



Newsletter of Trinity Lutheran Church, Wernersville, PA

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Always Being Made New

This is the logo for the ELCA campaign that supports the outreach ministries of the wider church. We are a part of that outreach with our prayers and financial support. But in a more personal sense—as congregations—we are being made new all the time. In the calling of our baptisms we look for ways to bring the gospel to others and share with them the passion for knowing Jesus and following his example. We are all about being made new in the love and grace of Christ, and it is by the Holy Spirit that we are stirred and moved to action. Below are some of the ways we are doing that this year:

“Needles of Love”—A new ministry of Trinity Lutheran Church. Ten plus women have joined together in fellowship and needles. These sewers, knitters, quilters, and “crocheters” are hard at work preparing prayer shawls, prayer squares, and Seafarer International hats and scarves for those who need these items for compassionate support, warmth, and blessings. All items will eventually be blessed during worship.

“Room Renovators Team”—We are in the process of establishing this short-term team who will update the Youth Room and the Nursery in ways that make them more intergenerational, multi-purposeful, and relevant for current needs.

“Youth and Confirmation”—It is a challenging and ongoing process to create a youth program that is missional and relevant for today’s active and thriving young people. We begin with our first Confirmation/Youth meeting for grades 6-12 after worship/bell choir on **October 25th**. (It had been scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 16th, but there’s a marching band event that day.) More youth news and dates listed later in the newsletter. Check out the laser tag on Friday evening, October 21st.

Mutual Ministry—Thank you to Jerry Jarsocrak for getting our blue directional signs up on Penn Ave., and Lincoln! They are beautiful. This will be a great aid in directing people to our front doors. This ministry is all about bringing the gospel message to those around us. Here’s what we’re doing:

**“Trunk or Treat”* community event Oct. 31, 6-8pm. (Details later in newsletter.)

**“Welcome Bags”* for people who have newly moved into the community. Our goal is 100 bags in 2017. Stay tuned for more details on how you can be involved.

**Advertisement:* Look for Trinity in 3 Conrad Weiser Band program booklets.

**Evangelism:* Remember the number one very best evangelism tool is you.

1. Talk to people and form relationships (if one doesn't already exist)
2. Invite them to church, then
3. Drive them to church yourself

Home Visitors—We have a group of about six compassionate people who have expressed an interest in visiting our homebound and others. Their ministry is to provide much needed conversation and ministry in between pastoral/Holy communion visits.

And:

October 1 & 2: Blessing of the Animals during both worship services and Sunday after noon at 2:00pm. We also welcome new members this Sunday, Harmony and Matthew Wentzel and Susan Coleman.

October 8 & 9: Our message will focus on how the gospel is being lived out through the Lutheran organization, Camp Noah. Camp Noah is a week long day camp in which volunteers work with children who have survived serious natural disaster—particularly flood. Trinity will be participating in a Camp Noah week July 8-15, 2017. Camp Noah worker, Karla Billig will share during Saturday evening worship and Patricia Kutz will present on Sunday morning.

October 22 & 23: Will be “Justice Sunday.” Our guest preacher will be Lutheran Pastor Tom Kadel from *Food for the Poor*. We will sing hymns about social justice, hear about ELCA mission work throughout the world, and we will walk the “Water Walk.” Pr. Kadel will lead our adult forum as well. He has also been gracious enough to agree to commission our Honduras well diggers as we prepare for our mission trip.

October 29, 30, & Nov. 5: As Pastor Julie and eleven others are well digging in Honduras, Pr. Rebecca Knox will lead worship on Oct. 29 and Pr. Joyce Seip will lead worship on October 30 and Nov. 5. Remember that October 30th is Reformation Sunday. We celebrate the 499th anniversary of the Reformation.

October 31st: “Trunk or Treat” along with cider and cookies, 6-8pm. Sign up in Narthex if you plan to participate by decorating your car trunk and handing out your own candy to neighborhood children in a safe and well-lit environment. Costumes optional but strongly encouraged!! Come for fun and goodies!! Especially nice if you live in a rural setting with few or no trick or treaters.

As we move into the future of our faithful lives, remembering that we are always being made new, we offer our gifts, services, and talents to those around us and each other. We do this in so many ways. I am so proud of the people of Trinity. Your love and support, your compassion and heart for each other and the community in which you live is strong and beautiful to be a part of. Thank you to those of you who volunteered to help our neighbor in need move her personal items into storage. God walks with us each and every day. Emmanuel—God with us. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Blessings,
Pastor Julie



For grades 6-12

October 23, Sunday, after worship/bell choir—Youth group get together for food and Water Walking and to review a schedule for a great year.

November 13, Sunday, 3:30-7 PM @ Frieden’s Lutheran Church in Shartlesville. We will have a Fall Rally for All Youth & Confirmation Students. Bond with new friends as we prepare for a Spring Retreat @ Bear Creek Camp.

