

# Trinity Lutheran Church



### Upcoming Events:

- Children’s Choir Camp—  
July 31st-August 4th
- Congregational Meeting—Aug. 6th
- Choir Camp Musical —August 6th
- Annual Chicken BBQ—August 6th
- Trinity Travelers—Aug. 18th-20th
- Backpack Blessings—Aug. 27th
- Teacher/Leader Training—Aug. 27th
- Blessed Bundles Donations  
Deadline—August 27th
- Renovations Focus Group  
Meetings—To Be Announced

## From Pastor Matt: “Being Together”

I was talking to a friend the other week for the first time in quite a while. We had a lot of catching up to do, and a lot of questions to ask, and a very little time to do it in! We both said, “Sometime we’ll be in the same place at the same time and we’ll talk about everything!” And then we went our separate ways, off to the next things we had to do, still in need of that “sometime” conversation.

I hope “sometime” comes, sometime soon! It always seems to be the first thing to be put off.

Last month, Pastor Mike gave you the heads-up that a proposal for a new round of renovations is coming, hopefully in September. We’re all very excited about the possibility of doing some work so that the look and feel of our “inside space” here at Trinity promotes gathering, talking, and just BEING together.

We use the physical building here at Trinity for many things. We use it for worship services, and for weddings and funerals. We use it for Christian education: ROC, BOLD, adult education, special events and classes and trainings. We use it for group meetings and working on projects together. We use it for community assistance and outreach; we help our neighbors and friends and fellow ministries by letting them use our spaces. We use the building as a home base and launching point for service trips, youth trips, work trips, and fun trips. We use it as a stop-in place for friends and neighbors and those in need. We use it, quite frankly, for storage! We use the building for a lot of things.

One thing we don’t use it enough for, though, is being together. I’m not just talking about fellowship events, though we could always use more of those. I’m not just talking about more groups, though we need more of those too. I’m talking about casual times when we can sit and talk. I’m talking about the “Hey, how are you?” conversations when you both REALLY want to know and to hear. I’m talking about being together in the same place, comfortably catching up, watching the kids play in the corner

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## Have You Heard? Trinity is Talking Renovations!

- 1 Phase Two Discussions will begin in August!
- 1 Here’s where we are at...
- 2 \* Preliminary Phase Two Plans are complete!
- 2 \* We have selected James D. Klote & Associates as our campaign consultants!
- 3 \* Focus Group meetings explaining everything are set to begin! (You WILL be invited!)
- 3 \* Trinity stands ready to move into an exciting new period of ministry!

Excitement is in the air! Remember we will only move forward with renovations if you, the people of Trinity, agree and support the plans! So please, get ready to join in the discussion with “Team Trinity!” Details are coming very soon!



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### Renovations Focus Group Meetings Coming Late August!!

We need to hear from you!



Watch for dates, and plan to attend.



Aug. 6th– Two Special Worship  
Services: 8:45 & 10:30

## Choir Camp Musical—August 6th. Special Worship Schedule!

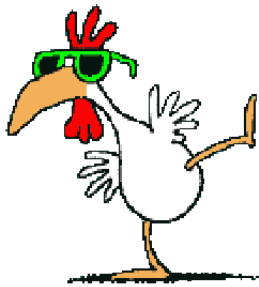
Children's Choir Camp begins Monday, July 31st and runs through Friday, August 4th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. This week of fun will have the children rehearsing the musical "Here for the Gold", playing games and doing activities! Children are asked to bring a packed lunch. Lunch will be

provided on Friday only.

On Sunday, August 6th, the children will share the musical with the congregation during **two special service times at 8:45 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.**

The annual church Chicken BBQ will be held following the last performance on Sunday, August

6th. Everyone is invited! If possible, please remember to pre-purchase your \$2 meal tickets.



Join us for the annual Church Picnic

## Annual Chicken BBQ—August 6th

Trinity's Fellowship Committee has begun planning for the Annual Chicken BBQ!

