



Trinity Lutheran Church Newsletter

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Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

Pastor's Letter

Grace and Peace to you from God our Father, and his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

I drive by the purple pump in Pitman almost every day of my life. In fact, I drove by it at least twice- coming to Trinity, and going back home. It serves as a pretty good point for when you are giving directions- you can't miss it, there is this purple colored water pump right at the intersection. For me, it is roughly halfway through my drive- so if I tell Michelle, "I'm going past the purple pump," she knows she can see me in 15-20 minutes.

If you're like me, you are a "landmark" guy when it comes to directions. That is, you remember things by places, not necessarily Route numbers. When I was a kid in Frackville, I would tell friends coming to my house that "you just go two blocks down from the little league field" to arrive there. I could have given my address on Center Street, but I usually gave my location relative to either the Little League field two blocks north or the big lot that used to be a water well that was right to the south.

Landmarks are important. They remind us of where we are going. They can be used to remind us of our history, where we have been. I know, for example, that Prima Pizzeria used to be a movie theater. I know that a school once stood on the ground that is now occupied by our church family at Trinity where we worship and engage in church activities.

However, landmarks don't last forever. Come the end of this year, we will see the tearing down of the Schuylkill Mall, probably a place you've frequented much more in the past than you have recently.

There is a story about this in the New Testament. Jesus is in front of the temple, and we know that the temple was a physically impressive building. The religious authorities saw to that- they made sure it had golden accents, they made sure it was large, and they made sure it was well- maintained. It was a landmark- the way cities were laid out in those times, a building like the temple would have been in the center of the community. It was a large landmark.

Jesus goes on to say something shocking- he tells the Jewish authorities, "tear this temple down, and I will rebuild it in three days." The authorities are in shock- and they point out that it took 46 years to build this temple, so it was highly unlikely that someone would rebuild it in three days.

We know that Jesus rose from the grave "on the third day", meaning that it was he that was the true "temple". This would lead to the church that we are now living out in the 21st century, a church that will go on until the end of this age. For Jesus, the true "temple" wasn't a building- it was beyond a physical construction. The true "temple" was the truth of Jesus- that death was nothing, and that people living with that hope could go on and transform the world. That's where you and I come in, Brothers and Sisters in Christ! We point to the temple.

So it turns out that Jesus wasn't much of a landmark guy. Instead, he is the landmark itself. Just as we point out our landmarks ("I'm going past the library"), perhaps we need to be intentional about what we do that points to Jesus as the landmark in our lives ("I know Bob is going through a tough time. Let me see if he needs anything.").

As we go forth this fall into our Sunday School classrooms and into our busier schedules, let us not lose sight of the fact that our faith is greater than our structure. The true church is not a building- the true church is comprised of God's children uniting for the transformation of the world for the sake of the Gospel.

See you along the way!
Pastor Brian

Dear Friends in Christ,

Throughout scripture there are messages about gossip. In his first letter to Timothy, Paul writes to his young charge that people in his church should be "dignified and not double-tongued." This must have been a theme throughout Paul's ministry, because in many of his letters he condemns gossip and slander.

It is in this spirit that I must address what I had heard going through our dear community. There is something being communicated about our church that is simply not true. I have heard that there are people saying that at one point, our congregation gave a gift of \$1,000 to one of our members. I need to say in Christian love that this is simply not true. It has never happened. In fact, any disbursement of financial gifts has been in a charitable manner to a charitable organization. For example, a gift in that amount (\$1,000) was recently given to an Eagle Scout Project that will provide a fully functional playground that will be inclusive for handicapped and non handicapped children alike. This gift was also taken out a fund specifically designated for charitable endeavors. However, at no time have we freely handed out financial gifts to any single member of the congregation, nor has any member taken money from congregational funds.

I am asking our brothers in sisters in Christ that if you hear this rumor, please inform those who are spreading it that it is not true. As Christians, we stand for the truth, and that includes the truth about our family of God in Christ Jesus.

