

Trinity Lutheran Church



Upcoming Events:

- Fellowship Meeting—May 5th
- Renovation Research Response Due—May 6th
- Joyful Journeys—May 6th
- Timbers Luncheon—May 7th
- Comfort Stitchers—May 7th
- Wing Men—May 7th
- Festival of the Arts—May 13th
- Celebration Sunday & Confirmation—May 20th
- Last Day of ROC—May 20th

A Message From Pastor Matt: “Standing on the Shoulders”

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. - Jeremiah 29:11

The history of Trinity Lutheran Church is a history of people who made decisions about the future. What was God calling them to do and to be here in Mount Joy? The people of Trinity discerned, which means they talked together and prayed and listened for God’s guidance. And then... they DECIDED.

The people of Trinity Lutheran Church:

- Decided to establish a church
- Decided to build a building
- Decided to speak a new language in worship and education
- Decided to move, and to rebuild the building at a new and better location
- Decided to renovate
- Decided to upgrade
- Decided to purchase more property
- Decided to make more classroom space for various grades and needs for meeting and teaching
- Decided to make more office space for staff
- Decided to make many changes in worship: communion, communion frequency, service times, service days, service style, music style, preaching style... too many to name!
- Decided to improve the building in various ways: heating, cooling, ceilings, floors, doors, painting, new furniture, cosmetic improvements.



The life of this congregation, God’s people living in community in the specific place of Mount Joy, Pennsylvania for almost two hundred years, is marked throughout all of that history by making decisions, many of them involving building and upgrading, so that the work of the congregation could go forward.

And what is that work? It’s to love and serve all people on God’s behalf, as much as we can, we know that.

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Join Us For Celebration Sunday—May 20th

We will be celebrating our Confirmands and High School Seniors at a reception in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, May 20th. Join us for wonderful food, gift presentations, and recognition of these fabulous teens!

Confirmation will occur during the 11:00 worship service. ROC will be held from 9:45 to 10:00 am for brief end-of-year activities. ROC leaders will take the students to the fellowship hall to

meet their families at 10:00 am.

Graduates this year include: Gretchen Enterline, Lydia Haas, Dylan Heim, Tanner Kohler, Austin Lauver, Kaitlyn Long, Luke Parker, Sophie Stoviak, Avery Walker.

Confirmands include Faith Burkholder, Maddie Diodato, Owen Gensemer, Noah Haas, Brooke Henry, Nicholas Lees, Julia Piatt, Gavin Sload, Maddie Watson, Cohen Weaver, Ellen Zern.



Celebrating our high school seniors and confirmands.



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Watch your mail for important information.

Pastor Matt's Message *(Continued from Page 1)*

But it is ALSO to be a place where people are strengthened and equipped for that work in the world by being connected to each other in loving community, the kind of community where people know each other and watch out for each other and become better and better friends with each other.

Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts.— Acts 2:46

In light of that work and of the history of looking forward and making changes at Trinity, here's what we want to do: to renovate the main office space, following the plan that was proposed in the fall of 2017, and turn it into a multi-use gathering area where people can share in fellowship, deepen connections, and find a welcoming and comfortable space to get to know this congregation.

At the current moment, our ministries of worship, Christian education, and outreach into the community are very strong. But the layout of our building encourages people to come to those ministries and then quickly leave, with no time or (especially!) space for the kind of connections that strengthen relationships within a faith community. We want people here to be able to spend time together, to get to know each other, to mingle with strangers, to see and process information and schedules and upcoming events, to hang out and get some work done. We want the building to offer a central and comfortable space for people to be together in the same place. We want this to be "built in" to the regular everyday life of our congregation. There is a need for this; there is a desire for this. To see it for yourself, just go out into our current "gathering area" in the tiny space between the stairs, the elevator,

and the Bagel Café at 9:40 or 10:45 or 11:50 on a Sunday morning. You will encounter thick clusters of people trying desperately to snatch a few minutes or even seconds of "catching-up" conversation while teachers and staff members rush hurriedly around and through them on their way to the next thing and new people look lost and confused, wondering how to get through and where to go once they do. It's overcrowded. It makes people feel rushed. It distracts from good conversation. It is NOT welcoming.

