

Trinity Lutheran Church



Upcoming Events:

- Trinity Travelers Planning Mtg.—February 4th
- Fellowship Meeting—February 4th
- SouperBowl/Youth Sunday—February 5th
- Comfort Stitchers Meeting—February 6th
- Mom’s Group—February 6th
- Team Trinity Day—February 12th
- Chili (and Dessert) Cook-Off—February 12th
- Jr. High Retreat—Feb. 24th-26th
- Congregational Mtg.—Feb. 26th
- College Planning Workshop—February 26th
- Joyful Journeys Meeting—February 26th
- First Communion Instruction—February 28th
- Ash Wednesday—March 1st

A Message from Pastor Mike: “Tell Them You Love Them”

Valentine’s Day is around the corner—

Which, of course, means that folks will soon be rushing about, buying candy (like we need more after December!), cards, flowers, and doing all the stuff to make sure our loved ones feel special.

But I’ve been reminded lately, given the untimely loss of friends and members of the community, how important it is to tell people how you feel—no matter what the day.

It’s not a new revelation to me; it’s really something I’ve tried to be aware of for a long time, but I think—as we push back worries about the future—we sometimes assume that we will always see friends and family “tomorrow.”

Except that sometimes it doesn’t happen.

Let this holiday be a reminder to all of us—let the people in your life know that they are important to you. Don’t miss opportunities to let those close to you know that you appreciate and love them.

Live as though, if it happens to be your last day? You’ve said what needed to be said.

Peace.
Pastor Mike



Love ONE Another

Inside this issue:

Pastor Mike’s Message	1
Youth Sunday/SouperBowl	1
Team Trinity Day	2
Palm Sunday Cantata	2
Jr. High Retreat	3
First Communion Instruction	3
Ash Wednesday	3
Joyful Journeys	4
Pray Together, Play Together	4
Chili (and Dessert) Cook-Off	5
College Planning Workshop	5
Trinity Travelers	5
Central PA Food Bank	6
Scarf Bombing	6
Thank You from Jean Weaver	6
Calendar	7

Youth Sunday/SouperBowl of Caring—February 5th

It’s a day of tackling hunger as we celebrate the youth in our congregation! Join us on Sunday, February 5th for the annual “Souperbowl” Sunday at Trinity.

Our youth in grades four through twelve will be leading worship for all three of our services. They will also be collecting, sorting, and delivering non-perishable food items to the Mount Joy Food Bank. Please join us that day with food items or cash do-

nations and fill our soup pots to overflowing!

Youth: if you have not yet signed up for worship parts, please visit the youth bulletin board at the church, or this website: www.tinyurl.com/tlcyouthsunday. We would love to have all our youth participate in some way that day!

(Please see page 2 for a list of needed food items.)



tacklehunger.org

Food donations benefit the Mount Joy Food Bank



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God’s work. Our hands.



Show your team spirit by wearing red or white on Sunday, February 12th

Team Trinity Day—Sunday, February 12th

*Wear your white!
Wear your red!
We are God's and Spirit led!
Join us as we start the year
Filled with love and faith and
cheer!
Come and laugh,
Play and dream!
Come and cheer Team Trinity!*

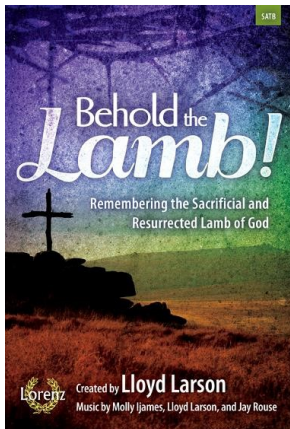
Show your team spirit and help us "do God's work" by attending Team Trinity Day, Sunday, February 12th! (We are going to have a blast!)

On this day Trinity will collect love gifts for the work of our team (\$200 or the best you can do!)

(Already increased your giving for the year, or committed to consistent giving? THANK YOU!)

We will share popcorn, songs, fun, balloons—and thank God for all of the blessings we have been given!

Don't miss the fun! See you February 12th!



Watch for rehearsal dates to be announced in the near future.

Palm Sunday Cantata Planning Has Begun

Palm Sunday is on the horizon, and we will celebrate and remember the passion of our Lord with music and dance!

Singers! (We need you!) Practices will begin Sunday, February 19th, and be held Sundays, 9:00-9:30AM and Thursdays, 7:30-8:00PM. As always, "part-specific" CD's will be provided.

