
The Newsletter, June 2019



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Valley View, Pennsylvania

Pastor's Letter

Greetings in the name of the Risen Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

I believe there is strength in being vulnerable. We are afraid of people seeing us that way, but let me explain something that I saw that illustrates this perfectly.

I had the honor of participating in the dedication of the new ambulance building on Gap Street in late April. It was a large event. Media covered it, local politicians were there, food was served: it was a large event celebrating a pretty great accomplishment.

As these things tend to go, many people had speeches to give. For the clergy, we all shared a bit about the ambulance association itself, and some of us blessed the building and the various vehicles. For the politicians, they had fairly standard speeches about the importance of community.

But one man, Mike Tobash, spoke, and he shared what was probably the best thing in the whole event. He started by getting emotional and sharing the story of the death of his father. He followed that up by talking about how the local Ambulance had been there for him and his family in their time of need. There was passion and emotion in his voice. It was authentic and powerful. To me, it was inspiring to see a man with such esteem let his guard down and just share his story.

Why? Because in that moment, he wasn't a state representative. He was a human being sharing in his emotions and giving thanks for something that was done for him.

We become so afraid of becoming vulnerable, and of letting people in to seeing that vulnerability. Yet we worship a Christ who took on that ultimate vulnerability and died for us. Not only do we see vulnerability in his death, but we see it in his life. He met people, ignored people, "simple" people, exactly where they were and spoke to them face to face. He treated lepers and women and all the unsavories with dignity. And in that, he opened himself for us.

So my request to all of us, is that we spend some time letting our guard down. This is hard because I think the world spends so much time teaching up to build walls between each other, to appear strong, to not let it seem like anything ever gets to us.

Personally, I think that's all a load of hokey, the "stay strong" thing. My strength is really only strength when I give it up to God and try my best to let God's light shine through me. Then I am a good pastor. Then I am a good human being. In those moments, I share painful memories with people to let them know that I know a bit of what they're feeling. In those moments, I listen more than I talk. In those moments, I encounter weakness, both mine and others, and I see it transformed into strength because of the cross.

Peace be with you in this time.

-Pastor Brian Beissel

TRINITY... SERVING, TEACHING, AND PROCLAIMING



In Memoriam ✝

May the light and promise of the Resurrection shine
in the lives of the family and friends of

Lorraine M. Kimmel

Richard P. "Dick" Wolff, Jr.

Donald G. Harring

*Rest eternal grant them, Lord,
and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

- ♥ **Lorraine Kimmel**, born December 22, 1927, entered into eternal rest on May 4, 2019. Pastor Brian shared this about Lorraine... Lorraine Kimmel was a dignified person who was never afraid to let someone into her home. As her pastor, I had the pleasure of talking with her and her late husband David numerous times in that home before they moved to Providence Place. She loved to laugh and share stories of their life and love together and tell me about the various members of their family. She was caring, considerate, and always concerned about other people. In recent years, Lorraine struggled mightily with physical ailments, and of course was deeply saddened when David passed. Their love was so evident, and in Lorraine's death, I smile knowing that she has been reunited with the love of her life. May we give thanks to God for the gift Lorraine was to her family and friends. May God comfort all who mourn the loss of Lorraine and may we be comforted by the hope of the resurrection.
- ♥ **Dick Wolff**, born January 16, 1937, entered into eternal rest on May 20, 2019. Pastor Brian shared this about Dick... Dick was a creative spirit. His artwork was seen decorating the entire hallway and lobby of his floor of his apartment complex in Tremont. He was a photographer, a painter, and a lifelong learner. I will never forget being amazed early on my ministry when Dick told me he was going to class. Like me, Dick was a diabetic. At the end of each service that he attended, he would always hand me a peppermint because he knew that being so animated, especially on a hot day, may have put my sugar down to a level that shouldn't be. He was a very caring man that way. May we give thanks to God for the gift Dick was to his family and friends. May God comfort all who mourn the loss of Dick and may we be comforted by the hope of the resurrection.
- ♥ **Donald Harring**, born January 18, 1933, entered into eternal rest on May 21, 2019. Donald was the brother of Dr. Maynard Harring. May we give thanks to God for the gift Donald was to his family and friends. May God comfort all who mourn the loss of Donald and may we be comforted by the hope of the resurrection.