So, we want to fix it, and make it better. We want to prepare Trinity for the future, the way so many generations of faithful people here prepared Trinity for the future. We're excited about it, and we hope you will be too.

And here's the thing: we will never be a "megachurch"; we don't want to be, and we don't have the physical space to be anyway!

But we also don't want to decide that we're at the perfect state of being right now and we don't ever need to change again, because all the studies and all the declining congregations around us show that that is the first step on a road we do NOT want to go down.

We believe that making these renovation improvements is a vital step towards our future, a future of hope and promise. We believe that it is faithful to a history of change and creation at Trinity in order to move the ministry forward. And we believe that it is necessary for our community of faith to continue to have the energy and momentum and hope for the future that we currently do! This renovation will help us to continue to be who we as a congregation want to be.

Now as you excel in everything –

in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you – so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking. - 2 Cor 8:7

We can only make this decision and make these changes to our physical space with the whole Trinity congregation's help and support. We have already been blessed with "leadership" commitment gifts that will cover (over) one third of the project costs, and by now you have received a letter asking for your own commitment to this decision. We have scheduled upcoming votes by our decision-making bodies, first council meeting and then congregational meeting, in mid-May, and we ask for your participation in those as appropriate; we will vote on whether to move forward with this project based on the level of congregational support and enthusiasm that this potential decision receives between now and then. But in the meantime, and even more importantly: pray, and discuss, and discern. Pray for wisdom and insight and good leadership, the same blessings that were given to the people of Trinity throughout history. Pray for God's presence to be with us throughout this process of decision-making, the way God's presence was with those here whose shoulders we stand on. Pray that we may make a good decision, for Trinity's future and for the future of God's work here in Mount Joy.

Thank you for being a part of this amazing congregation. No matter what the future holds, we know that God will continue to bless us and work through us. Everything we do depends on that, and God is faithful and sure. May the peace of God, which surpasses all of our understanding, guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

- Pastor Matt

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, Insta-

gram, 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!



Thanks to Sophie Morrison for creating our "flat" pastors!

11:00 Adult Bible Study Concludes on May 6th

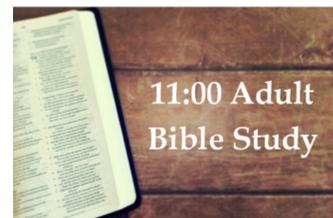
The 11:00 Bible Study concludes for the season on May 6. The schedule for the final three sessions is:

- 4/22: People of Faith - Isaiah
- 4/29: People of Faith - Jeremiah

- 5/6: People of Faith - Job

Thanks to all who attended this inaugural year and for making it a fun, informative class. I look forward to resuming the class in September.

-Alex DeCaria



Join us for "People of Faith"

Festival of the Arts Sunday—May 13th

Join us for a day of celebrating the arts and our tweens! The student art projects will be on display throughout the main areas of the church. Refreshments will be served by our second and third grade students.

This year in the sanctuary our featured adult artists will be showing the crosses they designed for this year's confirmands. Don't miss this fabulous day!



Our tweens sharing their faith-filled artwork.

Current 5th-7th Grade 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. Trinity pays a huge chunk of the fee so this is a very affordable event for families! 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!



Jr. High Youth: Register today!



Registration is open! Sign up today!

Vacation Bible School—Registration Open!

Be sure to join us this summer for an exciting week of VBS—July 9th-12th!

Come join us as we go on a fun filled Amusement Park adventure. We will be learning the story of Moses as we discover how to understand and manage our emotions and feelings.

All children ages 3 to 5th grade are invited to join us. It is sure to be a unique experience as we are once again creating our very own VBS. Four great nights of bible stories, crafts, games, science and of course snacks! You will not want to miss it!

Register your children and their friends at

www.tinyurl.com/godsfundland or by clicking the link on our website.