In Peace,
Pastor Brian Beissel

TRINITY... SERVING, TEACHING, AND PROCLAIMING



Contratulations to Britnie! We were happy to host the Confirmation of Britnie Weaver on Sunday, August 20th. Britnie was one of Pastor Brian's Confirmation Students while he was Interim Pastor at St Paul's Lutheran Church in Tower City. It was wonderful to see all who came to worship and to stand up for Britnie during her Confirmation – those from St Paul's as well as Britnie's family and friends. A special fellowship hour in her honor was held after the worship service.

Blessing of Tri Valley Athletes: We were happy to have about 15 athletes and coaches from the Tri-Valley School District with us for a special blessing during our 10:30 worship on Sunday, August 20th. Athletes from our football, wrestling, and cross country teams were all represented, and they participated in a blessing for safety and building of sportsmanship. Thanks to all who participated as we commend you to building camaraderie with teammates and building of teamwork!

First Day, Fresh Impressions: The First Day - Fresh Impressions event was held August 18th and 19th. It was a very successful event. Fifty nine students shopped at Trinity and picked up some very nice clothes and backpacks. Thank you to all who helped with making flyers, delivering collection boxes, collecting clothes, sorting clothes, setting up tables, assisting shoppers, packing up clothes and tearing down tables. The event would not have happened without your help. Special thanks to Metal Industries for the backpacks and school supplies and the generous residents of the Tri-Valley area. In addition to the clothes there were monetary donations totaling \$500.00.



New School Year: With the start of a new school year, we wish all our students, teachers, administration, and support staff a good, safe and successful school year. May God Bless and be with all of them.

Day Camp Sunday Worship and Picnic at the Hegins Park: On August 6th we enjoyed Day Camp Sunday at the Hegins Park. We had a worship service on the stage at 9:00 AM which included sharing of day camp Bible Lesson topics, activities, and trips by Camp Director Katie Bowman, songs sung by campers and staff, and a children's sermon by Pastor Egebo. The Day Camp had a good, successful, and we thank the counselors – Katie Bowman, Cale Bruso, and Lizzie Otto - the campers, and the Day Camp Board. Following worship, we enjoyed a picnic potluck. Because Trinity no longer has the church van, we used Available Funds from the Endowment Fund to rent a van to take the campers and staff on the weekly trips. The Day Camp also paid a certified bus driver to drive the van. This worked out very well.

Micah's Inclusive Playground Project: We are pleased to report a disbursement of \$1,000 from Trinity's Miles to Mend fund and \$500 from the Clint Bixler Fund were given to support Micah Ulicny's Eagle Scout Project to build an inclusive playground and sensory garden at the Hegins Hubley Elementary School. This project is a wonderful opportunity for Micah to demonstrate

kindness, caring, and God's love to others for many years to come. We are very proud of Micah and what he is doing!

Miles to Mend: There were no other assistance disbursements from the Miles to Mend fund. Please continue to spread the word that we have this money available, that comes from your bringing in of receipts from Redner's and your donations to the Community Aide bins. Again, we are seeking to help people with travel expenses in the Tri-Valley area. Nomination forms can be found at both Post Offices in the Hegins Valley as well as at the church building at the office entrance. The Discipleship Committee will soon be discussing ways of using this fund in a more effective way so the funds do not simply lie dormant.



Rick Kline Memorial Softball Tournament: Members of Trinity Lutheran Church participated in the Rick Kline Memorial Slow Pitch Softball Tournament on August 26th! Along with members from Friedens Lutheran Church and St. James Lutheran Church, they formed "Team Feisty" in the "Just for Fun" part of the tournament. Team Feisty went 0-3 in their games, but scored 9 runs in each game! Thanks to Travis Snyder for designing and producing the Team Feisty jerseys. Representing Trinity on Team Feisty were: Rich Dunkleberger, Carolyn Dunkleberger, Lisa Rodichok, Steve Rodichok, Travis Snyder, Jess Ulrich, and Pastor Brian.