Pizza and Hoagie Sale: We sold about 150 pizzas and hoagies and made approximately \$450 for the Mission Trip.

Agape Community Meal: Our Agape Community Meal was held on May 8th. There were 60 in attendance who enjoyed a delicious meal of spaghetti with meatballs, tossed salad, bread, and cake. If you know someone who would enjoy an evening out and some wonderful company, please invite them – 5:30 PM, Trinity Social Hall, 2nd Wednesday of the month. If you know of a shut-in who would appreciate a warm meal on the second Wednesday of each month, please let the Kitchen Committee know. We'll be glad to add their names to the list!

Miles to Mend: In May, there was one request for Miles to Mend Assistance which was fulfilled. Please be aware that this program is open to all who are dealing with ongoing medical issues that require frequent travel to medical facilities. We give \$50 gas cards which then can be used at Redner's to help offset the cost of travel. You can sponsor anyone who lives in the Tri-Valley School District. Simply use the nomination forms located at the office entrance at the church and place those forms in the box.

What's Happening in June



Hegins Valley Food Closet: The Food Closet Item for June is **Hot Dog Condiments- Ketchup, Mustard, and relish.** Please bring all of these items and any other food donations you may have to the cupboard in the overflow room. These items will be added to the Food Closet at St. John's United Methodist Church in Hegins for helping those who utilize the Food Closet's Services.

Summer Worship Services: From June to Labor Day Weekend, Pastor Brian will conduct an early service on Sunday mornings at 7:45 AM as the well as the regular 10:30 AM service. So there will be three opportunities to worship during this time: Saturday 6:00 PM, Sunday 7:45 AM, Sunday 10:30 AM.

Summer Sunday School: There will be no summer Sunday School classes. Sunday School for all ages will resume in the fall.



Agape Community Meal, June 12th: Come join us for the June Agape Community Meal on Wednesday, June 12th at 5:30 PM in the Social Hall when we will be having Hot dogs buns, Macaroni and cheese, Stewed tomatoes, Brownies/rice krispie treats. Bring a friend. If you'd like to take part in this ministry by helping to serve and/or clean up, just sign the sheet in the back of the sanctuary or contact Cindy Kramer or Sherry McDonald.



Breakfast with the Bible, June 8th: On Saturday, June 8th, Friedens Lutheran Church in Llewellyn will be hosting a Breakfast with the Bible, and they have invited Trinity's members to join them! Join us at 8:00 AM for breakfast and a Bible Study. Please note the date change from last month. The next meeting after that will be here at Trinity on August 17th. Come and join us for breakfast and a discussion on a scripture lesson and make new friends with the great people at Friedens!

Hot Dog Fundraiser, June 15th: There will be a Hot Dog Drive Through on Saturday, June 15th from 7:00 AM until noon. It will be located in the circle in the front of the church. Price is 1 hot dog and 1 water for \$1.00. This will be to benefit the Mission Trip.

Vacation Bible School (VBS), June 17-21: This year's VBS will be held June 17-21 at the Valley View Park. The theme is Roar. We're making VBS the "mane" event this summer with an epic African adventure that engages the whole herd! At Roar, kids will explore God's goodness and celebrate a ferocious faith that powers them through this wild life. Anyone wishing to volunteer should see Dara Troutman. A VBS Registration Form is included with this newsletter.

Snacks Needed for Vacation Bible School: Snack sign-up sheets are on the easel in the back of the sanctuary. This year our snacks will go with the lessons for our African adventure theme, Roar. We are asking for donations of the following foods, please:

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| 3+ bags of pretzels | 3 bags animal cookies | Individual brownie bites (Hostess) (35) |
| 3 bags mini choc chips | 3 big tubs vanilla yogurt | 3 tubs Cool Whip/whipped topping |
| Strawberries (35 needed) | 2 boxes Rice Chex | Sprinkles |
| Clementines (35 needed) | 3 bags banana chips | Cookies |
| Mixed crackers | 3 big bags popcorn | Cheddar crackers or goldfish |
| 3 boxes graham crackers | 2 bags skittles | Freezie pops |
| Mini marshmallows | Ice cream cones (for 35) | Water |
| 3 cans pineapple | | Juice pouches |

Youth Group Activity: Thanks to everyone who contributed to make the 2018-2019 Youth Group year a success! The Annual Youth Group Trip happened on May 22nd. 28 kids and 6 chaperones journeyed to the Lehigh Valley Zoo, where we saw the zebras, giraffes, and other animals under that Zoo's care. Following the zoo, we journeyed to lunch at Steak N' Shake before heading home. Thanks to our chaperones for their help: Julie Ballay, Joe Fogarty, Carolyn Dunkelberger, Jamie Masser, and Vernon Schlegel.

