

Trinity Lutheran Church



Upcoming Events:

- Ash Wednesday—March 1st
- Game Night—March 3rd
- Central PA Food Bank—Mar. 4th
- First Communion—March 5th
- Comfort Stitchers —March 6th
- TrinARTy—March 7th
- Pastor Foltz’s Bible Study—March 8th
- Outreach Meeting —March 14th
- Backpacks of Love—March 19th
- Stop Hunger Now —March 22nd
- Pray Together, Play Together—March 25th
- Joyful Journeys—March 26th
- Chickies Hike Night—Mar. 29th

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From Pastor Mike: “Lent on the Horizon/Worshipping as ONE!”

As I write this, the church is still humming from the wonderful experience of “Team Trinity Day!”

Was it over the top? Delightfully so.

We dressed in red and white, celebrated with popcorn and nachos, laughed and sang silly songs for a VERY important reason.

We do God’s work. That’s it, plain and simple. We celebrated our unity as a church in the only way that such a celebration is appropriate—by remembering WHY we are “church!”

Caring for and serving others and one another. Praising the God that has given us the gift of a savior, the gift of a beautiful planet, and the gift of human family. Celebrating the privilege of serving the kingdom.

It was appropriate and lovely to lift up what we mean to each other and to remember that supporting what we do here is so important. Your “love gifts” are already going a long way to help us through the summer months—times when folks are away and finances can get scary. Thank you for giving this “extra” gift, and join with us in now committing to consistent giving through the year.

Our bond as a Christian family is always strengthened, of course, in worship. And now our family looks to what many consider the holiest part of our church year. Ash Wednesday, Lent, and our remembrance of the passion of our Lord are upon us—the perfect time to reaffirm and build upon the faith that sustains us.

As you will see inside, we are continuing many of our Lenten traditions, but we are also adding some new practices that we hope will become tradition! We hope to see you here as we lift up Christ and make new memories together!

Thank you, once more, for sharing this ministry with us. Trinity continues to be blessed—may we continue to be a blessing to others!

Pastor Mike



Ash Wednesday—March 1st

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

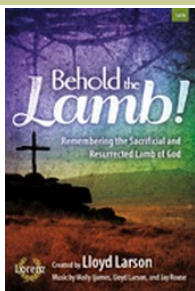


- 7:00 pm – Adult Ash Wednesday Service in the sanctuary
- 7:45 pm – end of evening



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Please consider joining the Festival Choir.

Palm Sunday Cantata Practices Have Begun– Please Join Us!

Rehearsal for this year’s Palm Sunday cantata, “Behold the Lamb” by Lloyd Larson, have begun!

Please consider joining our Festival Choir for this special worship presentation. Practices

are held Sunday mornings from 9:00 to 9:30 a.m. and Thursday evenings, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The cantata will be performed during the Palm Sunday worship services on Sunday, April 9th, and will feature our Festival Choir, orchestra and ballet.



New prayer stations for silent reflection

Mid-Week Lenten Services & New Prayer Stations for Reflection

Lent is a traditional time of prayer and reflection in preparation for the central experience and celebration of the church year, the Three Great Days that lead to Easter. It is important to pray and reflect together as a faith community, and it is also important to find time for personal prayer and reflection.

This year gives us an opportunity to do both!

Join us on Wednesday evenings in Lent (beginning March 8) for

a brief midweek worship in the sanctuary at 7 PM, followed by dessert fellowship in room 209. Before and after the service, take some personal time to experience the prayer space that will be set up in the library. There will be stations for prayer that engage various senses, encourage contemplation, and allow you to participate in creating communal prayer art. It will also be a quiet and reflective space for you to use for whatever personal devotions you wish.

This prayer space will be available on Wednesdays during Lent as well as on Sunday mornings from 8-8:30 AM (the half hour before the first church service) and from 11 AM to 12:30 PM (through the third service and for half an hour afterward). If you can’t join us Wednesdays, please take some time to experience it on Sunday morning.

Join us for midweek Lenten worship and devotion at Trinity beginning March 8th.



