

#### **Pastor's Letter**

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Risen Lord Jesus Christ! Amen.

It is so good to serve others! I am one week removed from the cleaning of the apartment we are adopting. Today, people are going to paint, and on Saturday there are others going to move furniture in. By the time you are reading this, we will be well on our way to finishing the furnished apartment. We may even have another one to do after this!

I want to thank everyone for your generosity. On Sunday, there was a list of items placed on the bulletin board in the overflow room. I was expecting that likely we would have a few weeks before it had been filled. When I returned that night for the spaghetti dinner, I looked to see that the list was almost completely filled!

Speaking of that spaghetti dinner, we had an enormous turnout, and we raised quite a bit of money for the trip to Roanoke, Virginia that is coming this July. That trip is a mission trip, where once again a group from Trinity will be serving.

The cool thing about that is that we are serving a group of people that cannot pay us back. They cannot do anything for us- the relationship is simply us helping, and that's it. We will not have a relationship with the people who occupy the apartment that we are setting up. We will be too geographically far from Roanoke for those people to do anything for us in return. This is simply us doing good for the sake of the Gospel, because Jesus models this kind of activity all the time in the Gospels.

I think of Jairus' daughter when I think of this. This is a story recorded in three of the Gospels (John does not include it). This was a 12 year old girl who remains nameless. She had no relevance outside of who her father was, and scripture supports this, because it tells us his name, and next to nothing about her.

Jesus shows up at his house and she has died. Jesus says, in essence, "do not worry, she will live." Some in the crowd even laugh at Jesus because what he says is so unbelievable. But, Jesus being Jesus, commands her to get up, and she is brought back to wholeness of life.

This girl couldn't do a thing for Jesus. She was a non-person in her society. People cared about the young boys, but the girls were seen as nothing more than pawns to be married off. In and of themselves, they had little worth.

Serving means that we do good for those who can't do a thing for us. It is selfless, giving of our time, our energy, and our love, simply for the sake of those who are in need. Jesus tells us in scripture that when we help one of these, it is like helping him. He is present in that experience.

We will get to serve after the BHA apartment experience, and we will get to serve after the Roanoke trip. Come and be a part of it! It is a complete and wonderful expression of our faith unlike any other, and in taking part, you get to be a part of God's love working its way through the world.

See you along the way,

Pastor Brian

### TRINITY... SERVING, TEACHING, AND PROCLAIMMING





**First Communion, Easter Sunday:** Our Students who completed their First Communion instruction received their First Communion on Easter Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. They are Stella Hall, Summer Klinger, Lydia Rodichok, Ava Kramer, and Gavin Ballay. It is always very special to have communion bread made by these First Communion Students. We extend our love, support, and congratulations to them as they take this very important step in their faith formation.

**Spring Clean Up, April 7<sup>th</sup>**: On Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup> we had a great crew of hard workers come out to clean up the church grounds. Big thanks to Joe Fogarty, Ross Schwalm, Steve Schwalm, Sam Snyder, Travis Snyder, Jack Specht, Beau Troutman and Paul Kramer. We also acknowledge with sincere gratitude the Herb Memorial Fund which was established in memory of Ann Bonwit's parents, Bruce and Alice Herb, to be used for the care and planning of shrubbery around the church. This fund was used to pay for the mulch.

<u>Agape Community Meal, April 11<sup>th</sup>:</u> Our April Agape Community Meal fed 70 people. Once again we thank the Junior Youth group for setting up the tables and chairs, for setting the tables and for everyone who prepared desserts for the meal. We also want to acknowledge Trinity's Kitchen Committee who not only prepares and serves these meals but also pays for all the food. They use the funds they earn from dinners they prepare and serve as well as matching funds from Thrivent and the Diane Wagner Fund. This ministry is very important to them, and we are so grateful for their generosity. It is truly a labor of love!



**Polka Service, April 15<sup>th</sup>:** This year for Music Recognition Sunday we had **Trinity's first Polka Service** during our Sunday10:30 AM worship service. All hymns and service music was set to German or polka tunes. The words to the songs were beautiful and meaningful, the music was lively and the congregation was smiling! Praise God! What more could we ask for!