Pick Your Favorite Hymns: The Worship and Music Committee used the Hymns from the "Pick Your Favorite Hymns" papers for our worship services in June, July and August. We thank everyone who shared their hymn requests. We could still use a few for August so if you have not submitted your hymns, you still have time!

Contemporary Service: The task force to restart the contemporary service will be meeting in June. Please keep your eyes posted for news next month!

Bible Study: Bible Study of the Gospel of Mark continues on Mondays at 9:30 AM in the library. There will be no Bible Study on Monday, June 9th or 16th. We will resume June 24th. Everyone is welcome. And bring a friend!

Needed – Redner’s Receipts: As you know, the money we receive from our Redner’s Receipts is the main source of funds for our Miles to Mend program. The number of receipts we are receiving has decreased significantly. We hope that you will continue to bring in your receipts so we can use the money we receive to support our outreach ministries.

Secretary’s Office Hours are Changing: Please note the office hours for our secretary, Lillie Morgan, have changed. Her new office hours will be Tuesday and Wednesday from 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon, and Thursday from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

6th Annual Hot Potato 5K Run/Fun Walk and Tater Tot Trot, June 8th: June 8th will mark the 6th Annual Hot Potato 5K Run/Fun Walk and Tater Tot Trot, sponsored by Sterman Masser Inc. Both races start at Trinity and will be run on Maple Street in Valley View on Saturday, June 8th. All proceeds will go to the Tri-Valley Youth Activities Fund, Benefiting Children & Youth Activities. Race information can be found at <http://www.hotpotato5k.org/>.

Tri-Valley Public Library to Present “A Celebration of Schuylkill Swing” to Help Raise the Library Roof: On Saturday, June 8, 2019, at 5:00 PM, in the downstairs of Friedens United Church of Christ in Hegins, PA, the Tri-Valley Public Library will present “A Celebration of Schuylkill Swing” pasta buffet and swing concert. The event will raise funds to replace the library roof which is estimated to cost \$30,000. A Make Your Own Pasta buffet prepared by ScottDee catering will be served at 5:00 PM. The buffet will consist of: penne pasta, marinara sauce, Alfredo sauce, pesto sauce, grilled chicken, meatballs, broccoli, garden salad with ranch and/or Italian dressing, and assorted garlic knots, sticks and dinner rolls. A coffee station, iced tea, water and dessert will also be provided. Seating for the dinner will be first come, first served. Doors will open at 4:30 PM. The downstairs location of this event is not handicapped accessible.

At 6:00 PM, the M&J Big Band will present a one hour concert that will feature some of the beloved works of Schuylkill Swing leaders including Les Brown and the Dorseys. Veterans will also be acknowledged and remembered for their service and sacrifice during the program. The band, under the direction of Mr. John Shoener, Pottsville, is well known in the region for its stellar performances interpreting Schuylkill County's rich heritage of swing music and swing and big band music in general.

Tickets cost \$25.00 and can be purchased at the Library during library hours or at Romberger Furniture, 190 East Main St., Valley View, PA. The Band's appearance in being underwritten by Romberger Furniture along with several other local donors.

Efforts to repair the library roof over the years have failed to be permanent because the roof is a flat roof and it begins to leak quickly after repairs are made so the plan is to raise it as part of the replacement. The efforts to date have raised about one third of the funds needed. So, please come out and enjoy this wonderful buffet and performance and help “Raise the Roof”!

If you are unable to attend but still want to help, donations are accepted with gratitude at the library. Donations made by check should be made payable to Friends of the Tri-Valley Public Library. Mailed donations should be addressed to the library at 633 East Main St, Hegins, PA 17938.