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



Sign up at the Youth bulletin board or online today!

Volunteers NEEDED for Vacation Bible School—Please Sign Up Today

This year our VBS planning crew has been busy preparing a wonderful bible school experience for participants and volunteers alike! But now WE NEED YOU!!!

We are in need of many volunteers to help make Vacation Bible School a success. Please consider giving some of your

time during the four fun evenings from Monday, July 9th through Thursday, July 12th.

We are looking for adults to be group leaders, station leaders or organize snacks.

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

youth bulletin board or online at www.tinyurl.com/trinityvbs2018 or by clicking the link on our website.

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



Everyone is welcome!

Guest Speaker from Donegal Substance Abuse Alliance—May 6th

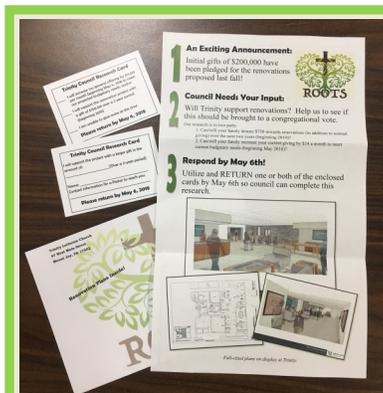
Our Spiritual Truth Seekers class will host a guest speaker from the Donegal Substance Abuse Alliance on Sunday, May 6th at 9:45 a.m. in Room 209.

The representative from DSAA will share information about the organization's mission to in-

crease community awareness of heroin/opiate usage, addiction treatment options, and support services available for families affected by addiction.

Everyone is invited!

Questions? Contact Jean Ellis at jeanellis54@outlook.com



Renovation Mailing in Your Residential Mailbox! RESPONSES DUE SUNDAY, MAY 6th!

Trinity Council is conducting research to measure your support of the proposed renovations.

Should we build a space for building relationship?

Respond and Help Us Decide!

Timbers Luncheon—May 7th

Join the Fellowship committee as they host their Spring Timbers luncheon on Monday, May 7th at 11:00 a.m.

Following lunch, the group will share in a hymn sing lead by Pastor Mike.

Please sign up in the back of the sanctuary or contact the church office.



A fellowship tradition here at Trinity.

Trinity’s Camping Small Group Announces Summer 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 three camping weekends planned for Summer 2018.

- May 4-6th: Little Buffalo State Park
- 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 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.

Planting Day at Wittel Farm in Elizabethtown

The Wittel Farm Growing Project will be planting at least five acres in 2018, with sweet corn, peppers, tomatoes, various greens, sugar snap peas and beans. Families or individuals are invited to help assist by serving at the farm on Planting Day, May 19th beginning at 9:00AM. Volunteers will be

needed throughout the planting, growing, and harvest seasons.

The Wittel Farm is part of the Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central PA and is where Trinity has hosted some events. 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 help with the fight against hunger in our local communities.



All ages invited for garden planting.

New Members To Be Welcomed on June 10th

We will welcome new members to Trinity during worship on Sunday, June 10th.

The process of joining Trinity is simple and low-pressure; it’s the best way to ensure that you’re connected to all of our communications and groups and opportunities, and for you to get any

questions about this church or our Lutheran denomination answered.

If you or someone you know would like to join Trinity as a new member, contact Pastor Matt or call the church office at (717) 653-4168.



Contact Pastor Matt if you are interested in joining Trinity.



Register on-line for these synod events.

“Day of Feeding” Events—Meal Packing, Garden Planting & More

There are still openings available to participate in events during our synod-wide “Day of Feeding” in hunger related mission and service! The events will be held on Saturday, June 2, 2018 to coincide with the Synod Assembly, but will be available on a first-come, first serve basis. Therefore, an early registration (using links below) are important to secure your spot!