<u>Youth Spaghetti Dinner, April 22<sup>nd</sup></u>: The Youth Groups held their 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Spaghetti Dinner at 6:00 PM on Sunday, April 22nd. We want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped to make this dinner such a huge success! To all the help in the kitchen, all the kids who worked so hard, everyone who donated desserts, spaghetti, sauce, salad fixings, meatballs, sausage, and time - thank you! To all who came and enjoyed eating the spaghetti and gave monetary donations - thank you! To all who helped set up and clean up - thank you! We appreciate every one of you. We are happy to report that the monetary donations totaled \$738.00 - the best we've ever raised in the years since this has started! This money will be used for the youth mission trip to Roanoke, VA where our youth will be sharing God's love by helping a community in need. Without all of you this wouldn't be possible.

**Special Congregational Meeting, April 29<sup>th</sup>:** A special congregational meeting was held on Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup> following the worship service for the purpose of passing the budget for the remainder of 2018. The meeting began by providing information on the current financial challenges, all the ministries Trinity is currently involved in, and the current opportunity to share Pastor Brian's services with another congregation. The motion to approve the budget was approved unanimously.

<u>Miles to Mend</u>: The new Miles to Mend Pamphlets have been distributed throughout the Valley! We thank area churches that have agreed to house them so that we can get word out about this program. In April, we had no disbursement of Miles to Mend funds. Please continue to spread the word, we are able to give gas cards to anyone in the Tri-Valley School District who needs to travel due to medical treatment!

What's Happening in





**Hegins Valley Food Closet:** The Food Closet Item for May is **Hamburger Helper.** Come and bring boxes of Hamburger Helper and any other food donation you might have and place them in the cupboard in the overflow room, where they will be taken to the Food Closet at St. John's United Methodist Church in Hegins. Thank you for your ongoing support of this ministry!

<u>TLC's Children's Corner Closet, Shopping Event, May 5<sup>th</sup></u>: The items collected for the Children's Corner Closet will be sorted and prepared for the Free Shopping Event to be held May 5th 9am-12 in the church overflow. This event will provide area infants and pre-school children clothing, toys and baby items. Please contact Trinity Lutheran Church by phone at 570-682-9373 to learn more about potential help available to your family.

Agape Community Meal, May 9<sup>th</sup>: Our next Agape Community meal is on Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30. We will be serving Mac-n-cheese with ham and peas, tomato sauce, pepper cabbage, and dessert. Spread the word! 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.

And if you want to plan ahead, mark your calendar for the second Wednesday of every month. Our May Community meal will be Wednesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>. The menu is Spaghetti/meatballs, tossed salad, crusty rolls and dessert. Hope to see you there!



**TLC's Got Talent, May 20<sup>th</sup>!** After 9 years, back by popular demand, TLC's famous lip sync show returns May 20, 2018, 6:00 PM in the Trinity Lutheran Church Social Hall. Dinner & Show tickets are \$15 Adult and \$10 Children ages 6 to 12 (Free 5 & under). Show only tickets are \$5 for Adults and free for Children 12 & under. (7:30 PM). Catering by ScottDee's Catering. Proceeds to benefit Brethren Housing Association. Deadline to purchase tickets is May 13. Please see Joyce Schlegel (570-682-9719) or Sherry McDonald (570-682-9914) for tickets. Don't miss the fun!

*From Surviving to Thriving*, Congregation Revitalization Book Study, May 21<sup>st</sup>: Come and join us on Monday, May 21<sup>st</sup> 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*. A list of ideas to implement from this book study will be presented following completion of the book study.

<u>No Contemporary Service, May 28<sup>th</sup></u>: There will be no Contemporary Service in May due to the Memorial Day Holiday.

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

**Sunday School Update:** We have an exciting schedule for Sunday School during the month of May. May 6<sup>th</sup>: The Holy Spirit Comes Down; May 13<sup>th</sup>: Mathias the Apostle; May 27<sup>th</sup>: The Holy Spirit followed by an ice cream party to celebrate the end of the Sunday School year. There will be no Sunday School on May 27<sup>th</sup> due to the Memorial Day Holiday. The Christian Education Committee would like to provide Sunday School during the summer through an intergenerational program beginning June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Stay tuned for more details.

#### Youth Group News:

The Senior Youth Group prepared 50 sandwiches for Haven Ministry in Sunbury in April. We thank them for helping to feed the residents of that homeless shelter! The sandwiches were put to good use quickly. Senior Youth Group is now completed for this school year. Thank you to Lillie Morgan for being our adult helper this year!