Chicken BBQ Fundraiser for David A. Lucas: There will be a Chicken BBQ fundraiser for David A. Lucas on Saturday, June 15th at the Hegins Park. Tickets may be purchased from the office of Dr. Searce, Moore Supply Co, Valley View Gun Club, VFW, Hegins Fire and Rescue, Sacramento Community Fire Company, and the Hegins Ambulance Association.

Friedens Lutheran Llewellyn 200th Anniversary Celebration Continues: Friedens Llewellyn has several more events planned to celebrate their 200th year, and we are invited to be part of their celebration ...

- **Premiere of “Campfire Service” by Pastor Brian, June 30th** – On Sunday evening, June 30th there will be a Doggie Roast/Pot-luck supper preceding the service at 6:00 PM on Frieden’s Church lawn followed by a newly-composed *Service of the Word* around a campfire at 7:00 PM.
- **Summer Concert by “After Hours” Band, August 11th** – On Sunday afternoon, August 11th, there will be an Outdoor Concert by *After Hours* (Big Band) beginning at 4:00 PM and Church Picnic/BBQ at 5:00 PM with more music following.
- **Homecoming/Harvest Home, October 13th** - On Sunday afternoon, October 13th, there will be a Service of Holy Communion at 1:00 PM and immediately following the service there will be a Fellowship/Remembrances/Reunion Gathering in the Upstairs Sunday School rooms and then a sit-down catered dinner in the Social Hall at 2:45 PM.

Wanted! Special Music for Summer Worship Services: Anyone who sings, plays an instrument or is learning to sing or play an instrument or knows someone who sings or plays an instrument is invited to provide special music for our summer worship services. We’d love for you to share your special talent with us. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board.

Birthdays and Anniversaries: To help celebrate birthdays and wedding anniversaries, we would like to project pictures on the screen at the time of singing. Anyone interested should submit a photo two weeks ahead of the date. Just give it to Pastor Brian, Lillie, or put it in the door of the church office. Surprise your loved one with a photo from the past!

DVD Service Delivery: To help keep our home-bound members feeling part of our church family, we want to deliver DVDs of our worship services to them. We are looking for volunteers to help with the delivery. All you need to do is drop off the DVD each week. We are trying to secure a DVD player or electronic tablet for each home-bound member so they can keep it with them and watch at their convenience. Maybe you want to find a partner and divide up the weekly delivery between the two of you. If you are willing to participate individually or as a team, please speak to Pastor Brian.



**Did You Ever
Wonder...**

about Pentecost Traditions?

We will celebrate Pentecost on June 9th when we will observe the story in Acts of the Holy Spirit coming upon Jesus' followers. We traditionally say that this event is the official start of the Church. Pentecost is celebrated by the church all around the world, and as such, there are some interesting traditions that happen in different countries.

In Italy it is customary to scatter rose petals from the ceiling of the churches to recall the miracle of the fiery tongues.

In France it is customary to blow trumpets during the worship service, to recall the sound of the mighty wind which accompanied the Descent of the Holy Spirit.

In the north west of England, church and chapel parades called Whit Walks take place at Pentecost. Typically, the parades contain brass bands and choirs; girls attending are dressed in white. Other customs such as morris dancing and cheese rolling are also associated with Pentecost. "Whitsunday" has been the name of the day in the Church of England for hundreds of years.

In Finland there is a saying known virtually by everyone which translates as "if one has no sweetheart until Pentecost, he/she will not have it during the whole summer." That's pretty harsh!

In Port Vila, the capital of Vanuatu, people originating from Pentecost Island usually celebrate their island's name-day with a special church service followed by cultural events such as dancing.

In Ukraine the customs for the festival of Pentecost are performed in the following order: first, home and hearth would be cleaned; second, foods were prepared for the festival; finally, homes and churches were decorated with wildflowers and various types of green herbs and plants. A seven course meal may be served as the Pentecost feast which may include traditional dishes such as cereal with honey, rice or millet grains with milk, sauerkraut soup, chicken broth with handmade noodles, cheese turnovers, roast pork, and buckwheat cakes served with eggs and cheese.