Food Pantry Sundays

Oct. 16 & 23rd.

We'll be collecting for the Conrad Weiser Food Pantry

Pantry items needed are as follows:

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.

Please remember in your prayers:

Members who are sick or recently hospitalized: Dawn Giangiacomo, Dick Hummel, and Beverly James.

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

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

Family and Friends: Michael Barber, Wanda Barnett, Larry Brossman, Carolyn Bryant, Marge Dietrich, Amy Hatlee, Deb Himmelmann, Nicholas Hydock, Sam Jarsocrak, Hannah Kramer, Nick Moore, Shirley Noecker, Jake Powers, Rodney Weiss, Jr., Beverly Wentzel, Jerry Zachousk, Bishop Zeiser, 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.

Trinity is searching for a replacement for our current Sextons (who will be retiring at the end of the year). If you are interested in the part-time position or know of anyone who may be, please submit names to any member of the Personnel Committee (Dick Hummel, Jerry Jarsocrak, Kevin Kurtz, or Rick Lawry). A complete position description, with proposed salary, has been posted in the narthex and in the office wing.

Western Berks Shepherding Ministries will be presenting a one hour training session for new volunteers on Monday, October 3rd at 10:00 at St. John's(Hain's) UCC Wernersville. This date is a change from the previous October 11th date...there will NOT be a training on 10/11. Please call Cheryl Young at 610-670-5945 if you have any questions. If you cannot attend this training session, one more fall training will be offered on Thursday, November 3rd at 10:00 at Hain's.

The garage is now vacant and available at \$70 per month rent. Please contact Joe Sickler or the church office if you are interested.

Rental Management is painting the inside of 108 on Saturday, Oct. 22 beginning at 8 AM. If you would like to help, please sign up in the narthex. You are also welcome to come and view the property that morning.

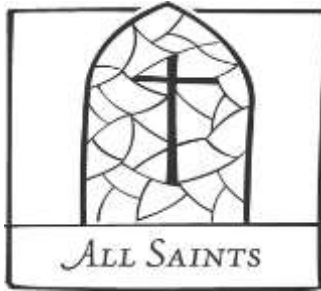


Wednesday, October 12 at 7:00 PM
at the McGlenn Conference Center
(next to Alvernia University's campus)

Please join us for the inaugural session of Table Talk. Dr. Audrey West is excited to be leading us in a discussion called **Matthew 101**. This is a chance to look at the first Gospel in the New Testament with new eyes just in time for the upcoming Year of Matthew (2016 - 2017). **This is a class designed for Christians at all levels of understanding and experience.**

Dr. West is a New Testament scholar with an MDiv from Yale Divinity School and a PhD from Duke University. She was a professor at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago for nearly a decade. She currently lives in Pennsylvania where she is a consultant and writer. On **Wednesday, October 26**, we will have a follow-up gathering at **Advent Lutheran Church in West Lawn** to share a light meal and continue our conversations. The only cost will be a free-will offering.

Sign up in the narthex.



On the first Weekend in November, November 5 & 6.

We celebrate All Saints Sunday

If you have lost someone over the past year—

Could we have their name?

We will put their names in the bulletin. Email the church @ tlcworship@aol.com or give directly to Carol or Pastor Julie.

Thank you.

Another date to put on your calendar is Sunday, November 20th when we will have our annual Advent Fun Shop following worship. We will eat a light lunch and then proceed to the craft tables. This is a family event.



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 



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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

The staff and consumers of Wernersville State hospital wish to formally thank you for the generous check of \$500.00. This money will be used in our patient's benefit fund and all monies will go directly to benefit our consumers.

We are extremely grateful for your kindness and for remembering a population that is often forgotten about. If you have any questions or concerns do not hesitate to contact me at 610-670-4164 or kelleth@pa.gov

Warm Regards,



Kathy Ellett
Volunteer Resources Coordinator II

This was a distribution from our Strawberry Festival Community Response Fund.



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Dear Pastor Osterhout,

From our staff and clients at Opportunity House, we would like to thank you for all you do for us! Whether you prepare a meal, make a gift or volunteer, your dedication to those needing help is truly magnificent! Your compassion shines through in everything you do! Our clients are grateful for the delicious food or kind words spoken to them. I doubt you realize the impact you have on those you serve. A smile, a kind word or, small gesture that brings comfort to a troubled soul is a gem of a gift to bestow.

We cannot thank you enough for all you do and have done for Opportunity House. Your generosity, kindness, and willingness to give never go unnoticed or unappreciated. Our doors are always open. If you would like to see how your donation is put to use, please schedule a tour. You can contact us at (610) 374-4696 ext. 231.

