
Newsletter March 2018



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Valley View, Pennsylvania

Pastor's Letter

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!

I jokingly said yesterday, "if we make it through March alive, we'll be alright." I was, of course, referring to the plethora of activity we have going on at Trinity in March. A confirmation trip, four midweek Lenten services, a first communion class, a scrabble tournament- all of this stuff happens in the same month, in addition to the other regularly scheduled activities that normally happen.

It is a perfect storm. Some of these things would have normally happened in either March or February, but because of scheduling conflicts could not. So we will have one very busy month.

Is your life in general like this? I wonder about that all of the time. I think about all of our parents of children, and I wonder how you juggle everything. I think about all of you who work regular jobs and yet I still see at the church building multiple times during the week. I wonder about your time, about how much you get to see your children, about how much time you get to pursue your passions in life, and how you make it all work.

Here's the thing about our culture, and the error I think we are all making: We are intentionally overly busy, and we are proud to be so. I suppose there is the saying from Proverbs that "idle hands are the devil's workshop", but I think we have so programmed our lives that we have gone all the way to the other side. I wish there were a saying in Proverbs about overly busy hands! We are so afraid of being idle or labeled lazy that we forget time to rest. We don't know how to relax. And we suffer because of it.

Jesus didn't forget this. Numerous times in scripture he went up to a mountain to take time for himself. He spent much of that time in prayer, but I doubt every second was spent that way. Surely he had conversations with the disciples that weren't just about his teachings. There is a reason he had such a close relationship with them. It was also a struggle for him. There are times that he tried to get away from the crowds, but they followed him anyway.

In the business of this season, as we journey to Easter, take time to just be. Don't be afraid of what you'll find out about yourself. Maybe you'll have a self-realization that will kick off the next phase of where God is taking you in your life! Perhaps you can sit down in conversation and learn something new about a loved one. Take the time to just simply be.

Peace,
Pastor Brian



In Memorium ✝

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

Brenda Schaeffer

Nick Dunkle

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

♥ **Brenda Louise Schaeffer**, born November 8, 1948, entered into eternal rest on February 9, 2018. Pastor Brian shared this about Brenda... Brenda recently lost her mother, Gloria Miller, and in fact was residing in the same facility as Gloria, the Manor at Susquehanna Village. I was glad to see how happy Brenda was upon moving to the Manor, which happened fairly recently. She had a room to herself and was able to visit with her mother every day. Last December, I brought Timmy in to see her, and she just marveled over him. I remember being embarrassed because Timmy was making loud noises, and Brenda just thought it was great! Brenda was blessed with a loving family, including her husband Ken and their children. Following the news of her passing, Ken's living room was filled with people gathered in support and love, and it was wonderful to hear stories and even some laughter in the midst of the tears. May the hope of the resurrection carry us as we mourn the loss of Brenda Schaeffer.

♥ **Warren E “Nick” Dunkle**, born April 1, 1942, entered into eternal rest February 18, 2018. Nick, formerly of Hegins, was living with his wife Lois in Cullman, AL, and retained associate membership at Trinity. Nick was a 1960 graduate of Tri-Valley High School, and served in the US Army from 1963 to 1966; and retired as a correctional officer at the Camp Hill State Prison in 2008. Following his retirement he and Lois moved to Cullman AL. May the hope of the resurrection carry us as we mourn the loss of Nick Dunkle.

TRINITY... SERVING, TEACHING, AND PROCLAIMING



Agape Community Meal, February 14th: Our Agape Community meal this month was on Valentine’s Day. 96 people joined us for a delicious lasagna dinner and received a heart-shaped Valentine that said *Jesus Loves Me!* Can we make it to 100 in March? Come and join us!