This year's cantata, "Behold the Lamb!" is a musical and narrative journey that takes us on the

path that culminated in our Lord's passion. The cantata recalls Israel's release from Egyptian bondage with the Pass-over Lamb, a foretelling of God's divine plan to provide the Holy Lamb who would secure our spiritual freedom. Blending original melodies with timeless hymns, "Behold the Lamb" creates a compelling worship experience and a dramatic reminder of God's relentless love and grace.

We look forward to Trinity's unique and compelling celebration of Palm Sunday and the entrance this supplies into Holy Week! As usual, we will have TWO services only on this day, at 8:30 and 10:45. There will be a reception between the services and ROC will NOT meet on this day so that all can meet in fellowship.

Be sure to join us for "Behold the Lamb!"

The Mount Joy Food Bank is in need of the following items! Please donate if you can!

- Canned fruit
- Jelly
- Canned pasta with meat (ie. Chef Boyardee)
- Pancake mix & syrup



Jr. High Retreat—February 24th-26th

It's time for the annual Jr. High weekend at Camp Mount Luther! This year we'll be learning about boy-brains and girl-brains and why they are so different in the teen years. Get ready for some fun with "waffles" and "spaghetti!"

Youth and their friends in grades 6 through 8 are invited to join us. We will depart at 4:30 on Friday

February 24th and return around noon on Sunday, February 26th. The \$60 fee and registration form is due to Michelle by Sunday, February 5th. Bring along warm clothes, winter boots, personal items, a snack to share, and \$15-\$20 for a breakfast buffet on the way home. We can't wait for this fun weekend with all of you!



Registration due by February 5th

Hershey Med Nurses at BOLD for Valentines!

It is our annual tradition to take a closer look at our health every Valentine's Day at BOLD. God gave us wonderful bodies that can do amazing things – it's our job to take care of them!

The Hershey Medical Nursing Teams will be visiting us on

Wednesday, February 15th. Their time will be spent teaching, playing games, and doing projects all about our health. All classes will meet at normal times and locations. We look forward to seeing you there!



Join us for this fun and educational night at BOLD

First Communion Instruction—February 28th

Is your child ready to begin receiving communion?

Pastor Mike and Pastor Matt are offering First Communion Instruction on Tuesday, February 28th at 6:30 p.m. in Room 209. This class of young people will receive

their first communion on Sunday, March 5th during worship.

If anyone wishes to have their child receive communion on that Sunday, but are not able to make this class, please contact Pastor Mike and alternative

training will be arranged.

Please sign up in the back of the sanctuary.



Sign up in the back of the sanctuary

Ash Wednesday—March 1st!

Ash Wednesday is just around the corner! Join us on March 1st for Trinity's special Ash Wednesday services for children and youth (including soft pretzels and henna tattoos)!

Here is our schedule for the night:

- 5:30 pm – Meager meal and Sr. High Supper Club in Fellowship Hall

- 6:15 pm – Children's Choir
- 6:15 pm – 6:45 pm – PreK BOLD in normal classroom
- 6:45 pm – all children and youth sit in the front of the Sanctuary for a short Ash Wednesday service
- 7:00 pm – children and youth move to fellowship hall for

henna tattoos and soft pretzels

- 7:00 pm – Adult Ash Wednesday Service in the sanctuary
- 7:45 pm – end of evening



All are welcome!

giving joyful kind trusting obedient kind patient peaceful loving forgiving faithful
BOLD 4 CHRIST
 TRINITY LUTHERAN, MOUNT JOY

Wednesday Night Schedule:

5:45pm - 7:15pm

- *Sr. High Supper Club*
Trinity Place

6:15 pm - 6:45 pm

- *Children's Choir*

6:15 pm - 7:15pm

- *Preschool BOLD for ages 4 and 5*

6:45 pm - 7:45pm

- *Elementary & Teen BOLD*



Everyone is welcome!

New Fellowship Group Forming—Joyful Journeys!! Join Us!

Do you like to travel? Visit far-off places? Know of a cool get-away spot closer to home?

Would you like to connect with others who do too, to share stories, get recommendations, and dream about your next travel adventure?

Then we have a group for YOU!

Joyful Journeys is a new fellowship group that meets on the last Sunday of the month from 4:00 – 5:00 PM in the conference room (the Fishbowl!).

On January 29th, Alison Hoke-Fitts will be presenting on the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service and our

nation's amazing national park system, and there will be time for sharing, storytelling, and getting to know each other.

If you miss the January meeting, Joyful Journeys will meet again on February 26th.

