tuesday of every month at 7:30pm also at the homes of various participants. The September meeting on 9/26 will be at church. Let Deacon Carol or Pr. Julie know if you are interested.

Men's Evening Bible Study: Meets at Furnace Creek Manor 270 Freeman St., Robesonia the fourth Monday of every month beginning at 7:30pm. Let Deacon Carol or Pr. Julie know if you are interested. The first gathering will be September 25th.

Faith Quest: An unscripted gathering for adults who have questions about life, faith, and scripture. Bring a goodie to share—or not. Children welcome to come and play while adults chat. We meet at participants homes, however our first gathering will be at church on September 17th at 6:00pm.

Other opportunities for Adults:

Soup, Study, and Sacrament each Wednesday evening in Lent. The first gathering is Ash Wednesday the last is the Wednesday before Palm Sunday.

Vacation Bible School adult study

Cross Training: Meeting times Sundays 4-6pm (dates to be announced) in the church library. This group usually invites outside speakers to presents at a 2 hour forum that covers a myriad of topics. Former presentations have revolved around mental health, senior living, immigration, ELCA social statements, etc . . .

We hope to see you. Come for fun and fellowship but most importantly come to learn and understand more about your faith. My guess is that it will be more exciting and eye opening than you can possibly imagine!

Blessings,
Pr. Julie

* **This Changes Everything:** Youth interested in 2018 Youth Gathering in Houston, TX will meet in the Youth Room Sunday morning, September 24th and October 1st both at 9am. Parents should plan on attending some or all of these meetings.

* **Community Meal,** Sunday Sept. 10th 5-7pm. Help is needed for set up, serving, cooking, clean up. Please sign up in the Narthex. This is our service project for “God’s Work, Our Hands Day of Service Sunday.”

* **Aspiring Members Social:** Sunday after worship October 1: If you are interested in becoming a member of Trinity and want to know more, come for lunch, to ask questions, and hear more about the ministry we love to do.

* **Mission:** If you’re looking for an opportunity to get involved in local mission come to the Potato festival at Zions Lutheran in Shoemakersville. It is an all-day affair beginning at 11 AM.

* **CROP Walk Fundraiser at Isaac’s:** Please take the attached coupon.



**JOIN US FOR OUR
“CROP Hunger Walk”
FUNDRAISER**

On **Thursday, September 14, 2017, SPRING RIDGE ISAAC’S** (Wyomissing) will host a fundraiser benefiting Reading-Berks CROP Hunger Walk. Isaac's will be supporting 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 2017!

WHERE: **SPRING RIDGE ISAAC’S** – Valid at this Isaac’s only.
Village Square, 94 Commerce Drive
Wyomissing, PA 19610
Call 610-376-1717 to place your takeout order

WHEN: **Thursday, September 14, 2017, 4:00 - 9:00 p.m.**

HOW: Bring this flyer with you or show it on your phone, complete the information, and hand it to your server.

**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.

Our church is having a Reformation 500 Bookstore!


The 500th anniversary of the Reformation is fast approaching! Do you want to learn more about Martin Luther, his writings, and their impact on Christianity? Do you want to reflect on the ongoing impact of the Reformation today? Stop by our Reformation 500 Bookstore to shop for engaging books on the Reformation for readers of all ages and interests! Save up to 50% plus receive free shipping on all Bookstore titles.

Stop by the narthex on the mornings of Sunday, September 17 and Sunday, September 24 and some week times to be announced to get fascinating books on the Reformation for you and your family.

Our Bookstore is sponsored by Augsburg Fortress, the publishing ministry of the ELCA. The books will include bestselling biographies like *Luther the Reformer* as well as an atlas of the European Reformations, a graphic novel for young readers, and primary sources from The Annotated Luther series.

Women of Trinity will present their annual Thank Offering Service on Saturday, September 23th and Sunday, September 24th, 2017

Our organization to help this year is "In Ian's Boots". Come and hear Ian's mother, Holly Wastler Miller speak about this project. Our thank offerings that weekend will go to this mission. We also encourage you to bring gently used shoes and winter boots to church though from September 2nd to 24th. Holly will take these as well.



In Ian's Boots, Inc.

OUR MISSION: To spread the "Good News" of Ian's faith by providing shoes and boots to those in need.

Ian Joshua Miller was 12 years old when he was killed in a sledding accident in 2010.

Inside Ian's snow boot, the Emergency Room doctors found a message to all of us. Ian had a Bible verse on a piece of paper inside his boot. It is James 1:2-4:

Consider it pure Joy, my Brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete not lacking anything.

This passage speaks to perseverance throughout all of the trials we may encounter in life.

Even now, there are many people facing serious economic trials in their lives and cannot afford to buy footwear for themselves or their families. We are here to help, both in our local community and across the world.

What we do:

- 1.) Encourage groups and individuals to sponsor collections for gently used shoes and winter boots.
- 2.) Clean, pack and ship shoes to where they are needed. We include in each pair a copy of the verse that the doctors found "In Ian's Boot."
- 3.) Partner with other local charities, schools and individuals to assist with distribution.

www.iniansboots.org
610-970-8820



The week that Pastor Julie, Mary and I attended Camp Noah seems so long ago, but the memories of time shared with the campers and our fellow volunteers will always be with me. Over the years I've been blessed to have participated in a variety of mission/service and outreach activities, but none has had a greater impact with me than the time I spent with the kids in Kokomo. We all have "needs," but those youngsters seem to have far more than necessary at such a young age. There's no doubt that we made a difference as we carried out God's work in so many ways every day. To see their eyes light up when we gave them the blankets that came from Trinity, to see their reaction when we said "good job" as they completed their projects and to be the recipient of warm hugs at the end of our time there are priceless! A special note of thanks and appreciation to everyone at Trinity for supporting my Camp Noah experience through financial support, making of the blankets and coloring all of those birthday cards, but most of all for your prayers. I am so blessed to be a part of the Trinity family - a congregation that cares and shares God's love in so many ways. Diane

Blake Scheider for installing a peephole in the office wing door.