Brethren Housing Association (BHA), February 18th: On Sunday, February 18th at our 10:30 am service, Crystal Brown, Administrative Director of BHA joined us to share information about the journey and vision of the Brethren Housing Association (BHA), discuss volunteer opportunities, and answer questions. BHA has programs or partners with other organizations to help moms become self-sufficient. Included is job training/seeking/maintaining services, parenting education, life skills training, counseling services, and youth programs for the kids. Participants pay rent as they are able, but the rent is put in a savings account so when they are able to move out and support their family, they have savings for a down payment on a rental, etc. Most importantly, BHA staff and volunteers continuously show these moms the love and care they need to develop and realize

their own self-worth, empowering them to overcome the obstacles that lead them to the homelessness situation. We look forward to working with this incredible organization.

Soup After Service, February 18th: A special thank you to the Discipleship Committee for providing soup after worship services on Saturday evening and Sunday morning. Not only was the soup delicious, but the fellowship was so nice. What a wonderful combination. Thanks to all who joined us to share this time together.

Loan Burning for the Organ, February 25th: During our 10:30 AM worship service on Sunday, February 25th we celebrated paying off the organ by burning the organ loan document. We gave thanks to God for leading us through this comprehensive project. We asked God to bless our organ and its ministry, and allow us to find ways to use it to glorify Him, share His Love, and His Word. We thank those who joined together to accomplish this.

Thank you... We thank God for the many accomplishments during 2017. We thank committees for planning and leading these efforts and for all who participated.

From Surviving to Thriving, Book Study February 12th and 26th: We continued our congregation revitalization book study, *From Surviving to Thriving: A Practical Guide to Revitalize your Church*, by Rev. Dr. John H. Krahn, on February 12th and 26th. Here are some highlights from the next two chapters.

- Chapter 2: *Get Your Church's Financial House in Order*
 - Money in and of itself is not evil. It is only evil when we make obtaining it the first priority in our lives.
 - Giving and giving generously are acts of worship.
 - "Show me your checkbook, and I will show you your God."
 - Getting your financial house in order is the first thing you need to do to work on in revitalizing your church. You need to be able to pay the bills first and buy time to be able to work on all the rest.
 - Look for ways to save the Lord's money – bulletins, electric bills, light bulbs, contracts, etc.
 - Ask every member to commit to daily prayer for the church and weekly worship.
 - Encourage tithing (giving 10% of your income to the Lord) or working toward tithing.
 - Encourage members to remember the church in their will so they can witness their love for the Lord and their desire to help strengthen Christ's ministry beyond their lives.
 - A Church Endowment fund is the third leg of the stewardship program every church should have in place. These funds are invested professionally with the idea is to give the church the benefit of the earnings while keeping the principal intact. While the earning may be used for special projects, they may also be used to sustain the life of the church during difficult downturns in church attendance and giving.
 - Offer the opportunity to give electronically.
 - Be bold in asking people to support the Lord's ministry at your church. You are not asking in order to enrich your personal wealth, but you are asking people to both sustain and advance the work of the Lord.
- Chapter 3: *Invigorate Your Congregation's Worship Life*
 - It is essential we make the worship service an excellent expression of our love for the Lord.
 - Preach to people where they are. Each sermon should strive to have a "take away", something that every parishioner remembers throughout the week.
 - We need to be present every week at worship to remain on fire for the Lord. God desires our weekly worship, and we need it.
 - Remove negative statistics from your bulletin.

- Make sure your recessional hymn is one that everyone knows and loves. If people leave smiling, they are more likely to return the following week.
- Always pass the plate from person to person. When the offering is collected, treat it with respect, lift it up to the Lord in prayer, and place it on the altar.
- Worship is the hub of ministry. If your church does anything with excellence, let it be the hour you spend together on Sunday mornings. Everything else radiates out from that common experience.
- Worship is our weekly offering of thanks and praise to our gracious God. God deserves the very best that we are able to offer. Every week we should try, in every way possible, to invigorate the worship life of the congregation we serve.