Save the Dates

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Events</u>
June 8, 2019	Breakfast with the Bible, at Friedens Llewelyn
June 8, 2019	A Celebration of Schuylkill Swing” to Help Raise the Library Roof
June 8, 2019	Hot Potato 5K
June 15, 2019	Hot Dog Drive-Through from 7 AM to noon; fundraiser for mission trip
June 15, 2019	Chicken BBQ Fundraiser for David A. Lucas
June 17-21, 2019	Vacation Bible School at the Valley View Park
June 30, 2019	Friedens Llewelyn, Campfire Service
July 14-20, 2019	Mission Trip: Trinity’s mission trip to Cincinnati.
August 3, 2019	Chinese Auction; fundraiser for mission trip
August 11, 2019	Friedens, Llewelyn, Summer Concert by <i>After Hours</i>
August 17, 2019	Breakfast with the Bible at Trinity
August 2019	First Day Fresh Impressions: The Discipleship Committee will be hosting the Fresh Impressions Event again in August. This program helps families prepare for the next school year. From June to August we will be collecting new and gently-used clothing for children from kindergarten to high school senior.
October 13, 2019	Friedens, Llewelyn, Homecoming/Harvest Home Gathering

Important Reminders



Worship Services - Everyone Welcome!

 Saturday Evenings, 6:00 PM

 Sunday Mornings, 7:45 AM and 10:30 AM

Contemporary Service – The task force to restart the contemporary service will be meeting in June. Please keep your eyes posted for news next month!



Sunday School for all ages: There will be no Sunday School during the summer months. We will resume our Sunday School program for all ages in the Fall. Please join us for the worship service on Sunday mornings at 10:30 AM when Pastor Brian includes a children's sermon each week.

Contact Us:

- ✚ Trinity Lutheran Church, PO Box 153, 1220 West Maple Street Valley View, PA 17983
- ✚ Office Phone: (570) 682-9373
- ✚ Visit us on the web at: www.TrinityintheValley.com
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Pastor Brian's Contact Information:

- ✚ Church office: 570-682-9373
- ✚ Pastor Brian's cell phone: 570-516-1787

Pastor Brian's Office Hours:

- ✚ Mondays - 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM
- ✚ Pastor Brian is also available by appointment

Church Secretary's Office Hours: Lillie will be in the office on Tuesday and Wednesday from 9:00 AM to 12:00 noon and Thursday from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Bulletin deadline is Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM for the current week's bulletin. Bulletins will be available for folding from late Thursday evening on. If you need anything at a time other than Lillie's regular hours, please let her know at 570-682-9373 (office) or 570-682-8217 (home).

Pastoral Visitation: Due to health privacy laws, hospitals do not automatically call the church office to tell us when our members are hospitalized. If you or someone in your family is hospitalized, please call Pastor Brian to ensure a pastoral visit. Pastor Brian strives to visit members in nursing homes at least once every six weeks. **If you feel your loved one would benefit from more frequent pastoral visitation, please contact Pastor Brian.**

Community Aid Bins: The two Community Aid bins at the west end of the parking lot are waiting for donations. Trinity receives 3 cents per pound back for whatever is donated which in turn is used to support our Miles to Mend Program. The items we donate support Community Aid's mission.

Newsletter Distribution: Please call the church office at 570-682-9373 to let Lillie know if you would like to receive the newsletter via email or U.S. mail or if you would prefer a LARGE PRINT version. You may also pick up a copy inside the office entrance or on the shelving unit to the right of the glass case across from the Nursery classroom.

Tree of Life: Leaves in honor or memory of loved ones or special events such as weddings, confirmations, baptisms are still available. The cost is \$60 per leaf with proceeds designated for Christian Education. If interested, please complete a Leave Your Legacy form for each leaf.

Electronic Online Donations: Online contributions can be debited automatically from your checking or savings account, or processed using your credit or debit card. Vanco Payment Solutions is the administrator of the Simply Giving Program endorsed by Thrivent Federal Credit Union. To participate, go to Trinity's website at www.TrinityintheValley.com, scroll to the bottom of the home page and click on the box titled "Electronic Giving". Or if you would like to speak with someone, please contact Alex Zimmerman at 570-617-3911 or Pastor Brian.

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"I can do everything through
Him who gives me strength."

Philippians 4:13

God's Work, Our Hands

Mission Statement Trinity Lutheran Church

Trinity Lutheran Church is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and is called to carry on the serving, teaching, proclaiming ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ to all people through our life as a congregation and through our daily lives as individual Christians.