*Thank You
So Much*

A Belated Thank You to our Endowment Committee members whose terms expired this past December – Keith Masser, Julie Ballay, and Ralph Snyder. We appreciate the years they served on the Committee and the help they provided to transition new members.

New Entryway Mats: By now you may have seen the new rubber entryway mats. We purchased them for approximately \$1,400. Prior to their purchase, the mats we were using were being rented from a company called Dempsy at a cost of \$174 per month. To save money, the Property Committee investigated the costs and found we could save a considerable amount of money by purchasing rather than renting the mats and recommended to council to end the contract with Dempsy. Council approved and new mats were purchased and installed. Thank you to Sherry McDonald and the Property Committee for the work they did to complete this project. If you have any suggestions to make the best use of our offerings, please let Pastor Brian know.

Update on Organ Fund: With the \$1,465 donated to the Organ Fund in July, the Organ Fund balance as of July 31st is \$22,902.

Update on New Sound System: We're still waiting on the missing projector part. Sound equipment is operational, as is the video camera. The listening assistance system has arrived, but we've had no training on it yet. That should occur within the next two weeks when the projector is finished and we have that training. On another note, **we're looking for more sound system operators, as well as video camera operators.** Please let Pastor Brian know if you are interested in learning to operate either or both systems. We sure could use your help.

Congregation Council Meeting Highlights: Tuesday, August 8th at 7:00 PM.

- **Day Care**: Day Care Board President Carol Van Horn presented a report on the financial status of Trinity's Day Care Center. Problems resulted because of accounting issues over the past few years. Specht & Co. are assisting them in identifying the problem and required actions. Council will discuss after Specht & Co. make their recommendation. An audit of the day care finances is pending.
- **Treasurer's Report**: The amount owed on the organ as of July 31st is \$22,902.
- **Christian Education Committee**: Rally Day will be held on September 10th. Two and three year olds will be recognized; third and fourth graders will receive Bibles. Regular Sunday School will be held beginning September 17th. Carolyn Dunkelberger will be leading a pre-teen class. Fliers to be sent home will be sent out to schools.
- **Youth Ministry**: Sign-up sheets for junior and senior youth groups are available. A sign-up sheet for volunteers to help with youth groups is available on the bulletin board. A trip to Roanoke, Virginia is being planned for Senior Youth Group members to do minor refurbishing to buildings in a poverty stricken area. The cost is \$299 and includes lodging, meals, and program.
- **Finance Committee**: The Finance Committee reported that there will be a budget shortfall of approximately \$30,000 for this year. To meet the shortfall, the Committee recommended using the available funds from the Endowment Fund (interest/dividends and the remaining available Ebert money). A recommendation during Council's discussion was to use the remaining available funds to pay off the organ loan. A recommendation was also made that an exploratory committee should be formed to move our church congregation from "surviving to thriving" which may include exploring cooperative ministries with area churches. Council was asked to give this situation prayerful consideration until next month's meeting.
- **Endowment Committee**: The Committee is progressing towards moving funds to Hudock. The revised endowment fund by-laws will be reviewed by the by-laws committee.
- **Property Committee**: The sound system has been installed. We are waiting for a motor for the screen. A laptop and software are needed to use the equipment. Steve Schwalm agreed to use the money donated in memory of Rebecca (Honey) Schwalm for this project. Dempsey, the company that replaces our floor mats, has been replacing and charging us for a biweekly service rather than a monthly service. Council approved the Property Committee's recommendation to no longer use Dempsey, buy our own mats and have our custodian clean them.
- **Van Committee**: A refund check of \$807 was received from the insurance company. This money will be added to the current fund.
- **Discipleship Committee**: The Committee will host "First Day, Fresh Impressions" on August 18th and 19th. The Committee will take part in the "Orange Tour" on September 26th where the topic will be "Congregational Revitalization".
- **Fellowship Committee**: Council approved the offer by the Tri-Valley Youth Activities Fund to take over the Trunk or Treat event held at Trinity. Members of Trinity will be encouraged to participate. Since the Fellowship Committee will no longer be doing this event, this was a great way for Trunk or Treat to continue at Trinity.
- The next Council meeting will be held on September 12th at 7:00 PM.