This year's BBQ will be held on Sunday, August 6th following the Children's Choir Camp musical, around 12:00 noon. Everyone is invited to the Fellowship Hall for our annual picnic. The event is open to congregation members, friends and family. In addition to the chicken bar-

becue being purchased from a local barbecue company, the Fellowship Committee is providing hot side dishes, salads, drinks & desserts.

In order to help the committee know how much to prepare, meal tickets should be pre-purchased. Tickets cost \$2.00 per person, and can be purchased no later than July 27th in the church office.

What if you have a few unexpected guests joining you for the performance? That's okay! There will be a few extra chicken barbecues purchased, just in case. Please join us!

Games for the children will also be provided during the picnic.

### Just a Reminder...

There are only two special services featuring our Children's Choir Camp Musical on

**Sunday, August 6th**

**8:45 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.**



## Alive! Forms and Fees Due Sunday, August 27th

Attention rising 6th-8th grade teens and families: Alive for Jr. High is coming! We spend the weekend of September 22-24 in the beautiful outdoors with friends from all over the synod. Don't miss it!

We will depart Trinity on Friday afternoon around 4:30 pm and eat a packed dinner along the way. After Sunday worship, we'll enjoy a picnic lunch at camp and then head home. We should be back to Trinity around 2:00 pm.

The cost is \$90 per youth – friends are invited to join you. The deadline for registration fees and forms is Sunday, August 27th. Start collecting those crazy socks, get your forms in on time, and we'll see you in the fall!



Registration is due August 27th

## Bring Your Backpacks to Church—August 27th!

Back-to-school is just around the corner – it's time for our annual Backpack Blessings at Trinity!

On Sunday, August 27th, bring your backpack to any of our services for a blessing and prayer on a fabulous new school year.

Gifts will be available for all in attendance to remind them that God goes with them into this new season.

We can't wait to see all of you!



Back to school covered in blessings!

## Training Day for Children and Youth Volunteers—August 27th

Trinity has amazingly fun kids – and our children and youth volunteers are the ones that make that possible! Join us for our state-required training on Sunday, August 27th at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.

This one-hour time together will allow for mandatory reviews of our child protection policy, a summary of the year to come, and a chance to meet and plan with your teaching teams.

Want to be a part of our BOLD and ROC programs? We have several open spots! See Michelle Shirk for details.



Volunteering is fun!

## New Members Class Coming in September

Have you been thinking about becoming a member of Trinity?

Pastor Matt will lead a New Members class for anyone interested in joining our congregation or for anyone interested in more infor-

mation about Trinity. The class will be held in September.

If you are interested, please sign up in the back of the sanctuary or contact the church office at 653-4168.



Contact the office if you are interested in joining.





## Congregational Meeting Announced

Sunday, August 6th

Council is asking the congregation to approve funding for a capital campaign consultant.

Meetings will take place following the 8:45 AM service and just before the 10:30 AM service.

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and the teenagers share videos around a table. I am talking about old friends sharing a cup of coffee on the couch while new friends nearby marvel at all the things they have in common. I'm talking about comfortable space for those things and more, that still gives us room to worship and learn and work and store and be a community resource and be all the things that we are.

My friend and I need to catch up. Our schedules are too busy, and we struggle to find a time and a place to do it. I'm just guessing here: do you have friends that you need to catch up with? Do you have connections that you've been missing? Do you have conversations that you've been wanting to have? Do you have peo-

ple that you've been wanting to meet, or to get to know better? I think that more and more, a lot of us are answering "yes" to questions like these, and feeling our schedules get tighter and our stress levels get higher. We want to continue the renovations of our physical building here at Trinity for many reasons, but the main one for me is this: we feel that need that many of us have for renewing connections, for conversations that may not be on the schedule but are still important and overdue, for sitting down together in a comfortable place and having everyone be able to be together. Our plans for renovation and renewal within the building are designed to help with all of those things. Don't get me wrong: a building is never a magic solution. But I feel strongly that our building

could do MORE to help us connect with each other to strengthen our church family and be a better and better community. Our building as it is now helps us work together, worship together, and learn together. The renovation plan that we will be unveiling very soon will continue all of that, but it will also help us BE together, more and better.