Sincerely,



Modesto D. Fiume
President

Community Events

COUNTRY FALL FEST

"25th Anniversary"

ST. DANIEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

480 Big Spring Rd, Robesonia

Saturday, October 8

Proceeds to benefit youth programs

7:00AM-3:00PM rain or shine

food, arts & crafts, flea market, games for children,
craft sales, baked goods, silent auction

Delicious Country Breakfast served 7-10:30AM

Entertainment includes: DJ Terry Schnitter,

Teen Challenge Choir 8:30 & 10:30 AM,

Al Shade Noon-2PM

Quilt Raffle Drawing 2:30PM

Friends of the Wernersville Public Library

BOOK SALE



Fall 2016

Books, Audiobooks,
DVDs & CDs, games & puzzles



**Wernersville
Public Library**

100 North Boock Street

More info: 610-670-8771

Tuesday	\$5 ADMISSION PREVIEW SALE
Oct 18	5pm-8pm
REGULAR SALE DAYS - NO ADMISSION FEE	
Wednesday	Oct 19
	10am-8pm
Thursday	Oct 20
	10am-8pm
Friday	Oct 21
	2pm-7pm
Saturday	Oct 22
	8am-2pm



21 of us enjoying the bell choir picnic at Charlotte Moyer's on 9/18.
Thanks to Charlotte for hosting us again.

Join Us For

Trunk or Treat



October 31st

No typo... TRUNK or TREAT!!!

Be a part of Trinity's newest tradition by volunteering to decorate your car trunk for Halloween. Place some candy treats in it for the kids at Trinity and in the neighborhood.

We'll park the cars in the back lot where there'll be lights and electricity to provide a safe place for the treats and to enjoy some cider and cookies.

Time - 6 PM to 8 PM

Sign up sheet in the Narthex

Happy Birthday

Birthday Milestones in October

Clarence Coldren will be 93, Richard Hummel will be 81, and Daniel Hoppman will be 86. Happy Birthday to Clarence, Richard, and Daniel.

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 10/16, and 10/30. Please sign up in the narthex. The 2017 Bulletin and Flower Charts are now available in the narthex (under the 2016 charts). Please note that the cost to sponsor bulletins will rise to \$15.00 in 2017.**

Altar Flower Sponsors for October: 10/2-Pamela Moyer in memory of her father, 10/9-Karen Berkenstock in honor of Patrick's birthday, 10/16-Pastor Sue & Dave Fox in thankfulness for Trinity, 10/23-In honor of Connie and Terry Fritz's 55th wedding anniversary, 10/30-In honor of the Mission Team.

Bulletin Sponsors for October: 10/2-Susan Coleman in honor of new members, 10/9-Rosati's in honor of Patrick Berkenstock's birthday, 10/16-available, 10/23-In honor of Connie and Terry Fritz's 55th wedding anniversary, 10/30-available.

Helpers for October

Communion Assistant-Mark Searfoss

Greeters: 10/2-Bashore Family, 10/9-Sandy Shadel and other women of the church, 10/16-Joe & Marie Rosati, 10/23-Dan & Audrey Eshbach, & Dan Nace, 10/30-Karen & Patrick Berkenstock.

Acolytes: 10/2- Patrick Berkenstock, 10/9-Barbara Debiec, 10/16-Carly Kurtz, 10/23-Forrest Lamm, 10/30-Bethany Miller.

Lay Readers: 10/2-Lector Exchange (St.John's/Hains), 10/9-Women

of the ELCA, 10/16-Dick & Helen Hummel, 10/23-Ron & Ruth Rush, 10/30-Ed Evans.

Ushers: 10/2- Lawry's, 10/9-Women of the ELCA, 10/16-Bashores, 10/23-Kurtzes, 10/30-Berkenstocks.

Counters: 10/2-Debiec/Rinehimer, 10/9-Hummels, 10/16-Rapley/Pirl-Roth, 10/23- Franzens 10/30-Jarsocraks.

Sound Technician: -Wendell Byler (10/2, 10/16, 10/30), Scott Franzen (10/9 & 10/23).

Bulletin Assemblers: 10/6-Ann Sentz, 10/13-Kathy Lawry, 10/20-Bonnie Giamotti, 10/27-Sue Kreider,

Newsletter Assemblers: Linda Weiss and Ann Sentz

Children's Sunday School Teacher: Woman at the Well
10/2-Megan Shannon (science), 10/9-Kim Scheider (cooking), 10/16-Carol Koch (music), 10/23-Kelly Thompson (Bible skills and games).

Church Council Members

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Church Council Highlights for September

- **Susan Coleman will be received as new member on 10/2.**
- **Worked on budget**
- **Discussed, reviewed, and approved sexton job description.**
- **Noted we are behind on our income.**
- **Looking for task team members for room reconfiguration.**