Alison says:

"The idea for this group popped in my head as I was looking at pictures on Facebook of some Trinity members' vacation photos. I wanted to get more information from them regarding their trips. I wondered what they liked best, what restaurants they would recommend or what they would do differently. We're all often rushed on Sunday morning; the only way to

have these kind of conversations would be to set time aside. I then thought: maybe others want to know this kind of thing too!"

We have members who travel to many places around the country and around the world. We have members who like to travel by plane, by train, by car, by RV. We have members who plan trips that hit famous eateries or national parks. Joyful Journeys will be a place to tell those stories and to hear them, to connect with seasoned travelers, and to make new friends!

If you have questions, contact Alison at alisoncm@comcast.net.



Join us for this year -long study.

New Women's Bible Study—"The Bible In A Year"

Would you like to dig a little deeper into your faith in 2017? Why not join our women's bible study group.

Trinity's Women's Bible Study group just began a "Reading the Bible in a Year" study. This group meets each Thursday morning from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. throughout 2017 for this 52 week study.

In addition to the HCSB version by George H. Guthries, resources for the class include "Reading God's Story—A Chronological Daily Bible" and

"Reader's Guide to the Bible—Chronological Reading Plan".

"Reading God's Story will take you on a one-year journey through the entire Bible as the events actually unfold. This unique design will help you clearly see the grand story as well as better understand how the smaller parts fit within the larger story."

"The Readers Guide to the Bible is a chronological reading plan by George Guthrie that invites readers into the world of the Bible and offers guidance

for walking day-by-day through its pages."

Anyone interested in joining this bible study should contact Linda Spiridigliozzi at 653-5590 or Beth Schairer at dbschairer@gmail.com.

If you are interested, please purchase the three previously mentioned resources prior to the January kick-off. A small notebook for note taking is also recommended.

We hope you will join us on our journey through the Bible in 2017!



Mom's Group 3rd Annual Women's Event "We Pray Together, Let's Play Together"

Saturday, March 25th, 2017

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



Annual Chili Cook-Off on Sunday, February 12th After Worship

Our Fellowship Committee is excited to announce this year's Chili Cook-off will be held on a Sunday after worship on February 12th! Everyone is welcome!

This time of fellowship and friendly competition allows young and old, professionals and amateurs, to showcase

their favorite chili and dessert recipes. Prizes will be awarded for favorite chili, best dessert by an adult and best dessert by a child.

Baked potatoes, macaroni and cheese, and veggie trays are being provided by the Fellowship Committee.

So break out the stock pots, ladles and seasonings! Or break out the baking supplies! And join us for this year's Annual Chili Cook-Off at 12:00 noon on February 12th.

Please sign up in the back of the sanctuary.



Friendly competition for Best Chili and Best Desserts

College Planning Worship—February 26th at 9:30 a.m.

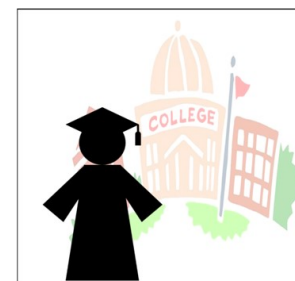
Join us for an informative morning learning tips and tools to help with college planning! Christopher VanHart and Jim Gill of Thrivent Financial will be presenting in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, February 26th from 9:30 to 11:00 am.

This complimentary, 90-minute college planning overview will teach how academics, admissions and financial strategies can work together to help save you money on college. Both parents/guardians are strongly encouraged to attend.

Space is limited and will fill up quickly! Reserve your spot by contacting Jim Gill at jim.gill@thrivent.com or 717-867-1500.



THRIVENT FINANCIAL



Contact Jim Gill to sign up today!

Trinity's Camping Small Group Holding Planning Meeting—Feb.4th

The Trinity Travelers, our camping small group, is getting ready for the 2017 camping season. A planning meeting/pot luck dinner is scheduled for Saturday, February 4th at 5:30 p.m. at the home of Tony and Molly Johndro. Anyone interested is welcome!

The Trinity Travelers usually

camp four weekends a year from Spring through Fall. Weekends and locations will be decided at the planning meeting.

This diverse group includes young families, empty nesters, and retirees, and campers with tents, pop-ups, travel trailers and motor homes. So any form of camping is right for this group!

You can join us for all of our trips or just the number that works out for you.

If you are interested, please contact Molly Johndro at 717-538-3250 (you'll probably have to leave a message, so speak clearly, please) or MJohndro@comcast.net.