Miles to Mend: There was one disbursement of aid from the Miles to Mend fund for February. The Discipleship Committee developed a new form and expanded guidelines for Miles to Mend. The new form describes Miles to Mend as follows...*Miles to Mend is a ministry of Trinity Lutheran Church of Valley View that attempts to respond to the fact that members of our community experience budget shortfalls at times. Some are traveling great distances for treatment of serious medical conditions. Others are faced with denying their children the chance to participate in extra-curricular activities such as sports, band or clubs, due to mounting activity-related expenses. Following our mission, Trinity Lutheran Church is expanding the Miles to Mend assistance to the residents of the Tri Valley area. We feel we can do God's work by helping those in need. A lock box with updated request forms is located on the table inside the office entrance. Nominate someone in need! Brochures will be available throughout the Tri-Valley area.*

What's Happening in **MARCH**



Hegins Valley Food Closet: The Food Closet item for March is **canned mixed vegetables**. Please bring mixed vegetables and any other donations to the cupboard in the Overflow, where it will then be taken to the Food Closet at St. John's United Methodist Church in Hegins.



Lenten and Easter Services: Services and events as we await the Risen Lord!

- March 7th Lenten Service 7 PM at Friedens
- March 14th Lenten Service 7 PM at Trinity
- March 21st Lenten Service 7 PM at Friedens
- Palm Sunday, March 25th Easter Egg Hunt during the Sunday School hour
- March 29th Maundy Thursday 7 PM at Friedens
- March 30th Cross Walk on Good Friday 12 noon at St. John's UMC, Hegins
- March 30th Good Friday 7 PM at St Andrew's UMC, Valley View

- April 1st, Easter Services, All are invited to a Community Sunrise Service at St. Andrew's United Methodist Church at 6:30 AM, and then join us for our Morning Worship when we will celebrate the Risen Lord at Trinity at 10:30 AM. We will not have an 8:00 AM service Easter morning.



40 Days of Prayer: This year during Lent, we are inviting the entire congregation to keep the various ministries of our congregation and our congregation in prayer. Pastor Brian is emailing prayers weekly for each of the 40 days. Prayers for the first two weeks are attached. Copies are available at the Church.

Easter Flowers, March 11th: We are currently taking orders for Easter flowers. The form is included as an attachment to this newsletter. Orders are due March 11th.

From Surviving to Thriving, Congregation Revitalization Book Study, March 12th and 26th:

Come and join us on Monday, March 12th and 26th at 7:00 PM in the Library. All are invited as we talk about revitalizing our congregation using the ideas from the book *From Surviving to Thriving: A Practical Guide to Revitalize your Church*. The book was written by Rev. Dr. John H. Krahn, a Lutheran pastor who has been helping to revitalize churches for nearly fifty years. This Book Study will also act as a Revitalization Group which will make recommendations to Council about steps to take as we look at the ongoing revitalization of ministry at Trinity Lutheran Church. The book can be purchased on Amazon. If you need a copy and do not have access to Amazon, please see Pastor Brian. Again, all are invited!

Agape Community Meal, March 14th: Our next Agape Community meal is on Wednesday, March 14th at 5:30. We will be serving Shepherd's pie, pepper cabbage, applesauce, crusty rolls, and cake. Please join us. If you'd be interested in helping with this ministry, we'd love to have you. Contact Cindy Kramer, Sherry McDonald, or Joan Klinger, or the church office at 57-682-9373 for more information.

And if you want to plan ahead, mark your calendar for the second Wednesday of every month. Our April Community meal will be Wednesday, April 11th. The menu is roast beef and pork, filling, gravy, roast carrots, tea rolls, and cake. Hope to see you there!

2018 Farm Family Celebration, March 17th : Saturday, March 17th will be the Farm Family Celebration at the Hamburg Field House. Doors will open at 6:15 PM with a hot buffet served beginning at 7:00 PM. Live Music will be provided by "The Outlaws". This event is free of charge to all Farm Families, with a \$16 fee for all Farm Family supporters. Registration forms are available at <http://nepasynod.org/documents/ffac-flyer-2018.pdf>.