What's Happening in September



Hegins Valley Food Closet: The Food Closet Item for September is Green Beans! Bring any canned green beans and other food donations to the cabinet in the overflow room, and they will be added to the collection at the Food Pantry at St. John's United Methodist Church in Hegins.

Rally Day and the Start of the New Sunday School Year, September 10th: Rally Day, the kick-off event for the new Sunday School Year, will be held on September 10th at 9:00. Pastor Brian will be leading a review of this year's Vacation Bible School lessons and songs. There will also be themed games, crafts, and face painting. Please let Pastor Brian know if you would like to help with any of the stations.

Our regular Sunday School program will continue on Sunday, September 17th at 9:00 AM. Sunday School lessons will use the rotation format again. There will be three Children's Sunday School classes: Preschool, K-2, and 3-4. Our lessons will focus on Creation, First Sin, David, Hannah & Samuel, and Lydia broken down into two week increments. Lessons go from 9:00 to 9:45, followed by a snack in the classroom. Teachers are asked to report by 8:45 Sunday morning to help with set up. There is a teacher sign up on the bulletin board outside the church office. Flyers will be going home with Tri-Valley Elementary students. We will also have a Pre-Teen Class for grades 5 and 6 that will start with discussions on Truth; a Confirmation Class; a Teen class for post Confirmation students which will use *Faith Lens*, and an Adult Class which will also use *Faith Lens* from an adult perspective. Something for everyone. Come and join us!

Recognizing Our Students, September 10th: On September 10th, our 2-3 year-olds will be recognized with a children's Bible. Our 3rd and 4th graders will also be receiving Spark Bibles the same date. Letters will be sent out to all children involved reminding them that this special event will be taking place.

Bible Study Resumes, September 11th: Bible Study resumes on Monday, September 11th at 9:30 AM in the library. Come ready to dive back into Matthew! We will do a short review on the first Monday back before we dive into the 11th Chapter of Matthew!

Book Study Begins September 11th: Our Book Study on "The Shack" begins on Monday, September 11th, at 7:00 PM in the library. Come and join us as we start our study together!

Youth Group Update September 12th and 13th: We are getting ready for another year of disciple building with both of our Youth Groups! Forms for both Senior and Junior Youth Groups are available at the church, and they will be disbursed through our schools by the time you are reading this. The first day of Senior Youth Group, held this year at Friedens Lutheran Church, is Tuesday, September 12th. Kids will be picked up at the High School at the stair exit and can be picked up at Friedens at 5:00 PM. The first day of Junior Youth group, still held at Trinity, is Wednesday, September 13th. Kids will be picked up at the Elementary School and can be picked up at Trinity at 4:30 PM.

This year we will be working with our Senior High Youth Group towards a Mission Trip to Roanoke, Virginia. Participants must be grade 7 or up. We will be working with lower income

families and helping them improve their housing by doing light home improvement and painting. Staff will be on site to guide, instruct, and above all, keep the participants safe. The cost will be \$299, which includes meals, lodging, and programs by the Mission Trip staff, and we will be working on fundraisers to help the participants raise funds. The date for this trip is July 6-9, 2018. If you would like more information, please see Pastor Brian.

Agape Community Meal, September 13th: We had 55 people join us for our Agape Community Meal in August. Our next community meal is scheduled for September 13th at 5:30 PM. The menu will include lasagna, tossed salad, rolls, and dessert. (We are not posting the menu at the dinner anymore so we can keep it a surprise. But if you really want to know, just read your newsletter!) All are welcome. Please come!

Help for Agape Community Meal, September 13th: If you would like to be part of this wonderful ministry, please see Sherry McDonald. We need a crew to set up at 3:30, people to serve, and a crew to help clean up. It is fun and very rewarding to take part in this meal and opportunity for community fellowship. Consider joining us!