A meal packing event, will be held at Messiah College. This will take place from 7:30am-4:30pm using 153 volunteers every 2 hour shift. A clean-up shift is also available from 4:00pm-5:30pm. www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d4eacaa2ea2fb6-2018

The Central PA Food Bank in Harrisburg will open their doors from 9:00am-12noon for 20 volunteers. The project will depend on the current needs of the warehouse, but may include packing ElderShare or assorted project boxes. Volunteers as young as 12 years old are allowed with a parent. <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d4eacaa2ea2fb6-20181>

In Elizabethtown, a work day will be in progress at the Wittel Farm for their “Growing Project”. This is a wonderful family project as volunteers age 6 and above are welcome. The workday is from 9:00am-12noon and may include planting, weeding and/or

harvesting vegetables to help feed the hungry in Lancaster County, and throughout South-Central Pennsylvania. <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d4eacaa2ea2fb6-thegrowing>

REMEMBER: Sign-up on-line to participate in a project for June 2nd. A sheet has been posted on Trinity’s board so families may share with others where they are serving. Invite a Trinity friend to join you! Direct any questions to Elayne Olson.

Our “Day of Feeding” strives to eradicate hunger one relationship at a time.



Sign Up on the Outreach Bulletin Board.

Trinity’s Spring Work Day—We Need You! - Saturday, May 12th

All ages are welcome on Saturday, May 12th anytime from 8:30AM to Noon for “Trinity’s Spring Work Day”! Plan to join in the fun, exercise and fellowship with your church family as we clean up the grounds around Trinity.

A sign-up sheet can be found in the back of the sanctuary and the Outreach Bulletin Board or, simply come anytime during that morning.

We will be pruning, planting flowers and spreading mulch in our gardens so bring your gloves, shovels and rakes. Contact Tracey Olson with any questions at traceyoviking@embarqmail.com.



Help tie fleece blankets for pets awaiting adoption.

Project to Benefit “Humane League of Lancaster County”

Trinity members of all ages are invited to take part in a Thrivent Action Team project on Sundays May 27th and June 3rd. On these dates, from 9:30am to 12noon, supplies will be set up in the library and Room 209 for making tie fleece blankets. The blankets will be donated to an animal welfare organization that saves animals and helps people be the best caretakers they can be.

During the month of May, fleece donations can be placed in collec-

tion boxes provided. We will need fleece fabric that measures one (1) square yard and two (2) square yards. You may want to bring along your own sharp scissors the day of the event. Breakfast foods will be available by donation to aid in purchasing additional items needed by the organization. A “wish list” for the Humane League can be found on the Outreach bulletin board showing items such as: dog treats and toys, canned kitten

food and milk replacer, small mammal food and bedding, paper towels and glass cleaner to name a few.

Check out their Facebook page and website for additional information: <http://humanepa.org> Contact Elayne Olson or Jean Ellis with any questions.

May 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.

		1 11:15am-Seasoned Men's Group	2 9am- Yoga 10am- Bible Study	3 9am-Quilting	4 Trinity Travelers	5 Trinity Travelers 9am- Fellowship Mtg
6 Renovation Research Response Due! 12pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal 4pm- Joyful Journeys	7 9am- Mom's Group 9am- Yoga 11am- Timbers Luncheon 6pm- Comfort Stitchers 6pm- Wing Men	8 11:15am-Seasoned Men's Group	9 9am- Yoga 10am- Bible Study 6:45pm- Finance Committee	10 9am-Quilting	11	12
13 Festival of the Arts PK Choir Sings in Worship	14 9am- Yoga	15 11:15am-Seasoned Men's Group 7pm- Congregational Council	16 9am- Yoga 10am- Bible Study 6:15pm- Children's Choir Rehearsal	17 9am-Quilting	18	19 9am- Kiwanis Bike Safety Event
20 Celebration Sunday 11am- Affirmation of Baptism Children & Youth Choirs Sing in Worship Last Day of ROC Possible Congregational Meeting	21 9am- Mom's Group 9am- Yoga 6pm- Young Adult	22 11:15am-Seasoned Men's Group	23 9am- Yoga 10am- Bible Study	24 9am-Quilting	25	26
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Altar Duty	Cathy Hoffmaster	Lectors, 8:30	Madolin Heisey
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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