Trinity's Third Annual Scrabble Tournament, March 24th: Trinity's Third Annual Scrabble Tournament will be held Saturday, March 24th at 12:00 noon in the Social Hall. Doors open at 11:00 AM. Cost is \$5.00 per person to play and prizes will be awarded to the 1st and 2nd place winners. There will be food for sale. Proceeds to benefit Miles To Mend. Please join us for an afternoon of fun, fellowship, and laughter.

The Discipleship Committee is asking for donations of beef barbeque, hamburger buns, brownies, and rice krispie treats for the tournament. A sign-up sheet is on the easel at the rear of the sanctuary.

Contemporary Service, March 25th: Thank you to all who came and participated in our joyful service in February! Our next Contemporary Service is Sunday, March 25th at 6:00 PM in the sanctuary. Come and join us!

Music Recognition Sunday, April 15th: This year for Music Sunday we will have **Trinity's first Polka Service** during Sunday 10:30 AM worship service. All hymns and service music will be set to German or polka tunes. Join us as we gather to worship the Lord with this joyful music. In preparation for this service, the choir will be introducing several of the pieces in this service throughout the month of March at the 10:30 AM service. Come and get a small taste of what we'll be doing on Music Sunday, April 15th.

Youth Spaghetti Dinner, April 22nd: (Please note change in date) Everyone is invited to the Fourth Annual Spaghetti Dinner hosted by members of both youth groups, as well as Sunday School students. The dinner will take place in the Social Hall on Sunday, April 22nd at 6:00 PM. Donations of spaghetti and spaghetti sauce are being requested and may be placed on the table in the back of the Overflow. The dinner is free; however, there will be a donation basket. Donations will be used for future youth group events. We hope you will plan to join us!

Morning Bible Study: Bible Study continues on Mondays at 9:30 AM in the library. Please join us in our study of the Gospel of Matthew.

Youth Group News:

The Senior High Youth group will be concluding its year as of April 4th due to the start of spring activities that will take many of our participants away.

The Junior High Youth Group will continue to meet into May, with the Youth Group Trip being on May 2nd to the Civil War Museum in Harrisburg and feeding those who are staying at the Ronald McDonald House near Penn State Hershey Medical Center. Chaperones are needed for this trip. If you can serve in this way, please see Pastor Brian!

TLC's Children's Corner Closet: Trinity Lutheran Church will hold a "Free Shopping Event" on **Saturday, May 5th from 9 AM to 12 noon**. The goal is to provide area infants and pre-school children clothing, toys and baby items. Donations of new and gently used clothing size newborn to 4T and other items will be accepted **March 1st through April 15th** at the Tri-Valley Free Public Library, Valley View Post Office and Trinity Lutheran Church. Monetary donations for this cause may be sent to: Trinity Lutheran Church, 1220 West Maple Street, PO Box 153, Valley View PA 17983. Make checks payable to: Trinity Lutheran Church. Please contact Trinity Lutheran Church by phone at 570-682-9373 to learn more about potential help available to your family.

Military Collection January-April 2018: This year we are collecting for an Army Unit of Maintenance Mechanics that is stationed in the tiny nation of Kuwait, which you may remember from Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm in the 1990s. It gets very, very hot in Kuwait, and the list of items to be collected reflects that. We are collecting **until April 1st (Easter Sunday)**:

- Sandals, both mens and womens, all sizes
- Sealed powdered laundry soap
- Dark polarized sunglasses (there is a heavy need)
- Sunscreen
- Female hygiene products with applicators
- Latex gloves
- Magazines
- Crossword puzzle books
- Ping pong balls
- Toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Baby wipes
- Beef Jerky
- Coffee
- Crackers
- Canned tuna

They also would greatly benefit from written letters of encouragement and support.

Please place donations on the Collection Table – the table in the back of the Overflow by the “God’s Work, Our Hands” sign and painting. All items will be packed up and shipped to this unit in the beginning of April and shipped out from Valley View all the way to Kuwait!

AmazonSmile: Trinity just completed registration to participate in the AmazonSmile program. Registration to participate in this program will enable Trinity to receive donations from Amazon when purchases are made from Amazon accounts where Trinity Lutheran Church Valley View is the designated charitable organization. Information about the program and how to contribute is included below. Feel free to share with family and friends. Donations received through AmazonSmile will be used to carry out ministries at Trinity.