Martin Luther Rock Opera, September 17th: The Rock Opera, *Luther, The Project of a Thousand Voices* will be performed at The Junction Center – Landis Hall, 1875 Junction Road, Manheim, PA 17545 on Sunday, September 17th, 7PM (doors open at 6:00 PM): The Luther Choir project shines the spotlight on the beginnings and issues of the Reformation, with a regional project choir and twelve musical soloists. In a modern Broadway piece featuring an orchestra and a band, writers Michael Kunze and Dieter Falk tell a fascinating tale of politics and religion focusing on the figure of Martin Luther – with catchy tunes and memorable lyrics. The event allows you to see what sort of character Luther was: He was a gifted rhetorician, but one with a rough edge and his moments of weakness. See website at thejunctioncenter.com or call (717) 459-3701 for more details and tickets.

Martin Luther Documentary: If you are interested in finding out more about Martin Luther, check out the PBS Martin Luther - Complete documentary Parts 1 & 2 on YouTube.com.

Contemporary Worship Sunday, September 24th: The Contemporary Service in September will be held on Sunday, September 24th at 6:00 PM. All are invited to come and join in song and praise!

Orange Tour, September 26th: The Orange Tour is an all-day event that will take place in Lancaster, PA on Tuesday, September 26th. The event will talk about how to reach the unchurched, how to change the way your community sees the church, and how to prioritize love the way Jesus did. The event lasts from 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM. We currently have four people attending, but more can join us. Just let Pastor Brian know if you are interested in attending.

Worldwide Communion, September 30th and October 1st: Worldwide Communion Sunday is a celebration that promotes Christian Unity and ecumenical cooperation. It takes place the first Sunday of every October. The tradition originated in the Shadyside Presbyterian Church in 1933, was adopted throughout the U.S. Presbyterian Church in 1936, and spread to other denominations. In 1940, the Federal Council of Churches (now the National Council of Churches), endorsed World Communion Sunday and began to promote it to Christian Churches worldwide. It is a day when we mark the almost universal Christian practice of breaking bread with one another and remembering both the night of Jesus' betrayal and of Jesus' sacrifice. At Trinity, we will celebrate Worldwide Communion Saturday night, September 30th and Sunday morning, October 1st.

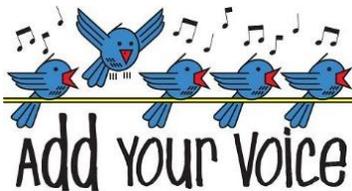
500th Anniversary of Reformation Dinner, October 1st Deadline: There will be a free roast beef dinner with all the trimmings immediately following the combined Reformation Service on Sunday October 29th. Watch for a bulletin insert to sign up for this dinner. **The final day to sign up will be Sunday, October 1st.** See attached flier.

Harvest Home, October 7th and 8th: Harvest Home will be celebrated at Trinity on Saturday, October 7th and Sunday, October 8th. This celebration provides an opportunity for us to give to others in thanks for all that we have been given. We will be setting up a Harvest Home display and collecting items to be given to the Schuylkill Women in Crisis Center (SWiC) in Pottsville. Schuylkill Women in Crisis is a private, non-profit organization founded in 1983 to provide services to victims of domestic violence and sexual violence in Schuylkill County. In addition to assisting victims, this agency is working to confront the societal issues that contribute to this problem. SWiC is motivated by the belief that all individuals are entitled to live free of the fear and pain caused by emotional and physical abuse. The following items have been identified as items used at the Shelter and frequently needing replacement. Please help us help the Schuylkill Women in Crisis Shelter.