Junior Youth Group is also wrapping up its year. This month, they will have a Pizza Party on May 2nd at Nino's (all those who have driven are invited to come and take part), and the following week, May 9th, they will take a trip to the National Civil War Museum in Harrisburg, also that day providing sandwiches for those staying at the Ronald McDonald House in Hershey.

Thanks to Joe Fogarty for the Pizza Party, and thank you to our drivers and helpers this year: Joe Fogarty, Carolyn Dunkleberger, Jamie Masser, Robin Otto, Judy Rodichok, Cindy Kramer, Joan Klinger, and Ed Kiesel. Thank you also to Darlene Kiesel for taking care of the youth group snacks. We had our largest junior youth group ever this year, and were able to do well with so much help from so many people!

The next Youth Event will be the Roanoke Trip, which is slated for July 6-9th. Stay tuned for information leading up to and following this event!

<u>Mother's Day Gift Bags</u>: Thank you to all for the BHA Mother's Day Gift Bags donations. We received all of the items requested. A huge thank you to Alice Straub for making beautiful cloth bags to hold the collected gifts and to Phyllis Klouser for making bees wax lip balm for the moms.

Adopt An Apartment: On April 2nd, Crystal Brown, Administrative Director of the Brethren Housing Association (BHA) notified us that our apartment is ready for adoption. The Discipleship Committee met April 16th to make plans to complete the Adopt An Apartment Project. Pastor Brian, Joan Klinger, Cindy Kramer, Sherry McDonald, Robin Otto, Steve Schwalm and Travis Snyder traveled to Harrisburg on Thursday, April 19th to clean the third floor apartment. The transformation was amazing! Thank you to the cleaning crew for a job well done. The next step will be to furnish it. Carolyn Dunkelberger's Facebook post yielded several much needed items! Thanks to the generosity of many, most of the larger furniture items have already been donated. Then on Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> Beau Troutman, Ross Schwalm, Travis Snyder, and Steve Schwalm loaded the furniture and delivered it to the apartment. This was not an easy task as the apartment is on the third floor with a very narrow stairway. Fortunately there is a fire escape they could use for the big stuff. Thank you to our moving crew.

Posted on the easel in the overflow is a list of kitchen, bath and bedroom items needed. We will add the items needed for the child/children's room to the list when we are notified of the gender and number of children. At least two more trips will be made to the apartment before it is finished – Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday May 10<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in helping out, contact Sherry McDonald (570-682-9914).



<u>**Trinity's Own Cookbook</u>**: Trinity's Kitchen Committee is creating a custom cookbook featuring favorite recipes from our congregation's members. These cookbooks will be professionally published and are sure to be a treasured keepsake for us all. Money raised will be used for Brethren Housing Association projects.</u>

We are asking that you please submit 3-5 of your favorite recipes so you can be represented in our cookbook. We are especially looking for the "classic" Trinity recipes we all know and love from congregational gatherings. Many recipes from all members will ensure that our cookbook is a success. We are using Morris Press Cookbook's web site to easily submit recipes online. Instructions to submit a recipe are included as an attachment to this newsletter. If you do not have Internet access, our committee can enter them for you. Submit hardcopies of your recipes to the church office or to Cindy Kramer. Recipe collection sheets are available on the glass case in Sausser Hall and as an attachment to this newsletter.

We anticipate a great demand for our cookbooks, and we want to be certain to order enough. Cookbooks will be available for \$8.00, and must be prepaid. To reserve your copies, please make checks payable to "TLC Kitchen Committee" and hand in your order at the table set up in the overflow after worship. The slip below may also be given to the church office. We are hoping to have our cookbooks printed and ready for pick up in fall.

# Please submit your recipes online or on recipe collection sheets <u>no later than May 31, 2018</u> so we can meet our deadline. Thank you!

**DVD Delivery:** We will be delivering DVDs of our worship services with a DVD player to our shutins. We are looking for volunteers to help with the delivery. All you need to do is drop off the DVD and player, pick it back up when they are finished watching, and then take it back to church. If you are willing to participate, please speak to Pastor Brian. <u>Altar Flowers</u>: Trinity will now have Elizabeth's Flowers in Tower City as our florist. The price of altar vases will now be \$35.