Trinity will pack 10,000 meals!

Stop Hunger Now– Wednesday, March 22nd

Get ready for a meal packing, singing and dancing, fun-with-friends kind of night! At BOLD on Wednesday, March 22 we will package 10,000 meals for those in need around the world.

This hands-on night is for everyone ages 5 to 95 – we need children, youth, and adults to help us. Here is our schedule:

5:00 pm: Load-in time! We need at least a dozen volunteers to help carry in supplies.

6:30 pm: All food-packers report; instructions for meal-packing begin.

8:00 pm: Project complete!

There will not be Children’s Choir or PreK BOLD on this night.

Trinity Day at the Beach—Save the Date!

Wishing for summer? It will be here before you know it! Mark your calendar now for Trinity’s Day at the Beach! Children, youth, and adults will all make the day-trip on Wednesday, July 19th. We hope you can join us!



July 19

Chickies Hike Night—Wednesday, March 29th

Trinity's children, youth and families will meet at Chickies Park in Marietta for a fun night in the great outdoors! All groups will begin at 6:00 pm. Be sure to wear good walking shoes, high socks, and long pants.

PK through 5th grade: meet at Lower Chickies Park, Girl Scout Trail accessible from Long Lane. We will divide into two groups and guides Denise Morrison and Megan Mullen will lead our

groups on a nature walk. Parents will be needed to help shepherd our kids – so please plan to stay if you can! From Long Lane, look for a stone farmhouse, barn, and our Trinity Hike Night sign. Turn back the stone driveway and follow it all the way in to the pavilion.

Jr. and Sr. High youth: meet at the parking lot near Chickies outfitters and the new bridge at the base of Chickies Hill. This lot is accessible from Furnace Road.

Look for Trinity Hike Night signs. This year we will be walking towards the Furnace Museum, back the road to the boat launch, and then explore the unpaved section of the trail at that location. It will be a great night for photographs!

Note: Children's Choir will not meet on this night.



A fun night at BOLD!

Summer Camp is Coming! Hesitant to Send Your Kids? Read On...

Summer camp = fun, games, outdoors, new friends, learning, and so much more! Yet so many of our kids never get to experience these life-changing programs. Yes, sending your child to camp can be a scary thing, we understand. As you look to summer remember that this experience builds extremely important character traits in your child. They learn that they can do fun things without you. They learn about God's beautiful world in ways we can't always do at home. They learn to make new friends and grow to love their leaders.

Their circles widen, they build confidence in themselves, and they are better prepared for their futures. (Don't be surprised if they want to stay another week when it's time to go home!) Work through that fear and send your kids to camp!

At Trinity, we are blessed to have two wonderful Lutheran Camps available to us. Nawakwa in Ardenstville, and Camp Kirchenwald in Colebrook. These camps are both safe, nurturing locations that offer a wide variety of themes to make any kid happy.

Day camps, mini-camps, week-long experiences, and 10-day programs are available at both. Adult and family camps are added bonuses for you to consider.

Join us for camp snacks and fun on Sunday, April 2nd at all services. We'll have brochures for you to look at and past-campers for you to meet and ask questions to. Please join us and learn more about camps! Can't wait for April 2nd? Visit www.lutherancamping.org for more info today.



Summer Camp Sunday—April 2nd

Announcing this Year's VBS: SPIRIT DETECTIVES!

Mark your calendars for Vacation Bible School:

Monday June 19th ~ Thursday June 22nd

This year the children of Trinity and their friends will embark on a journey to find Peace, Love and Joy through Jesus.

They will become "Spirit Detectives" and will work together to solve a new mystery each night of

VBS. Come join us as we turn Chaos into Peace and bring Joy into the life of a Grump.

It is sure to be a unique experience as we are once again creating our very own VBS. You will not want to miss it!

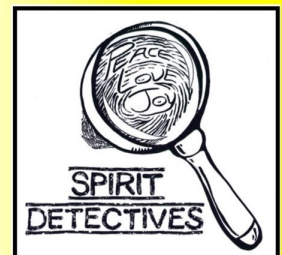
Register your children now at <http://tinyurl.com/trinityvbs2017>

VBS would not be possible without the help of volunteers. Please check the sign up sheets on the

bulletin board or sign up online at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040d45aba728a57-spirit> Help make VBS a success!

