

# Trinity Lutheran Church



## Upcoming Events:

- School Supplies Collection Begins—July 1st
- National Gathering — July 1st & 2nd
- Wing Men—July 2nd
- Women’s Book Study—July 5th & 19th
- Vacation Bible School—July 9th-12th
- Wednesday Bible Study Resumes—July 11th
- Pillowcase Dresses for Africa—July 18th
- Summer Sparks with REYS—July 25th
- School Supplies Collection Ends—July 29th

## Message From Pastor Matt: “Child of God”

I was lucky enough to be able to help baptize the child of some friends of mine last weekend. This little boy was adopted out of very sad and difficult circumstances, by people who had hoped for a child for a very long time. It was a celebration!

And the child, the little boy, was having NONE of it!

He cried. He yelled. He wandered around the worship space (he’s not quite one, but boy can he go!). He made us all laugh. He made us all go, oh boy, kids are a LOT.

He made his parents smile.

And I told him (and everybody): listen, Little Guy, you are not able to understand what I’m saying right now, but I want you to know that we are giving you a name today, and it is Child of God. And just like you made the name Dad apply to your dad and Mom apply to your mom, we are here today to tell YOU that Child of God... is YOU.

He cried, and yelled, and wandered around the worship space!

But someday, he will hear that name, and know that it applies to him. And someday after that, he will stand with others and tell a little baby or a yelling toddler or even someone older that that name applies to THEM, too.

Who first told you that you are Child of God? Do you remember? How did they do it? Did they say it in so many words? Sometimes we do that... usually we do it in church, and usually it’s the pastor’s job to say it, right. But who first made you know it, for sure? Did they use words? Were they “you are Child of God,” or were they something else?



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## Trinity Collecting School Supplies in July for Rainbow’s End

During the month of July, Trinity will collect school supplies to support Rainbow Ends Youth Services (REYS) organization with their “Backpacks to Schools” program. The items we will concentrate on are: colored pencils, composition notebooks, erasers, folders, pencils, scissors and rulers. However, a complete listing can be found at the outreach board or in the back of the sanctuary.

Monetary donations will also be accepted for REYS to purchase additional needed items for students. The collection will end on Sunday, July 29th.

This program started a few years ago when one student wanted to help another student in need. The program has grown tremendously reaching 620 students in 2017. Watch for additional information to participate in REYS “packing night” the first week of August.



Check the Outreach bulletin board for a complete listing of needed items.



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## Message from Pastor Matt *(Continued from Page 1)*

When did you first feel like you were that special, that meaningful, that loved?

We are given that name in baptism, and I am convinced that God wants us to know that that name is ours for always. But like Little Guy at his baptism, there are times when it seems like we're having NONE of it. We fight. We rage. We think only of ourselves. We wander off from the path. We forget what our name is. And even though it's our job to remind others that that name applies to them too,

sometimes we also forget that they are. We remember that they offended us, or what they owe us, or that they're not "our kind of people," or that they THEY... whatever "they" did or are doing, in our angry opinion that day.

But our name reminds us of who we are, of who we are SUPPOSED to be. Not hurtful or hateful; not mean-spirited or spiteful; not condoning injustice; not rooting for misery. No no no... we are not made for any of that.

You are Child of God. Every day, it is your job to show others what that means, in words and in every other loving forgiving renewing supporting way. And every day, it is your job to remind others that that name applies to them too. You are a Child of God. Practice saying it, to yourself and to others, and may we move closer to the day when all will believe it and live it.

God's peace,

Pastor Matt



Choir Camp for K-5th graders

## Children's Choir Camp—August 6th-10th—Register Today!

Children's Choir Camp is coming!!

This year's Choir Camp "Something Old Meets Something New" will be held Monday, August 6th through Friday, August 10th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. This camp is designed for children who are about to complete Kindergarten through 5th grade.

Throughout the week, the children will rehearse a children's musical, do crafts and play games. Participants are asked to bring a packed lunch. Lunch will only be provided on Friday.

After the week of hard work, the kids will share their musical with the congregation during two worship services on Sunday, August 12th.

Registration forms are available on the Music bulletin board or on our website. A donation of \$25 for the camp registration is recommended.

Don't forget to join us for our Annual Church "Picnic" following the Sunday performances on August 12th! See below for more information.



## Annual Church Picnic—Sunday, August 12th—All Are Welcome!

Members of Trinity and their families are invited to join the Fellowship Committee for our Annual Church Picnic on Sunday, August 12th following the second performance of the Children's Choir Camp Musical.

This year, the Fellowship Committee will be providing Hot Dogs, Hamburger BBQ, Salads, Chips, Watermelon and Cookies.

The congregation and their families do not need to provide anything for the picnic, however, we would like you to sign-up, so we can estimate how much to prepare.

Please see the sign-up sheet in the back of the sanctuary, and JOIN US on Sunday, August 12th for some fun and fellowship!