**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 signs 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.

**Pick Your Favorite Hymns:** The Worship and Music Committee would like YOU to pick our hymns for the church services this summer. There is a paper on the glass case in the Narthex you can use to list the names of hymns you would like to sing during the summer services. Now's the time to let us know your favorite hymns!

**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!

**Golfing Event, May 11<sup>th</sup>** The 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Brethren Housing Association (BHA) Golf Tournament will be held on May 11<sup>th</sup> at ParLine Golf Course located at 4545East Harrisburg Pike, Elizabethtown, PA 17022. BHA's goal this year is 120 golfers and to raise \$15,000 to help families experiencing homelessness get back on their feet. Golfer fees are \$75 per golfer, or \$300 for a team. This entitles your group to 18 holes of golf with a cart, snacks, eligibility for prizes, and a delicious full course meal after your round. Registration deadline is May 4<sup>th</sup>. *Visit bha-pa.org/get-involved/events* to register online, or contact the office at 717-233-6016 to register over the phone. Sponsorship opportunities – including hole sponsors – are still available. Please contact Jessica Johnson Vinton at jjohnsonvinton@bha-pa.org or 717-233-6016 for more information.



#### **Tri-Valley Cross Country Shoe Drive Fundraiser and Service Project, April 23<sup>rd</sup> – July 1<sup>st</sup>:** The Tri-Valley Cross Country Team and Booster Organization is holding a shoe drive fundraiser from April- 23<sup>rd</sup> – July 1<sup>st</sup>. Our goal is to collect 2,500 pair of shoes and raise \$1,000 for our team. We are collecting shoes of all sizes. Any type of shoe except metal spikes or roller skates is accepted. Regular cleats are accepted. Shoes should be gently worn, used or new. Collection sites will be: St. Andrew's United Methodist Church in Valley View, Trinity Lutheran Church in Valley View, all TVSD school buildings, Sterman Masser Inc in Sacramento. A collection box will also be available at the Hot Potato 5K on June 9, 2018.

The Cross Country Team is a newly sponsored school sport and this collection will help us to build a general fund. Our team is working with a company called Funds2Orgs. This company will give us .40 per pounds of shoes. In turn, these shoes are sent to developing countries for people to start small businesses. Your contribution of used shoes will support 2 great causes. Thank you in advance for your support! For further information please contact: Jamie Masser, jamiemasser@me.com, 717-649-4200

**Steeple Run, May 19<sup>th</sup>:** St. Andrews'  $2^{nd}$  Annual Steeple Run will be held on May 19<sup>th</sup>. The starting point is St. Andrews UMC in Valley View and the ending point will be Knoebel's Amusement Park in Elysburg. Motorcycles and cars are welcome. Preregistration until May 5<sup>th</sup> with participant \$15, passenger\* \$10 each, and kids \$2. Buyout Option is \$25. Locations: Moore's Supplies. Day of registration 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM with participants paying \$25, passenger\* \$10 each and kids \$2.

Buyout option is \$25. Online registration at <u>https://standrewsumcsteeplerun.eventbrite.com</u>. Prizes Drawing:\$200-\$100-\$50-addidtional prizes-separate kids drawing. \*Individuals registered as a passenger do not participate in the prize drawing. Event rules: register at St. Andrew's Church and receive one ticket for the prize drawing and address to the first station. At each station receive another prize drawing ticket and address to next station. 5-6 stations lead to Knoebels Amusement Park for a picnic lunch beginning at 2 PM, prize silent auction – everyone eligible, and prize drawing at 4 PM and silent auction drawing at 4:30. Proceeds benefit Lynn Adams and Carol Brown as well as their families with medical bills and expenses. Stay updated and more information on St. Andrew's Facebook page.

<u>Andy Svrcek in the Park, May 20<sup>th</sup></u>: Andy Svrcek will perform gospel, Elvis, and country music in the Hegins Park. A chicken BBQ dinner will be served from noon to 2PM. Some seating is available, but those attending should bring their lawn chairs. Andy will perform from 2 to 5PM. Proceeds benefit Hegins Valley Fire Rescue. Call Linda at 570-590-9507 or Jody at 570-985-3295 for tickets.