Bed Linens (twin and full)
Pillows
Blankets
Bath towels
Paper Towels
Toilet Paper

Gift cards (Giant, Walmart, Staples)
Cleaning supplies (floors, dishes, bathrooms)
Laundry Detergent
Garbage bags
Ice melt

500th Anniversary of Reformation, October 29th: Members of Trinity, Friedens and St. James are working together on a special worship service to commemorate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. The special service will be held at Trinity on Sunday, October 29th at 10:00 AM. There will be a combined choir for the Service. We will be singing two anthems as part of the service. Anyone who would like to be part of this choir should plan to attend choir rehearsals on Thursdays in October. If you have questions, please see Cindy or call 570-682-8935.



Chancel Choir rehearsal resumed Thursdays at 7:30. If you like to sing, please join us. (Please note that there will be no rehearsals on September 14, 21, and 28.) Anyone grade 7-adult is welcome. No tryout required! Anyone who would like to be part of the combined choir singing for the 500th Anniversary Reformation Service is invited to attend choir rehearsals on Thursdays in October. If you have questions, please see Cindy Kramer or call 570-682-8935.

Fellowship Committee Chair/Volunteers Needed: We still don't have a Chair for the Fellowship Committee. Please consider this position or volunteering to take the lead on the following events:

- September: progressive dinner or some other get together (last year was a camp fire)
- October: collection and display set up for harvest home
- November: Operation Christmas Child Collection (Junior Youth Group will help with this)
- December: Christmas Covered Dish Social
- Refreshments: Refreshments are on-going for special events.

If you want any of these events to continue, please contact Pastor Brian to lead or help.

Home from the Hospital Visitation Program: The Home from the Hospital Visitation Program is up and running with Travis Snyder and Jess Ulrich as our August visitors. If anyone knows of someone in need of a visit, please contact the church office, and we can add them to the visitation list. Tom Miller and Phyllis Klouser volunteered to do visitations in September, and Bev Hand and Robin Otto volunteered for October. We still have openings for November and December. If anyone is interested in signing up as visitors, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board. If you have any questions, please contact Joan Klinger or Pastor Brian.

Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekends: ATTENTION MARRIED COUPLES: The September 15-17 Weekend in the Poconos is now full; however, you may be added to the wait list by contacting us at the information below. We do have just a few openings left for the October 6-8 Weekend to be held at the beautiful Black Swan Inn in the foothills of the Berkshire Mountains overlooking a lake in Lee, Massachusetts. This is Columbus Day Weekend, so plan to come and make your own discovery of a deeper relationship with your spouse; and if you have Monday off, you might want to schedule an extra day together, or use Monday to travel. 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. Sign up today by going to the website: www.GodLovesMarriage.org, and pay the registration fee with your credit card, or mark 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 or fjschamber@comcast.net.

Save the Dates

Dates	Future Events
October 1, 2017	Deadline to sign up for free roast beef dinner following 500 th Anniversary of Reformation Service / World Wide Communion
October 8, 2017	Harvest Home
October 29, 2017	500th Anniversary of Reformation: Members of Trinity, Friedens and St. James are working together on a special worship service to commemorate the 500 th anniversary of the Reformation. The special service will be held at Trinity on Sunday, October 29 th at 10:00 AM. There will be a free roast beef dinner following the service.

Join the Celebrations

  Happy Birthday to You. Happy Birthday to You. Happy Birthday, God Bless You. Happy Birthday to You!	
September 1	Kelly Schley , 807 West Main St., Valley View, PA 17983
September 6	Bette Bowman , 931 West Main St., Box 562, Valley View, PA 17983
September 8	Michelle Beissel , 135 West Mulberry St., Shamokin, PA 17872
September 10	Vernon Schlegel , 200 Gap St., Valley View, PA 17983
September 12	David Masser , P.O. Box 210, Sacramento, PA 17968
September 15	Jim McDonald , 1129 West Walnut St., Valley View, Hegins, PA 17983

Happy Anniversary



Happy Anniversary to You. Happy Anniversary to You.
Happy Anniversary, God Bless You. Happy Anniversary to You!