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Kim Alampi at daisybugg19@aol.com or (610) 507-0442.

Trinity Mount Joy VBS



June 19-22 • 6-8:15 pm

Sign up to volunteer or register your child on-line today!



Everyone is welcome!

Pastor Foltz's Bible Study Resumes Wednesday, March 8th

Pastor Foltz's Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, March 8th at 10AM!

Fritz and his wife, Faith, are the parents of Freda Martine and have been leading Bible Study at Trinity for about ten years. The class is lively discussion of

biblical texts and applications in today's world.

All are welcome—Pastor Foltz is a terrific teacher with great knowledge and life experience.

Bring your favorite Bible (or borrow one from church!) Class typically lasts an hour, though

sometimes discussion goes on past 11:00. Hope to see you there!



Join us February 26th & March 26th

Joyful Journeys Meets the Last Sunday of Each Month

Joyful Journeys is a fellowship group that provides the opportunity for members to learn and share their travel experiences; whether domestic or abroad, local or across the country.

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 is a place to tell those stories and to hear them, to connect with seasoned travelers, and to make new friends!

In January, Alison Fitts-Hoke shared information regarding the U.S. National Park Service.

During the February meeting, members will share stories and recommendations about the Outer Banks, NC. And in March, the Spiridigliozzis will share about their trip to Italy.

So come join us! Share your stories, recommendations or just come dream about your next adventure!

Joyful Journeys will meet on the last Sunday of the month from 4:00 – 5:00 PM in the church library.

Questions? Contact Alison at alisoncm@comcast.net.



Easter Lily & Tulip Order and Honorarium Donations Due By April 2nd

Completed forms and checks made payable to Trinity Lutheran Church must be handed in to the church office no later than Sunday, April 2nd.



Circle Easter Lily or Tulip — \$9.00 each

Monetary Honorariums for Mount Joy Helping Services —

- In memory of: _____
- In honor of: _____
- To the glory of God _____

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- I will pick up my flower following the 11:00 am Easter Service
- I will deliver a flower to a homebound member of Trinity, or to someone on Trinity's prayer list.

Your Name

Email Address

Phone

Total: _____

“We Pray Together, Now Play Together” Ladies Day—March 25th

3rd Annual We Pray Together, Now Let's Play Together!

March 25th, 2017

9:30am-2:00pm

\$10.00/pp

Ladies-this day is for you! Are you a new tired mom who needs a break? Do you work 40+ hours a week and just want to unwind? Are you retired and looking for something new to try?

Join us for a stress-free day to relax, socialize with other great women at our church, and have fun! (ages 13+, friends/family welcome)

Schedule of events:

- Coffee/tea, light morning snack, mingling
- Greetings/introductions, prayer
- String Art with our very own Karen McCrady of Crafter Hours (You take home the art!)

- Healthy lunch/socialize
- Guest Speaker: Lisa Cook, a Certified Reiki Master, Licensed Cosmetologist, and Martha Beck Trained Life Coach~ Partnering with women to transform stress and live a more authentic life
- Yoga/relaxation/mindfulness with Lisa and our own Megan Depew Mullen (A change of clothes is optional)

Two New Additions this year:

1. Women Helping Women- Bring along a feminine care product to donate such as feminine hygiene products, deodorant, hair products, razors, shaving cream, etc. Items will be donated to women in need in our area.
2. Secret Sisters- What is the Secret Sister Program? The Secret Sister program is a new outreach ministry for the women in our church fellowship. All of the ladies of our church are invited to partici-

pate. If you participate you will draw a name and that woman becomes your Secret Sister for the next six weeks. You become her silent prayer partner and her secret up-lifter. She doesn't know who you are. Likewise someone will be caring for you in that way too. Secret Sisters are about encouraging, praying for, and supporting each other in small ways. More details to come!

