

# Trinity Lutheran Church



## Upcoming Events:

- Timbers Trivia & Luncheon—May 1st
- Trinity Travelers Camping—May 5th-7th
- National Gathering Meeting—May 7th
- Outreach Meeting—May 9th
- Festival of the Arts—May 14th
- Planting Day at Wittel Farm—May 20th
- Celebration Sunday—May 21st
- Affirmation of Baptism—May 21st
- Joyful Journeys—May 28th

## From Pastor Mike: “Join Us As Our Celebrating Continues”

So many wonderful things this spring at Trinity!

Something that always makes me laugh a bit is how people worry about church staff during Holy Week (or say things like, “Well, you’re really working this week, huh?”).

Holy Week at Trinity is beautiful, dramatic, even “fun,” but it’s not that much different than a normal week at Trinity. It’s a little more emotionally exhausting—following the story of the passion always is—but other than that, there’s no big “drop off” around here when it’s over.

But thanks to your dedicated staff and the work YOU so wonderfully share with us, there are many things to look forward to in the days ahead!

The wonderful Festival of the Arts—where adult artists will share their work alongside our 4th and 5th graders from “Storytelling with the Arts; Celebration Sunday—where we will watch our 8th graders participate in the service of “Affirmation of Baptism” (Confirmation) at 11:00—right after a reception at 9:45 celebrating them, our graduating Seniors, and the conclusion of the ROC year; Pentecost will be next and then—just around the corner, Vacation Bible School!

So be here! Share in the blessing of an active, loving, serving church! Join us as we continue to proclaim, to the world and one another: “He is risen, indeed!”

Peace!  
Pastor Mike



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## Team Trinity—Take Us With You This Summer

YOU are a big supporter of Team Trinity, and we are so grateful for it! But what does a big supporter of Team Trinity need more than anything? Why, a pennant, of course!

On Festival of the Arts Sunday, May 14th, be sure to pick up your Team Trinity PENNANT to take home with you... it features our Team Trinity mascot, a certain lovable dog we know! And then as you attend baseball games, concerts, picnics, or any other activities this summer... snap a selfie

with your pennant and show how you’re supporting Team Trinity, no matter what else you’re seeing or who else you’re rooting for! Post your picture to our Facebook page or send it to a staff member so that we can show all of Team Trinity how many places our supporters go.

Thank you so much for your support of Team Trinity... let’s show our fandom everywhere, all summer! Pick up your Team Trinity pennant on May 14th!



## Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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Choir Camp runs July 31st–Aug 4th  
Performances: Sunday, Aug. 6th

## Children's Choir Camp 2017—Save the Date!

It's time to start thinking about choir camp!

Choir Camp is an exciting, fun-filled ("arts filled") experience for kids who have completed kindergarten through 5th grade. We will meet daily, beginning on Monday, July 31st, and continue through the week until our "dress rehearsal day" on Friday, August 4th. That's Monday through Friday, 9:00am to 1:30pm, beginning July 31st!

We will then share our accomplishments with the entire congregation in two services on Sunday, August 6th!

Trinity asks for a \$25 donation for each child attending camp. However, no child will be turned away from camp for financial reasons! Simply let a staff member, know if this fee would be a hardship to your family!

Please visit our website to regis-

ter your children. Please complete a separate registration for each child! In the meantime, Christa is busy looking through scripts and trying to pick that "perfect" show for us!

Thank you for sharing your children! We can't wait to see them at Choir Camp!



## A Time to Plan—Consider Preplanning Your Funeral

Few of us are comfortable talking about, or thinking about death.

But, doing some planning for that day—which we all know will come—can really help the loved ones we leave behind.

I often find myself called into situations where a death has occurred and plans for a funeral have to be made. Sometimes this, of course, takes a family by surprise, but even in instances when everyone has known that death is imminent,

I'm often met with the statement: "Do what you think is best."

And for some folks? That's fine. That's really what everyone wants, and we do our best.

But I often wonder how the person who has passed would like their service to be "special"?

We have included a form in this newsletter (feel free to copy it) that can help you plan your funeral service. Complete the form, and it will be placed on

file at church. When the day comes, you'll know that the service you desire will be carried out, and you will also be taking burden off the loved ones you leave behind.

So consider this! It's a great help to your family and to your church, and you will know that the service celebrating your life of faith will say "what you want it to say."

Peace!  
Pastor Mike



ELCA National Youth Gathering  
2018—Houston, TX

## We're Heading to Houston! National Gathering Meeting—May 7th

The countdown to Houston is on! Join us on Sunday, May 7 at 9:45 am in the fellowship hall for an overview of the National Youth Gathering. This trip is a once-in-a-lifetime for most of our youth and they will not forget the experience. Together with 40,000 Lutheran youth and adults from around the country we will worship, serve, learn and grow! There honestly

is nothing like it. Don't let your youth miss it!

Teens currently in grades 8 through 11 are eligible to attend. We are estimating the fee to be \$500 per youth with a \$250 down payment due Sunday, June 4, 2017. Scholarships are available – don't ever let money be the reason you don't attend a Trinity function. Be sure to attend this session

for very important information regarding this amazing experience.