I can't wait for you to see it. I can't wait for you to imagine it. I can't wait for us to have more and more opportunity and ability to be together. See you "sometime" ... see you at Trinity.

God's peace,

Pastor Matt



## Trinity VBS: New Month for 2018!



Monday, July 9– Thursday, July 12

*Mark your calendars now!*

## Addresses for College Students and Military Personnel Needed

Yes, the time is quickly approaching when students will head off to college. Please supply us with their mailing address so we can stay in touch with cards and a care package. The information can be sent by email to: [elayne@trinitymountjoy.org](mailto:elayne@trinitymountjoy.org) or submitted to the church office.

We would also like to express our appreciation to Military Personnel. So, please let us know any names and addresses that can be included with our mailings.



Please submit addresses to the church office.

## Help Support the Mount Joy Food Bank

As the demand on the Community Food Bank in Mount Joy increases, so does the pantry's need for food donations. Monthly, the Food Bank provides food to an average of 150 families in Mount Joy zip code.

Please support the local food bank by donating non-

perishable food items. Donations can be dropped off at Trinity any week day in the collection bins by the rear entrance, OR donations can be brought to church on Sunday, July 23rd during Trinity's Annual Summer Food Drive.

Currently the food bank is specifically in need of canned fruit,

canned pasta with meat sauce (such as Chef Boyardee), spaghetti sauce and jelly.

Please consider donating these items or any other non-perishable food items! Monetary donations are also welcome.



Trinity will host a food drive on July 23rd.



### Trinity Travelers Camping Small Group

Aug 18-20 Codorus State Park

Oct 13-15 Gifford Pinchot State Park

Contact Molly Johndro for more information at [mjohndro@comcast.net](mailto:mjohndro@comcast.net) or (717) 538-3250

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

ROC Begins—Sunday, September 10th

BOLD Begins—Wednesday, September 13th







Our Guatemala mission team has returned safely!

## “Thank You” for Supporting The Guatemala Mission Team!!

Trinity’s team members and friends arrived home safely from their week in Guatemala. Your support with donations and prayers was greatly appreciated. Join us on Sunday, August 27th when the team shares a few highlights from their time spent with the children of Hogar Miquel Magone (Boy’s Orphanage) and Hogar Maria Auxiliadora (Girl’s Orphanage).

Contacts have been initiated in planning a team to serve in West Virginia spring of 2018. Watch for further details in the months ahead. If you have a desire to serve in a particular area, feel free to share this information with Elayne Olson.



Collection begins July 27th!

## Blessed Bundles Collection To Support Local Foster Children

Trinity members are invited to join the Garcia Family as they collect additional items for “Blessed Bundles” (formerly know as Backpack of Love”). Donations will be accepted through August 27th to aid in assembling packs with personal care items, clothing and extras for youth in Lancaster County entering the foster care system.

Donations are needed for boys and girls age 2 - 17, and gender neutral items for newborn to 18 months. A complete listing can be found on tags located at the Outreach bulletin board or in the back of the sanctuary.

socks, underwear/diapers, pajamas, nightlight, hair brush/sturdy wide tooth comb, single wrapped toothbrush/toothpaste and deodorant.

Examples of items needed, but not limited to, are: new or gently used backpacks/diaper bags,

Any questions regarding this project, or if you would like to help assemble the packs, contact Melanie and Scott Garcia at - [blessedbundlesmission@gmail.com](mailto:blessedbundlesmission@gmail.com).



Sign up to be a part of our team!