September 4, 1971
September 25, 2004

Keith and Helen Masser, PO Box 210 Sacramento, PA 17968
Steve and Lisa Rodichok, 311 West Walnut St., Valley View, PA 17983



In Our Prayers

*Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition,
with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God.
~Philippians 4:6*

The Bixler Family (from
Gratz who lost everything in
the house fire)
Marie Clark
Mallory Ebert
Doris Edwards
Rick Gessner
Dorothy Gressens
Stella Hall
Velma Hoffner

Patty Kaster
Lorraine Kimmel
Alice Kuczawa
Mary Ann Lovell
Louise Mack
Ashley Miller
Gloria Miller
Eleanor Miller
Lewie Miller
Brenda Schaeffer

Kelly Schley
Summer Schley
Grace Shankweiler
Rose Spotts
Joan Weitz
Amy Wolff
Michael Wolfgang
Dave Wright
Ruthie Zubrickie

Prayer Requests: If you have a prayer request, please let Pastor Brian know.

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.

Keep in Touch: Stay in touch with our members who are homebound, have moved to nursing homes or retirement communities.

Mrs Jane Hatter
PO Box 83
Hegins, PA 17938

Mrs Louise Mack
Providence Place
24 Hikes Hollow Rd
Pine Grove, PA 17963

Mrs Carol Shadle
Masonic Village
490 Freemason Drive
Elizabethtown, PA 17022

Mrs Velma Hoffner
1247 West Main Street
PO Box 314
Valley View, PA 17983

Mrs Gloria Miller
Manor at Susquehanna Valley
990 Medical Road
Millersburg, PA 17061

Dr Maynard Haring
23533 Shannondell Dr
Audubon, PA 19403

Lorraine Kimmel
Providence Place, Rm #120
24 Hikes Hollow Road
Pine Grove, PA 17963

Lewie & Eleanor Miller
Providence Place, Rm #223
24 Hikes Hollow Road
Pine Grove, PA 17963



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 in this program, please contact Alex Zimmerman at 570-617-3911 or Pastor Brian.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION...

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.**

2017 Congregation Council and Officers

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Cindy Kramer	2017 (Vice President)
Jamie Masser	2017
Sherry McDonald	2017
Judy Rodichok	2017
Ross Schwalm	2017
Bill Conrad	2018
Carolyn Dunkelburger	2018
Phyllis Klouser	2018 (Secretary)
Tom Miller	2018
Joyce Schlegel	2018
Joe Fogarty	2019
Beverly Hand	2019
Darlene Kiesel	2019 (Treasurer)
Robin Otto	2019 (President)
Beau Troutman	2019
Vernon Schlegel	Financial Secretary

2017 Committees and Committee Chairs

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Chair</u>	<u>Council Liaison</u>
Christian Education	Lillie Morgan	Judy Rodichok
Discipleship	Sherry McDonald	Sherry McDonald
Endowment	Bill Conrad/Tom Miller	Tom Miller/Bill Conrad
Fellowship	Jamie Masser	Jamie Masser
Finance	Julie Ballay	Bill Conrad/Tom Miller
Kitchen	Cindy Kramer	Cindy Kramer
Property	Paul Kramer	Sherry McDonald
Worship & Music	Joyce Schlegel	Joyce Schlegel

2017 Endowment Committee (3 year term)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Bill Conrad	2018
Tom Miller	2018
Joan Klinger	2019
Ron Schreffler	2019
Beverly Hand	2019
Helen Masser	2019

Building Key Holders: The following people can assist you in gaining access to the church building:

Pastor Brian	570-516-1787	Sherry McDonald	570-682-9914
Bev Hand	570-682-8242	Lille Morgan	570-682-8217
Phyllis Klouser	570-682-9835	Robin Otto	570-640-4575
Jamie Masser	570-682-2553	Vernon Schlegel	570-682-9719

If you need access to any other portion of the building which is also locked (i.e. kitchen, offices, basement), please contact the church office at 570-682-9373.



“Let the words of my mouth
and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight, O
LORD, my rock and my
redeemer.”

Psalm 19:14

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.