## Festival of the Arts—Sunday May 14th

Be a part of a day set aside to celebrate the arts! Our Tween “Storytelling through the Arts” students will have their favorite Biblical creations on display while younger youth serve special treats and snacks. Our adult artists will have their works on display in the sanctuary. Don’t

miss this fun day filled with stunning art and many surprises!



## Celebration Sunday—Graduates, Confirmands, Last Day of ROC

Celebrate with us on Sunday, May 21st as we applaud our teens who have met these big milestones of their lives! A reception will be held at 9:45 am in the Fellowship Hall where we will honor this year’s graduates and confirmands. Affirmation of Baptism will take place at the 11:00 service; graduates will be recognized at the service they attend.

Celebration Sunday also marks the last day of ROC for the school year. Students should begin in their classrooms as usual. Our youngest class will begin a “moving up parade” that will grow as students move through the ROC age levels and finally reach the fellowship hall where they will join their parents.

We can’t wait to see you at this important event in the lives of our young people!



Celebrating our graduates and confirmands—May 21st

## Alive for Jr. High Youth Coming This Fall!

Attention current 5th-7th 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 and we’ll see you in the fall!



Alive 2017! - Registration has begun.

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





Join us for a day at the beach.

## Trinity Day at the Beach—July 19th

Team Trinity is heading to the beach! All ages are invited to join us for this fun and fabulous day with your church family.

We will depart from Trinity at 7:00 am and carpool to Ocean City, New Jersey. Jr. and Sr.

High youth may attend with a permission slip; all other children and youth must be accompanied by a guardian. There is no cost for this trip, but everyone will need to bring cash for beach tags, food, and other expenses.

Want to save some money? Feel free to pack a cooler with food and beverages!

We'll arrive home at 11:00 pm after a fun-filled day of sand, sun, and great boardwalk food. Join us!



Register your children on-line today!

## VBS Is Coming—It's Time to Register!

Registration for this favorite week of summer is live and ready to go! Children ages 3 (as of June 19) through grade 5 are invited to help us find peace, love, and joy on June 19-22. Sign up today: [www.tinyurl.com/trinityvbs17](http://www.tinyurl.com/trinityvbs17).

Volunteers are very-much needed. You can sign up to assist at the youth bulletin board, or at this website: [www.tinyurl.com/vbs17volunteer](http://www.tinyurl.com/vbs17volunteer). Not only will you be helping kids' faith grow, you will also have a fun time yourself! Volunteers of all ages are encouraged to join us!

Come and experience the mystery, fun, and excitement of Vacation Bible School! If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Kim Alampi at [daisybugg19@aol.com](mailto:daisybugg19@aol.com).



Register at the church office or on-line at [www.lutherancamping.org](http://www.lutherancamping.org)

## Summer Camp—Trinity Pays Half the Cost!

At Trinity, we are blessed to have two wonderful Lutheran Camps available to us. Nawakwa in Arendtsville, and Camp Kirchenwald in Colebrook. These camps are both safe, nurturing locations that offer a wide variety of themes to make any kid happy. Take this important step for your child – send them to camp and teach them that they can learn,

grow, and survive safely without mom and dad!

To discover more about the camps, go to [lutherancamping.org](http://lutherancamping.org). Here's a quick glimpse of what is available:

Kirchenwald:

- Kindergarten through Grade 2 Day Camps
- Grades 1 – 2 Mini Camp

- Grades 2 – 12 Week-long and Longer Camps

Nawakwa:

- Kindergarten through Grade 2 Day Camps
- Grades 1 – 2 Mini Camp
- Grades 1 – 12 Week-long and Longer Camps



Council minutes are available at the Council Bulleting Board.

## “Council Corner” – Highlights from the March Meeting

During the March Church Council, members reviewed the staff and financial reports.

Following updates from each committee and task force, the Renovations Task Force brought forth a motion for the design of the front entryway doors, sidelights and windows.

After discussion, it was decided to use “antique”, non-colored glass with faux leading in the windows, sidelights and transoms. There is to be no lead coming in the doors.

New business items included a proposal to upgrade Trinity's internet. A proposal from the AV

Task Force was presented and approved. Funding will come from the Building Use fund.

Minutes of the council meeting are available on the Council Bulletin Board.

## Trinity Trivia at Timbers Luncheon—Monday, May 1st

Are you a long-time member of Trinity? Think you know a lot about your church?

Or maybe you're fairly new to Trinity, but interested in history...

Either way, join us for "Trinity Trivia" and our Spring Timbers Luncheon on Monday, May 1st

at 11:00 a.m.

Following a lunch prepared by our Fellowship Committee, we will enjoy an afternoon of fun and trivia based on Trinity's history. Some of the answers just may surprise you!

Join the Timbers group for the Spring luncheon and enjoy an

afternoon of good food, a few laughs and a chance to bring back some memories.



Test your knowledge...