## Summer Sparks to Serve Mount Joy Children

Trinity's Jr. High ROC class has put together a summer outreach program for children in Mount Joy. With the loss of the Mount Joy Pool, Rainbow's End Youth Services was looking for new opportunities for the kids who attend their programs. Our Jr. High have stepped up to the plate to provide three afternoons of fun at Trinity!

On July 25, August 1, and August 8 we will be offering fun games,

clubs, snacks, and fellowship at our church. Jr. and Sr. High youth will work together to organize cooking classes, a dance club, and an arts/crafts project that will include making fleece blankets to donate to a local charity of their choice.

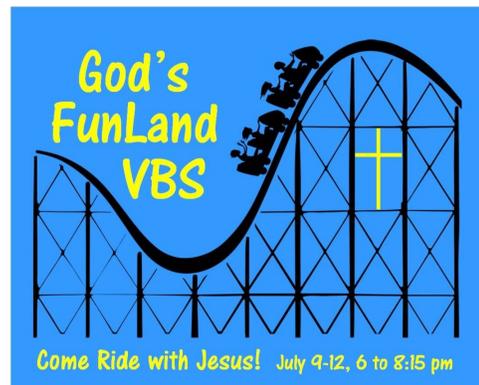
Each program will begin at 3:15 pm in the fellowship hall and end at 5:15 pm. Adults are welcome to join us and assist. Background checks are required – see

Michelle if you are not an Approved Adult at Trinity. Please consider being a part of these fun afternoons!



## Vacation Bible School Begins July 9th!

Register your child for Trinity's Vacation Bible School! This year we will be experiencing the story of Moses and learning about our emotions and feelings. Children ages 3 as of July 9th through just-ending 5th grade are eligible to participate. Register for "God's FunLand VBS" at [www.tinyurl.com/GODSFUNLAND](http://www.tinyurl.com/GODSFUNLAND)



## Junior High Youth: Now Is The Time To Sign Up For Alive!

Fall sounds like it is far away, but now is the time to think about this great weekend at Camp Nawakwa! The Alive Jr. High Retreat will take place the weekend of September 28th in Arendtsville. This is a synod event with over 300 youth and adults from churches all over our region in attendance. It is an event like no other!

Learn more about our weekend amongst the apple orchards and trees with Scott Garcia's video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Um8x5z7ExYY>. You can also search previous videos by typing "Alive" into the search bar on our trinitymtjoy YouTube page.

All Trinity youth who will be in grades 6-8 this Fall are eligible to

attend. The \$100 registration fee and forms are due to Michelle by Sunday, August 26. As always, confidential scholarships are available by contacting Michelle or one of our Pastors. Friends are invited to join you! Pick up a form at the youth bulletin board or download one here.



Time to register for this favorite Fall Jr. High event!



### Is God Calling You?

There is little more rewarding than the gift of leading a child to faith. Trinity offers so many opportunities to help children and youth understand more about God and Jesus – and we need adults for these programs!

ROC (Raised on Christ) meets on Sunday mornings from 9:45 am to 10:45 am. Lesson plans are provided with many teaching options for you to choose from. Teaching teams are in groups of four or more, so it's always easy to find a sub for weeks that you will be away. Most teachers

serve two Sundays a month, still leaving time for you to attend adult classes if you would like to.

BOLD reaches kids on Wednesday nights from 6:45 pm to 7:45 pm with fun games, crafts, and storytelling experiences all teaching kids to be "Bold for Christ in all they do and say!" We set up all materials for you and tear them down afterwards making this an easy, no-preparation way to serve. All you must do is read over the lesson before you come that night! BOLD has teaching teams of

four and a schedule for the year is provided in August. Michelle handles all subs for Wednesday nights and it's easy to get things covered.

We have openings in both programs and for all ages. Please see Michelle to learn more about how you can help mold the future generation of believers!



Contact Joy if you would like to volunteer.

### Share Your Musical Talent in Worship this Summer

This summer, would you like an opportunity to share your musical talent in the 9:45 worship service? The choir will be taking a break, June through August, and we are looking for special

musical performances to enhance our summer worship.

Contact Joy Ide to get on the schedule. She will work with you to find music if you need it.



### Summer Is Here...

Summer is here! Time for family gatherings, vacations, and weekend getaways!

The staff at Trinity hopes that you will find time to step away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life for a while to enjoy moments with your family and loved ones, and to recharge your life batteries.

Through the summer, Trinity will continue to minister to those in

our community, facilitate summer programs, and continue planning for Fall events.

We are excited to see everyone on the Sunday mornings you are in town. But if you wish to continue your consistent support of Trinity's budget while you are away, on-line giving is one option.

Simply go to our website at [www.trinitymountjoy.org](http://www.trinitymountjoy.org) and

click on the blue donate button on the right hand side of our home page.

Thank you for being such a vital part of our ministry and all you do for Trinity!! Happy Summer!



**Seasoned Men's Group  
meets every Tuesday, 11:15 a.m.  
at  
Gus's Keystone Restaurant**

## Women’s Book Study Meets Thursdays Through the Summer

Women, are you looking for a way to deepen your faith while sharing fellowship this summer?