Everyone is welcome!

Sr. High One-Day Retreat—Sunday, February 19th

Trinity Sr. High youth and their friends in grades 9-12 are invited to join us for a one-day retreat on Sunday, February 19th! We'll meet from 4:00 to 10:00 pm for activities, games, fun, and great food.

Take advantage of no school on Monday to share time with

friends and explore ways to end the prejudices we see in today's world. There will be activities, art, experiences, games, and so much more! We'll also make homemade pizza, enjoy a wonderful dessert bar, and play the old favorites man hunt and capture the flag.

There is no cost for this retreat, but we do ask that all participants be signed up by Sunday, February 12th so that we can plan accordingly.

We look forward to seeing you at the retreat!

Sr. High One-Day Retreat

Sunday, February 19th
4:00-10:00pm

Sign up by February 12th



Sign up on the Outreach bulletin board.

Join in Serving at the Central PA Food Bank—March 4th

Trinity is scheduled to provide a group of volunteers on Saturday, March 4th from 9:00am-12noon at the Central PA Food Bank in Harrisburg. There are a variety of activities that may need accomplished. When serving previously, we boxed up staple food items for military families and bagged cucumbers donated by local growers. 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). Direct any questions to Elayne Olson.



Comfort Stitchers meet the first Monday of every month.

Mount Joy "Scarf Bombing" Was A Success!

In January, Trinity' Comfort Stitchers "Scarf Bombed" downtown Mount Joy with 120 scarves, hats and gloves for anyone in need.

Thank you to this dedicated group of knitters and crocheters for your ministry to Trinity and our community!



A Heartfelt "Thank You" from Jean Weaver

Dear Trinity Family,

It is just not possible for me to simply say "Thank you for your kind thoughts, prayers and cards sent on my 90th birthday!" It was like a family reunion and, as such, I need to contact each one of you, face to face, to reminisce and/or get acquainted, give you a hug and say "thanks, thanks, thanks!"

I am a firm believer of "Service is the rent we pay for the space we take up on earth" and, for that reason, found myself invested in time well spent volunteering through the church and the community. You will agree with me that these activities give back even more than you give. As I am not short on words, I found visiting shut-in members, such as my very first Sunday school teacher, Mae Charles at her retirement home or the Spiridiglozzis, as prospective new members of TLC,

most enjoyable. As a senior citizen now living at Luther Acres in Lititz, I am on the receiving end of those volunteers, like our Judi C. Since I am name dropping here, let me share with you a page from my "life story writers" book. It is titled "The [3Ks] at TLC" relating my experiences growing up under the guidance of TLC's pastors Kercher, Koder and Klepper.

Should you be in my neck of the woods I would be delighted to spend some time in conversation. Expect to hear how content life is here at Luther Acres; see Philippians 4:11 "for I have learned, in whatever state I am, to be content...". Truthfully, I am more than content, I am most thankful to be up and about, and share my life with people who really care.

To all of you who have shared in the many kindnesses this

family of Trinity Lutheran has shown, I give a big hug and my most sincere thanks. You are God's blessing.

As you may or may not know, I dabble (quite humbly) in poetry. I also am often frustrated with having dead batteries of this size and that size in next to everything I own and thus have written:

*The battery on my flashlight's dead
The one in my clock's gone, too.
My toothbrush has stopped
And my car won't start
Just to mention a few!*

*Adding camera, watch and
computer mouse
Makes me certainly want to share
and remind us all that we need to
know:
"The battery of life is prayer".*

Most sincerely,
Jean M. Weaver

thank
you!



Jean Weaver is a long time member of Trinity.

February 2017

Worship: Traditional 9:45 am Contemporary Worship: 8:30/11:00 am

Sunday ROC Education: Children age 2 through Adult: 9:45 a.m.