Please register and pay fee no later than 3/19/2017. We will need to know exact numbers in order to have enough supplies available. Questions can be directed to Jessica Good at (717) 341-2571 or email at singlejess1@comcast.net



Sign up today!



Trinity Travelers 2017 Camping Schedule—Everyone Welcome!

The Trinity Travelers, our camping small group, have scheduled their camping dates for the 2017 season.

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 year's schedule is:

- May 5-7th, Little Buffalo State Park
- June 9-11 PROBABLY Camp Swatara
- Aug 18-20 Codorus State Park
- Oct 13-15 Gifford Pinchot State Park

If you are interested being a part of our Trinity campers, please contact Molly Johndro at mjohndro@comcast.net or call or 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.



Camping season is coming!



Sign up on the Outreach Board

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

Help to form a group of volunteers to serve on Saturday, March 4th from 9:00am-12noon at the Central PA Food Bank in Harrisburg. A variety of activities may need accomplished and a large group is helpful! Please wear warm, 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.



Visit oslcrb.org for more information.

Rocky Boy Collection Begins

Trinity has supported Our Saviour's Lutheran Church located on Rocky Boy Indian Reservation in Box Elder, Montana for many years with their Layette Ministry. This is an important ministry for new mothers on the reservation. Due to the cost in shipping layette

items, we began sending a monetary donation so items needed can be purchased locally. This is appreciated by the ministry as it allows them to purchase diapers and formula for new mothers.

Trinity's collection for 2017 will run from March to September. Just 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: www.oslcrb.org



Collection will kick-off on March 19th!

Backpacks of Love Benefits Children Entering Foster Care

Are you looking to make a difference in the lives of local youth? The Statewide Adoption and Permanency Network (SWAN) reports 2,500 kids in Pennsylvania are waiting to be adopted with 13,000-15,000 in foster care.

When these children enter foster care it is normally in an emergency situation and movement happens at a moments notice. Unfortunately insult may be added to injury, when the child's minimal belongings are placed into trash bags. When these children are transitioning to new living situations very suddenly, this happens to be the best means available. Many times, they are relieved from their home without any belongings at all.

Scott and Melanie Garcia, members of Trinity, see this as an opportunity to share comfort, love, and support with a child who is left in a position to crave security and basic essentials. Please consider helping them to team up with The Blue Ribbon Project Organization of Maryland to spread their mission to Lancaster County. The goal is to make an impact in the lives of foster children at a critical time. Join us by packing a "Backpack of Love"! These backpacks will be given to a child in need at the time of intervention. The bags will include donated items such as: personal care items, nightlight, stuffed animal, blanket, etc.

Collection of new or gently used backpacks will begin on March 19th. There will be tags posted at church with donation items needed for a child of a specific age/gender. Then on April 28th, Trinity members are invited to a packing event in our Fellowship Hall. YOU CAN HELP by donating any or all of the following: a backpack, items listed on tags, a monetary contribution, or your time to pack and pray!

Questions regarding the "Backpack of Love" project can be directed to Melanie Garcia, mellymomgarcia@gmail.com or Elayne Olson, elayne@trinitymountjoy.org.



Trinity Now Offers On-Line Giving!

For one-time donations or recurring contributions.

Visit our website at www.trinitymtjoy.org or scan the QR Code.

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March 2017

Worship: Traditional 9:45 a.m. Contemporary Worship: 8:30/11:00 a.m.

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

			<p>1 Ash Wednesday 9am- Yoga 5:30pm- Meager Meal 6:15pm-Children's Choir & PK BOLD 6:45pm- Youth Ash Wednesday Service 7pm- Adult Worship Service</p>	<p>2 9am-Quilting 9:30am- Women's Bible Study 7:30pm- Cantata Practice 8:30pm- Choir Practice</p>	<p>3 7pm- Game Night</p>	<p>4 9am- Fellowship Mtg 9am- Central PA Food Bank</p>
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Communion Assistants, 8:30	Open	Greeters, 8:30	Open
Communion Assistants, 9:45	Open	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
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