## Trinity Serving at Central PA Food Bank for ELCA Day of Service

The ELCA will hold their 5th annual “National Day of Service” in September. In support of this event, Trinity members are invited to be a part of our team serving at the Central PA Food Bank in Harrisburg on Saturday, September 16th from 9:00am-12noon.

A variety of activities may need accomplished and a large group is helpful! Please wear comfortable work clothing and closed toe, sturdy footwear.

We will carpool from Trinity’s parking lot, leaving at 8:15am. A

sign-up sheet is posted in the back of the sanctuary and at the Outreach Ministry Board. Volunteers must be 12 years and older (although 12-15 years of age require a guardian). Please contact Elayne Olson for more information.



Donations support the Layette Ministry for new mothers.

## Collection for Rocky Boy Indian Reservation Continues

Trinity will continue to collect monetary donations through September for Rocky Boy Indian Reservation in Box Elder, Montana. Our support will help fund the Layette Ministry at Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church. This ministry is very important for new mothers

on the reservation as it supplies the typical items needed to care for a newborn.

Simply designate on the outside of any envelope “ROCKY BOY” and your donation will be recorded and placed in this fund. Visit

their website for any additional information on programs offered to the community in Montana: [www.oslcrb.org](http://www.oslcrb.org)

# August 2017

*Sunday Worship: Traditional 9:45 a.m. Band-Led Worship: 8:30/11:00 a.m.*

		<b>1</b> 9am- Children's Choir Camp 11:15am-Seasoned Men's Group	<b>2</b> 9am- Children's Choir Camp 9am- Yoga	<b>3</b> 9am- Children's Choir Camp 9am-Quilting 9:30am- Women's Bible Study	<b>4</b> 9am- Children's Choir Camp	<b>5</b> 9am- Fellowship Mtg
<b>6</b> <b>Special Worship</b> <b>Times: 8:45 &amp; 10:30</b> Children's Musical  <b>Congregational</b> <b>Meeting during</b> <b>Services</b>  12pm- Chicken BBQ	<b>7</b> 9am- Yoga	<b>8</b> 11:15am-Seasoned Men's Group	<b>9</b> 9am- Yoga 6:45pm-Finance Committee	<b>10</b> 9am-Quilting 9:30am- Women's Bible Study	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 9am- Yoga	<b>15</b> 11:15am-Seasoned Men's Group 7pm- Congregational Council	<b>16</b> 9am- Yoga	<b>17</b> 9am-Quilting 9:30am- Women's Bible Study	<b>18</b> Trinity Travelers	<b>19</b> Trinity Travelers
<b>20</b> Trinity Travelers	<b>21</b> 9am- Yoga	<b>22</b> 11:15am-Seasoned Men's Group	<b>23</b> 9am- Yoga	<b>24</b> 9am-Quilting 9:30am- Women's Bible Study	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> <b>Backpack Blessings</b> <b>Sunday!</b> 9:30am- Teacher/ Leader Training  Blessed Bundles Donations Deadline  Alive Registrations Due	<b>28</b> 9am-Yoga	<b>29</b> 11:15am-Seasoned Men's Group	<b>30</b> 9am- Yoga	<b>31</b> 9:30am- Women's Bible Study		

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Outreach	Carol Rago
Property	Tracey Olson
Staff Relations	Marc Spiridigliozzi
Worship and Music	Becky Noon
Youth	Scott Everhart

## Volunteer Coordinators

Altar Duty	Cathy Hoffmaster	Greeters, 9:45	Linda Hoffines
Communion Assistants, 8:30	Open	Greeters, 8:30	Open
Communion Assistants, 9:45	Open	Greeters, 11:00	Open
Communion Assistants, 11:00	Open	Lectors, 8:30	Madolin Heisey
Communion Bread	Cathy Hoffmaster	Lectors, 9:45	Donald Miller
		Lectors, 11:00	Linda Boozer
		Altar Flower Delivery	Open



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