Mary Jane and Ed Evans for delivering the school supplies we collected to Grace Lutheran Church in Reading and to all of you for donating.

All the volunteers who helped with VBS and especially

Meal Providers: Ed & Mary Jane Evans, Rick & Kathy Lawry, Beth Byler, Lori Shoumlisky, and Harmony Wentzel.

Crafts: Sandy Shadel, Morgan Enck, Megan Shannon, Kathy & Izannah Bashore, and Diane Brown

Games: Kurtz Family, Pastor Bruce, Laura Miller and Kay Stout.

Hello from Mission Possible,

We are excited about planning our next Mission Possible trip to Kentucky, joining with St Vincent's to help a poor family with some home repairs. This trip is open to anyone that has some interest. Our next meeting will be the end of October or beginning of November. If you have any interest, please let Bob Bashore, Diane Brown or Dawn Hickernell know as soon as possible. Dawn will need to get you added to the email list to keep you updated on meetings, etc. The trip is scheduled for April 8, 2018 through April 14, 2018. The cost will be \$100.00 per person.



- **Please bring your unwanted 2018 and datebooks to the back windowsill. They will be donated to the VA.**
- **We need clean used coffee cans with lids. These can also be placed on back windowsill.**

Please remember in your prayers:

Members who are sick or recently hospitalized: Ruth Bachman, Dawn Giangiacomo, Carl Grasham, Sara Lawry, Buzz Lockwood, Mitchell Matlack, June Page, and Ted Stoudt.

Members who are homebound or in care facilities: Janet Dissinger, Ron Harman, Ardelle Heffner, Marlene Ochs, Jim Putt, Emma Renzo, and Mary June Yackera.

The Military: Eric Alderman, Marie Rosati Clark, Kiley Ann Gring, Allison Rosati Martin, Justin Klinger, Eric Ochs, Nick Taatjes, and Jeffrey Troutman, Jr.

Family and Friends: Michael Barber, Wanda Barnett, Larry Brossman, Carolyn Bryant, Joanne Debiec, Fred DeLong, Marge Dietrich, David Fox, Nicholas Hydock, Hannah Kramer, Jake Powers, Patricia Prutzman, Resch Family, Kenneth Searfoss, Rodney Weiss, Jr., Beverly Wentzel, Jerry Zachousk, and Ann Zimmerman.

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

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

Flower and Bulletin Sponsorship

The cost of sponsoring the bulletins is \$15.00. 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 or cash in the envelope and place in the offering plate. 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. **We need an altar flower sponsor for September 17th and bulletin sponsors for September 17th and 24th. Please sign up in the narthex.**

Altar Flower Sponsors for September: 9/3-Evans family in honor of Ed Evan's birthday, 9/10-Diane Brown in memory of her father, 9/17-available, 9/24-Pamela Moyer in memory of her father.

Bulletin Sponsors for September: 9/3-Carol Koch in memory of our wedding anniversary 51 years ago today, 9/10-Kathy & Rick Lawry in honor of Sara Lawry's birthday, 9/17-available, 9/24-available.

Helpers for September

Communion Assistant: Carol Koch

Altar Guild: Betty Lou Franzen

Greeters: 9/3-Diane Klinger, 9/10-Frank & K Laura Krick, 9/17-Phyllis & Frances Luft, 9/24-Eleanor Brossman & Charlotte Moyer

Lay Readers: 9/3-Diane Brown, 9/10-Dan Nace, 9/17-Betty Lou Franzen, 9/24-Women of the church.

Ushers: 9/3-Bashore's, 9/10- Lawry's, 9/17-Kurtzes, 9/24-Women of the Church.

Counters: 9/3-Franzens, 9/10-Rapley/Pirl-Roth, 9/17-Jarsocrak, 9/24-Debiec/Rinehimer.

Bulletin Assemblers: 8/31-Linda Weiss, 9/7-Ann Sentz, 9/14-Mary Nace, 9/21-Kathy Lawry, 9/28-Bonnie Giamotti.

Newsletter Assemblers: Linda Weiss and Ann Sentz

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Church Council Highlights

1. Benevolence is now known as Mission Support. Please remember that as we use our envelopes.
2. From now on newsletter deadline will always be the 21st of the month; no matter what day of the month the 21st falls on. We think that will make it easier to remember.
3. Watch for property updates on and about the property.
4. A council retreat will be held at Furnace Creek Manor in Robesonia, on Saturday 10/21.

In Sympathy

Our sincere sympathy to the family of Ruth Bachman on the death of her son-in-law, David Bernet on Friday, 8/18 and Ruth on Sunday, August 27. Services for David were conducted by Pastor Bruce Osterhout on Wednesday, 8/23. Services for Ruth will be conducted this Friday, 9/1 by Pastor Julie. Please remember Ruth's family in your thoughts and prayers.

There are no 80+ birthdays that we are aware of this month. If you are 80 or older in September, please let the office know so we can update our records.