If you are familiar with this program and want Trinity to be your charity, all you need to do is enter “Lutheran Church Valley View” (do not enter PA) in the charity search box. Trinity Lutheran Church Valley View PA should appear after you hit enter.

If you are not familiar with this program, read on...

- **What is AmazonSmile?** AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, prices, and shopping features as Amazon.com. The difference is that when you shop on AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the charitable organization of your choice.
- **How Do I Shop AmazonSmile?** To shop at AmazonSmile enter smile.amazon.com in the web browser on your computer or mobile device.
- **Which products on AmazonSmile are eligible for charitable donations?** Tens of millions of products on AmazonSmile are eligible for donations. You will see eligible products marked “Eligible for AmazonSmile donation” on their product detail pages. Recurring Subscribe-and-Save purchases and subscription renewals are not currently eligible.

- **May I use my existing Amazon.com account on AmazonSmile?** Yes, you use the same account on Amazon.com and AmazonSmile.
- **How do I select Trinity Lutheran Church Valley View on AmazonSmile?** Before you begin shopping on AmazonSmile smile.amazon.com, enter “Trinity Lutheran Church Valley View” in the search box (do not enter PA). Trinity Lutheran Church Valley View PA will come up. You only have to enter the charity once. AmazonSmile will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at smile.amazon.com will result in a donation.
- **Can I change my charity?** Yes, you can change your charity any time. Your AmazonSmile purchases after the change count towards your newly selected charity. To change your charity, sign in to smile.amazon.com on your desktop or mobile phone browser and simply select “Change your Charity” in “Your Account.” Then enter “Trinity Lutheran Church Valley View” in the search box.
- **How much of my purchase does Amazon donate?** The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from your eligible AmazonSmile purchases. The purchase price is the amount paid for the item minus any rebates and excluding shipping & handling, gift-wrapping fees, taxes, or service charges. From time to time, they may offer special, limited time promotions that increase the donation amount on one or more products or services or provide for additional donations to charitable organizations. Special terms and restrictions may apply. Please see the relevant promotion for complete details.
- **Can I receive a tax deduction for amounts donated from my purchases on AmazonSmile?** Donations are made by the AmazonSmile Foundation and are not tax deductible by you.

2018 Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend: Your marriage relationship is one of the things in life that provides the greatest potential for happiness. Is yours living up to this potential? Please make 2018 the year you resolve to attend a Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend to learn how to maximize the joy and intimacy that God intends for your marriage. The following Weekends have been scheduled with one more to be added in Massachusetts in the fall.

- **March 16-18, 2018** at Heritage Hotel Lancaster in Lancaster, PA. A newly-renovated hotel, home of the unique treehouse-inspired restaurant, "Loxley's."
- **April 6-8, 2018** at Toftrees Golf Resort in State College PA. A peaceful resort surrounded by a golf course and nestled in the woods in the center of PA.
- **September 14-16, 2018** at Spruce Lake Retreat in Canadensis, PA. A lovely hotel-style facility in a wooded area of the Poconos, an hour north of Allentown.
- **October 19-21, 2018** at Olmsted Retreat Center. A stunning, hotel-style retreat next to Olmsted Mansion in Allegheny National Forest, 2 hours north of Pittsburgh.

Two nights lodging, 5 meals for each of you, and all supplies are included with your \$100 per couple registration fee, plus toward the end of the weekend you will be given an opportunity to make a confidential contribution of whatever amount you wish toward the continuation of the program. To be sure to get the Weekend of your choice, sign up at your earliest convenience by going to the website: www.GodLovesMarriage.org and paying the registration fee with your credit card, or marking the option to mail a check. For questions, or if you would like a brochure with registration form mailed to you, contact Northeast US Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber, at 724-325-3166 orfjschamber@comcast.net.