Ambassador of Peace Medal for Korean War Veterans: A ceremony to award an Ambassador of Peace Medal to Korean War Veterans was held in April as an expression of appreciation from the South Korean Government. A local family attended with their father, a Korean War Veteran. The ceremony was held at the Schuylkill County Court House with 43 veterans attending. Also attending were wives, children, or grandchildren from veterans who had passed. The local family did not see any other familiar faces and wanted to make sure other Korean War Veterans in our area were aware of this ceremony. They will be doing another in August. To receive the award, they must show Korean War service with honorable discharge. If you don't have the required information, the Veteran's Administration can help get it before the next ceremony. Anyone interested in finding more information should contact Brenda Zechman (570-628-1400) at the Schuylkill County Office of Veteran Affairs. Brenda is also a wonderful resource for veteran's benefits.

**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.

- <u>September 14-16, 2018</u> at Spruce Lake Retreat in Canadensis, PA. A lovely hotel-style facility in a wooded area of the Poconos, an hour north of Allentown.
- <u>October 19-21, 2018</u> 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
June 8-9, 2018	<b>Synod Assembly:</b> This year's synod assembly will be held on June 8-9 at
	the Mohegan Sun Arena in Wilkes-Barre. Trinity should have two

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	representatives other than Pastor Brian. Are you interested? Registration
	closes in 44 days. In the past representatives have gone only on the Friday
	of the Assembly, and that can be arranged this year as well.
June 25-29, 2018	Vacation Bible School (VBS): Vacation Bible School will be held June
	25 <sup>th</sup> to 29 <sup>th</sup> at the Valley View Park.
July 6-9, 2018	<b><u>Roanoke, VA Mission Trip</u></b> : Our youth, age 12 and up or going into 7 <sup>th</sup>
	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 a chalice???

We recently received a new-to-us chalice from English Lutheran Church in Minersville, which closed and had their last service last month. A piece of them will live on with us when we celebrate communion! The chalice of course has a history. Here is some interesting information!

The ancient Roman *calix* was a drinking vessel consisting of a bowl fixed atop a stand, and was in common use at banquets. Being used in the church, the word used became "chalice" over time.

In Christian tradition, we have stories about the chalice that Jesus used. The "Holy Chalice" is the vessel which Jesus used at the Last Supper to serve the wine. New Testament texts make no mention of the cup except within the context of the Last Supper and give no significance whatsoever to the object itself. Herbert Thurston, a Roman Catholic scholar, said in 1908 that "No reliable tradition has been preserved to us regarding the vessel used by Christ at the Last Supper." Much before that, In the sixth and seventh centuries, pilgrims to Jerusalem were led to believe that the actual chalice was still venerated in the church of the Holy Sepulchre, which is the church that stands on the purported site of Jesus, crucifixion. Supposedly it also had with it it the sponge which was presented to Jesus on Calvary. Today, several surviving standing cups of precious materials are identified in local traditions as the Chalice.

As for our chalices, some are more ornately decorated than others. There are some that are decorated with Jewels, and even some that have etchings of Jesus at the Last Supper on them. Regardless of the etching, ornamentation, or metal used, they all serve the same purpose: to provide us the Blood of Christ at Communion, that Holy Meal where we experience Jesus in a sacramental way.

Important

Reminders

#### Worship Services - Everyone Welcome!

- Saturday Evenings, 6:00 PM
- **4** Sunday Mornings, abbreviated service at 8:00 AM; full service at 10:30 AM
- ↓ Contemporary Service No contemporary service in May due to Memorial Day holiday



#### Sunday School for all ages: Sunday mornings, 9:00 AM. Everyone Welcome!

- 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-2<sup>nd</sup> Grades; 3<sup>rd</sup> -4<sup>th</sup> Grades; Pre-teens (5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### Contact Us:

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- Office Phone: (570) 682-9373
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- Find us on Facebook

#### Pastor Brian's Contact Information:

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

#### 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

<u>Pastoral Visitation</u>: 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.

<u>Community Aid Bins</u>: 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.

<u>AmazonSmile</u>: 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. Trinity is registered with the AmazonSmile program to receive donations from Amazon when purchases are made from Amazon accounts. To shop at AmazonSmile enter <u>smile.amazon.com</u> in the web browser on your computer or mobile device. To choose Trinity as the recipient, enter "Lutheran Church Valley View" (do not enter PA) in the charity search box. Trinity Lutheran Church Valley View PA should appear after you press enter.

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<u>Tree of Life</u>: 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.



"Leave all your worries with God, because He cares for you." 1 Peter 5:7

## 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.