## "Thank You" for Making Trinity's Women's Day a Success!

The mom's group would like to thank all of the ladies who attended our annual women's day event. Thank you for your donations to help women in need in our area. A big thank you to Karen McCrady of Crafter Hours for spending the morning with us and helping us create string art masterpieces. Thank you to

Megan Depew Mullen, Erica Johnson, and Lisa Cook for helping us to relax and learn more about taking care of our health. Thank you to Maria Brouse and Thrivent Financial for the monetary support to help fund the day. It was another successful day and we hope you found it to be relaxing, inspiring, and enjoyable.



### Trinity Travelers Camping Small Group

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

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



### Trinity Day at the Beach – Save the Date!

## Wednesday, July 19th

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. We hope you can join us!





Wall O' Money ends May 7th

## Thank You for Supporting Trinity's Mission Fund

The "Wall O'Money" fundraiser ends Sunday, May 7th. Please submit your donation envelope in the offering plate or return to the church office. Be sure to add your name and/or church envelope number so your donation can be recorded on your statement.

Thank you for supporting this important fund for Trinity's Mission Teams! This is a great benefit for our members with out-of-pocket expenses. Also, this enables our teams to purchase supplies needed in teaching and serving those in need.



Volunteers needed—Sign up on the Outreach Bulletin Board

## Serving at Water Street Mission—Saturday, June 10th

Trinity will be responsible to serve in the dining hall at Water Street Mission on Saturday, June 10th for the noon meal. We will leave Trinity's parking lot at 10:30am and return at 1:30pm. Youth under age 16 should be accompanied by a guardian.

See the sign-up sheet on the Outreach Bulletin board. Please share your interests or questions with Elayne Olson.



Seeking service projects for all ages

## Summer Service Projects—Your Ideas Are Welcome!

How would you like to serve your church and community? Do you have any ideas to share? If so, contact our Outreach Coordinator, Elayne Olson (elayne@trinitymountjoy.org).

She has begun to establish dates and times for Trinity projects and is looking for new ways that "spark the hidden passions" in each of us.



Seeking service projects for all ages

## Planting Day at Wittel Farm, May 20th—Volunteers Needed

The Wittel Farm Growing Project is growing from two to five acres in 2017, with plans to raise sweet corn, peppers, tomatoes, various greens, sugar snap peas and beans. Groups are invited to help assist by serving at the farm starting with Planting Day on May 20th, at 8:30 AM. Volunteers will be needed throughout the planting, growing, and harvest process to make this venture successful so there will be abundant oppor-

tunity for individuals, church groups, businesses, schools, and others to get involved.

The Wittel Farm is a retreat center affiliated with the Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central PA. The famous Trinity Youth Barn Party is held there every Fall. Help us establish a group from Trinity to serve at this Planting Day Event. Sign-up sheets are posted in the

back of the sanctuary and on the Outreach bulletin board. Any questions, contact Elayne Olson.

Keep in mind, the harvest from these fields are distributed to local food banks and feeding programs! What a wonderful opportunity to give back to others and show what God has given to us!

# May 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.*

	<b>1</b> 9am- Yoga 9:30am- Mom's Group 11am- Timbers Lunch & Trivia 6pm- Comfort Stitchers	<b>2</b> 11:15am-Seasoned Men's Group	<b>3</b> 9am- Yoga 10am- Pastor Foltz's Bible Study	<b>4</b> 9am-Quilting 9:30am- Women's Bible Study 7:30pm- Chancel Choir	<b>5</b> <b>Trinity Travelers Camping</b>	<b>6</b> <b>Trinity Travelers Camping</b> 9am- Fellowship Mtg
<b>7</b> <b>Wall O'Money Ends</b> 9:20am- Youth Choir Practice 9:45am- National Gathering Meeting	<b>8</b> 9am- Yoga	<b>9</b> 11:15am-Seasoned Men's Group 6:30pm- Outreach Meeting	<b>10</b> 9am- Yoga 10am- Pastor Foltz's Bible Study 6:45pm-Finance Committee	<b>11</b> 9am-Quilting 9:30am- Women's Bible Study 7:30pm- Chancel Choir	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> <b>Festival of the Arts</b> 9:20am- Youth Choir Practice	<b>15</b> 9am- Yoga 9:30am- Mom's Group	<b>16</b> 11:15am-Seasoned Men's Group 7pm- Congregational Council	<b>17</b> 9am- Yoga 10am- Pastor Foltz's Bible Study	<b>18</b> 9am-Quilting 9:30am- Women's Bible Study 7:30pm- Chancel Choir	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 8:30am- Planting Day at Wittel Farm
<b>21</b> <b>Celebration Sunday: Graduation and Affirmation of Baptism</b> 	<b>22</b> 9am-Yoga	<b>23</b> 11:15am-Seasoned Men's Group	<b>24</b> 9am- Yoga 10am- Pastor Foltz's Bible Study	<b>25</b> 9am-Quilting 9:30am- Women's Bible Study	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 4pm- Joyful Journeys	<b>29</b> 9am-Yoga	<b>30</b> 11:15am-Seasoned Men's Group	<b>31</b> 9am- Yoga			

## Trinity Staff

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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	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
		Altar Flower Delivery	Open



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