			<p>1 9am– Yoga 5:45pm– SrHi Sup- per Club 6:15pm– Children’s Choir 6:45pm– BOLD</p>	<p>2 9am- Quilting 9:30am– Women’s Bible Study 6:30pm–Worship & Music Meeting 7:30pm– Choir Prac- tice</p>	<p>3 7pm– TLC Game Night</p>	<p>4 9am- Fellowship Mtg 10am– Youth Sun- day Rehearsal 5:30pm– Trinity Travelers Planning Potluck Dinner</p>
<p>5 SouperBowl of Car- ing Youth Sunday 9:20am– Youth Choir Practice</p>	<p>6 9am– Yoga 9:30am– Mom’s Group 6pm– Comfort Stit- chers</p>	<p>7 11:15am–Seasoned Men’s Group 7pm– TriniARTy</p>	<p>8 9am– Yoga 5:45pm– SrHi Sup- per Club 6:15pm– Children’s Choir 6:45pm– BOLD 6:45pm– Finance Committee</p>	<p>9 9am- Quilting 9:30am– Women’s Bible Study 7:30pm– Choir Prac- tice</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12 Team Trinity Day 9:20am– Youth Choir Practice 12pm– Chili Cook-Off</p>	<p>13 9am– Yoga</p>	<p>14 11:15am–Seasoned Men’s Group</p>	<p>15 9am– Yoga 5:45pm– SrHi Sup- per Club 6:15pm– Children’s Choir 6:45pm– BOLD</p>	<p>16 9am- Quilting 9:30am– Women’s Bible Study 7:30pm– Choir Prac- tice</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19 9am– Cantata Prac- tice 9:20am– Youth Choir Practice 4pm– Sr. High One Day Retreat</p>	<p>20 9am– Yoga</p>	<p>21 11:15am–Seasoned Men’s Group 7pm– Congregational Council</p>	<p>22 9am– Yoga 5:45pm– SrHi Sup- per Club 6:15pm– Children’s Choir 6:45pm– BOLD</p>	<p>23 9am- Quilting 9:30am– Women’s Bible Study 7:30pm– Cantata Practice 8pm– Choir Practice</p>	<p>24 Jr. High Retreat</p>	<p>25 Jr. High Retreat</p>
<p>26 Jr. High Retreat Congregational Mtg. 9am– Cantata Prac- tice 9:30am– College Planning Workshop 4pm– Joyful Journeys Meeting</p>	<p>27 9am– Yoga</p>	<p>28 11:15am–Seasoned Men’s Group 6:30pm– First Com- munion Instruction</p>	<p>March 1 Ash Wednesday 5:30pm– Meager Meal 6:15pm– Children’s Choir 6:45pm– BOLD 7:00 Ash Wednesday Worship</p>			

Trinity Staff

Senior Pastor	Michael J. Martine	pastormike@trinitymountjoy.org	368-2791
Associate Pastor	Matthew B. Pensinger	pastormatt@trinitymountjoy.org	253-1132
Parish Nurse	Judi Cosgriff, RN	judi@trinitymountjoy.org	689-3332
Outreach Coordinator	Elayne Olson	elayne@trinitymountjoy.org	669-3897
Inside Sextons	Beth and Tom Parker	beth@trinitymountjoy.org	517-8145
Director Youth/Family	Michelle Shirk	michelle@trinitymountjoy.org	426-3783
Dir. of Children's & Youth Choirs	Christa Schimitsch	christa@trinitymountjoy.org	(570) 832-0245
Adult Choir Director	Tara Beitzel	tara@trinitymountjoy.org	405-1733
Organist	Joy Ide	joy@trinitymountjoy.org	464-4684
Business Manager	Kim Zern	kim@trinitymountjoy.org	471-4237

Congregation Council Members

Scott Noon, President	scott.noon@trinitymountjoy.org	626-2627
Debbie Williams, Vice Pres.	debbie.williams@trinitymountjoy.org	426-2959
Wayne Chappel, Treasurer	wayne.chappel@trinitymountjoy.org	393-2322
Jessica Johnston, Secrty.	jessica.johnston@trinitymountjoy.org	928-4008
Missy Burkholder	missy.burkholder@trinitymountjoy.org	426-0119
Alex DeCaria	alex.decaria@trinitymountjoy.org	892-3697
Mindy Leaman	mindy.leaman@trinitymountjoy.org	
Joni McCrady	joni.mccrady@trinitymountjoy.org	
Geoff Ottens	geoff.ottens@trinitymountjoy.org	653-9322
Doug Rinehart	doug.rinehart@trinitymountjoy.org	653-8232

Committee Leaders

Christian Education	Gayle Watson
Evangelism/Comm.	Scott Noon
Fellowship	Tina Ahrens
	Linda Umberger
Finance	Wayne Chappel
Outreach	Carol Rago
Property	Tracey Olson
Staff Relations	Marc Spiridiglozzi
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	Helene Wallauer	Greeters, 11:00	Tom & Tracey Cyr
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



Trinity Lutheran Church

Return Service Requested

47 West Main Street
Mount Joy, PA 17552
(717) 653-4168



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.