Save the Dates

Dates	Future Events
March 1 – April 15, 2018	<u>Clothing Collection, March 1st –April 15th</u> : Collection of infant and toddler clothing and items will begin March 1 st and go through April 15 th
April 15, 2018	<u>Music Sunday, April 15th</u> : Trinity’s first polka service. We’ll be having an extra-special service that is not to be missed.
April 22, 2018	<u>Youth Spaghetti Dinner</u> : Youth Spaghetti Dinner will be held on April 22 nd at 6:00 in the Social Hall.
April 27, 2018	<u>Schuylkill Women in Crisis (SWIC) Spring Challenge Golf Tournament</u> : will be held on April 27 at the Schuylkill Country Club in Orwigsburg. Light Lunch will be at 11:30 AM and the Flighted Shotgun will begin at 1 PM with light hors d’oeuvres following the tournament. To learn more about sponsorship opportunities and registration, contact Janel Firestone, Executive Assistant, swicagency@comcast.net or (570) 622-3991 or visit www.s-wic.org/golf .
May 5, 2018	<u>TLC Children’s Corner Closet Free Shopping Event</u> at Trinity for Baby and Toddler Clothing and Toys.
May 20, 2018	<u>Lip Sync Show</u> : Dinner and Lip Sync Show will be held in the social hall at Trinity on May 20 th to benefit the Brethren Housing Association.
July 6-9, 2018	<u>Roanoke, VA Mission Trip</u> : Our youth, age 12 and up or going into 7 th grade in the fall of 2018, will be going on a Mission Trip July 6-9 (Friday – Monday) to Roanoke, VA.



Did You Ever Wonder?... about Pascha?

You probably have never wondered about Pascha, because likely you don't know what that is. It has to do with the early church's practice of Lent and Easter, however, so this is a great time to give you some information about our history.

In its most simple definition, "Pasch" is a word for Easter that is still used in some parts of the Christian world. It comes from the word "Pascha", which is what the Early Christians called the festival that would become Easter. The word "Pascha" comes from a Hebrew word that means to dance or leap, as in joy. As this was a joyful celebration, it was appropriately named.

In the early church, they would celebrate a Passover feast, except that they would hold it one week after the traditional Jewish observance. Then they would spend a whole week celebrating the resurrection of Jesus, each day having some way of observing this source of joy.

The night before their Sunday celebration, they would stay up all night and wait for the morning. In the early church, they believed that Jesus would actually return on the morning of Pascha. They would celebrate communion in the morning, upon seeing that Christ had not returned.

Food was a big part of this celebration, as meals would have been shared all throughout the week leading up and following.

Important Reminders



Worship Services - Everyone Welcome!

- ✚ Saturday Evenings, 6:00 PM
- ✚ Sunday Mornings, abbreviated service at 8:00 AM; full service at 10:30 AM
- ✚ Contemporary Service – 4th Sunday, 6:00 PM



Sunday School for all ages: Sunday mornings, 9:00 AM

- ✚ **Children's Sunday School:** Sunday School for our children ages 2 to 18 is held every Sunday morning from 9:00 to 10:15 AM. There are classes for Nursery; Kindergarten-2nd Grades; 3rd -4th Grades; Pre-teens (5th-6th Grades); Confirmation; and Teens (Post Confirmation).
- ✚ **Adult Sunday School:** Our adult discussion Sunday School Class is held every Sunday morning 9:00 to 10:00 AM in the church library. The class uses the weekly *Faith Lens* curriculum for discussion of scripture as it relates to current events.



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 are used to 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, please contact Alex Zimmerman at 570-617-3911 or Pastor Brian.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION...

Contact Us!

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Pastor Brian's Office Hours:

- Mondays - 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM; and
- Tuesdays - 4:00 to 6:00 PM
- Pastor Brian is also available by appointment.

Pastor Brian's Contact Information:

- Church office: 570-682-9373
- Cell phone: 570-516-1787

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.**

Difficult moments, seek God.
Quiet moments, worship God.
Painful moments, trust God.
Every moment, thank God.

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.