Our Thursday Morning Women’s Bible Study group is reading and discussing “A Life Beyond Amazing” by Dr. David Jeremiah.

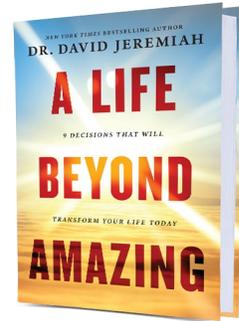
All ladies are invited to join in.

No sign ups are required. Anyone interested in joining will need to purchase the book.

The discussion began in June, and continues in July and August. This group will meet twice in July on the 5th and the 19th 9:30am-11am in Room 209.

Any questions? Please contact

Linda Spiridigliozzi at [lindaqvc@centrylink.net](mailto:lindaqvc@centrylink.net) or Beth Schairer at [dbschairer@gmail.com](mailto:dbschairer@gmail.com).



Women’s summer book study—all are welcome to join!

## Wednesday Morning Bible Study Resumes In July!

Wednesday Bible study meets Wednesdays at 10:00 AM in Room 209 (the Fishbowl) from July 11th through August 29th. Our summer study is:

The Letter To The Romans (with special appearances by the Acts of the Apostles)!

Pastor Matt will facilitate this study for these two months, keeping the seat warm for Pastor Foltz to return in October. Join us Wednesdays at 10 AM beginning July 11; all you need is your Bible and your sense of humor!



Join Pastor Matt on Wednesday mornings this summer.

## Trinity’s Camping Small Group Announces Dates

It may not look it, but Spring has arrived! And summer is just around the corner. If you, like so many others, are ready to turn your thoughts to warm, summer nights, consider joining our “Trinity Travelers” camping small group.

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! Everyone is invited to join in for all of the trips or just the number that works out for you.

This group has two more camping weekends planned for Summer 2018.

- August 17-19th: Codorus State Park

- October 26-28th: Elizabethtown KOA

If you are interested being a part of our Trinity campers, please email Molly Johndro at [mjohndro@comcast.net](mailto:mjohndro@comcast.net) or call/text (717) 538-3250. The group tries to reserve sites in close proximity to one another, so it is important to contact Molly to know where to reserve your site.



Book your campsites early.

**Wing Men  
meets Monday, July 2nd, 6:00 p.m.  
at  
Joy’s Tavern**





Everyone is welcome!

## Little Dresses for Africa, July 18th—No Experience Necessary

For a number of summers, Trinity members and friends have gathered in our Fellowship Hall to create dresses from pillowcases. Some even continue to make them all year round at home in anticipation of gathering together in the summer.

We will meet Wednesday, July 18th 9:00am-3:00pm and anyone can participate! Sewing skills are not required, as there are steps for cutting, piecing and ironing. Come and go as needed and bring a bagged lunch.

Go to [www.littledressesforafrica.org](http://www.littledressesforafrica.org) to learn more of the organization and how they provide relief to vulnerable children throughout the Continent of Africa and beyond. Together, we make a difference, one little dress at a time!



What kind of precarious situations will we find our Flat Pastors in this summer! Share your pictures!

## Pastors! Predicaments! Prayers!!

Thinking about your summer adventures? See how much trouble you can get one of our pastors into!

You'll soon be receiving your own, personal, FLAT PASTOR MATT and (yes, could it get any better?) FLAT PASTOR MIKE!

Your task? Take a "PASTOR" with you and place him in a "PREDICAMENT!"

(Then be nice and "PRAY" he survives!)

Finally—take a picture and send it to a Trinity staff member so it can be posted on Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, Looneylutherans (ok, just kidding on that one)... Which pastor will get into the most trouble?

Do it, and don't be afraid to include your picture! It will keep us

all in touch during those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer!



Donations for Rocky Boy Indian Reservation are being accepted through September. Simply mark your giving envelope "Rocky Boy".

# July 2018

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

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

<b>1</b> <b>National Gathering</b>	<b>2</b> <b>National Gathering</b> 6pm- Wing Men	<b>3</b> 11:15am-Seasoned Men's Group	<b>4</b> <b>Happy July 4th!</b> <b>Office Closed</b>  	<b>5</b> 9am-Quilting 9:30am- Women's Book Study	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 6pm- VBS	<b>10</b> 11:15am-Seasoned Men's Group 6pm- VBS	<b>11</b> 10am- Bible Study 6pm- VBS 6:45pm- Finance Committee	<b>12</b> 9am-Quilting 6pm- VBS	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 11:15am-Seasoned Men's Group 7pm- Congregational Council	<b>18</b> 9am- Pillowcase Dresses for Africa 10am- Bible Study 2:30pm- Staff Re- treat	<b>19</b> 9am-Quilting 9:30am- Women's Book Study	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 11:15am-Seasoned Men's Group	<b>25</b> 10am- Bible Study 3pm- Summer Sparks Program	<b>26</b> 9am- Quilting	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> <b>School Supplies Collection Ends</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 11:15am-Seasoned Men's Group				

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

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