

# Trinity Lutheran Church



## Upcoming Events:

- Children's Choir Sings—Nov. 5th
- Joyful Journeys—November 5th
- Barn Party—November 5th
- Wings & Conversation—Nov. 6th
- Water Street Mission—Nov. 11th
- Pizza & Packing Party—Nov. 17th
- Fall Clean Up—November 18th
- Thanksgiving Eve Service—November 22nd
- Advent Night for Families—November 29th

## From Pastor Matt: "Have Hope, and Plant a Tree"

*Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. - Romans 6:3-5*



Martin Luther wrote in the Small Catechism that being baptized means that we die every day to sin and rise a new, living person every single day. I'm pretty sure he read it somewhere! Coming back to life, every day... it's the underlying message and meaning of resurrection in the New Testament. It's the meaning and encouragement and purpose that the first apostles took from the resurrection of Jesus. They weren't just like, yay, he's not dead! They were convinced that WHAT THIS MEANS (Small Catechism again!) is that we too were "dead" before and now are "alive." Alive with new purpose. Alive with new joy. Alive, in a way that all the pain and suffering and frustration and fear of the world, the powers of sin and death, cannot change or destroy at all. Alive, in a sense that transcends mere life in the world, mere eating and drinking, mere breathing and existing. In fact, they began to believe, the community of believers WAS a living body, Christ's living body, living in and going out into the world to show it that life defeats death, that God's kingdom is coming and is already here.

Heavy stuff! Life out of death. We die EVERY DAY to sin and rise a new person. And yet... life in the world, in this Fall of 2017, is too often hard and stressful, sad and anxious. It feels that way, a lot of the time. We hear about death, and we see and experience it too. We hear about anger and rage, and we see and experience it too. We hear about division and brokenness, and we see and experience it too. And then on top of that there's just the normal stuff: I have my grocery list, and I have to get to the post office, and the kids are sick, and I want to catch that show that's on tonight... and ugh, I'm kind of exhausted.

What does it mean to rise as a new person, every single day?

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## Serve a Meal at Water Street Mission—November 11th

Trinity members will be responsible to cover the set-up, serving, bussing, and clean-up in the dining hall at Water Street Mission on Saturday, November 11th 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.

Please share your interests or questions with Elayne Olson.



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### Pastor Matt's Message: (Continued from Page 1)

Part of what it means, I am convinced, is that we are, in the midst of our everyday lives and in the midst of the stress of the world, called to be brave messengers of the shared hope that we profess to believe in. Life in the world is challenging and daunting, but it is also filled with moments of joy and whispers of peace and the gentle background breeze of God's awesome and comforting presence... and we know about it! We can see it, and feel it, and live like we want to share it. We can speak a different language than the one that we too often hear around us, sing a different song than the discordant hateful one that's

being played. We can be bravely hopeful. We can be assertively filled with joy. We can actively share the peace. We can spread newness of life

I believe this, and I know you do too: our calling is to be reborn, always, every day, out of death back to life. And it's not just that I believe it (and you do too!); it's that it's the reality of God's activity in the world. We are being transformed, remade, born anew, even if we can't always see it, even if we don't know yet what it looks like. We are... God is doing it. And we can, through our words and our actions, show it and share it.

Martin Luther was also reputed to have said that "if I knew that the world would fall to pieces tomorrow, today I would still plant my apple tree." In other words, even if everything seems hopeless and the future seems dark... I will still choose to hope, and to spread life, and to plant a tree. May we rise up and live, in these days we've been given, in the face of all that seems daunting... as tree-planters.

God's peace,  
Pastor Matt



### Thanksgiving Eve Worship—Wednesday, November 22nd, 7:00PM

Bring a non-perishable food item for the Mount Joy Food Bank.

Please join us Wednesday evening, November 23rd at 7:00 p.m. for our Thanksgiving Eve worship service! It's a wonderful way to bring in the holiday.

This year we will again be collecting non-perishable food items for the Mount Joy Food Bank.

Please bring items to worship and place them near the altar during communion.



The Staff of Trinity would like to take this moment to say how very blessed we feel to be able to share in this ministry with all of you.



**Daylight Savings Time ends November 5th!**  
Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour

## BOLD Youth Raising Money for Rise Against Hunger!

Our annual meal packing event will happen again in March 2018. Our children and youth will be saving coins all year to help raise \$2,944.08 to package 10,152 meals for emergency food needs around the world.

November's giving task:

1 -receive a tube of mini M&Ms from BOLD

2 -enjoy the M&Ms (when mom and dad say it is ok to!)

3 -fill the tube with quarters and bring back to our Rise Against Hunger giving station

Help us reach our goal! Bring in your coins, place them in the box at our lower lobby, and pour beans into our jar to mark your donation. Together we can help many people facing disasters around the globe!



Collecting coins for our annual meal packing event.

## Barn Party—November 5th at The Wittel Farm

Crisp autumn air, the smell of leaves and apples, cool hayrides, outdoor fun with friends – the Barn Party is an event you won't want to miss!

Join us at The Wittel Farm, 1753 Mill Road, Elizabethtown for a covered dish meal, games, and more. All families are asked to bring a dinner item to share. A main dish, beverages, and paper products will be provided. Sign up for your food donation at this link:

Ages K-5th grade:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/508054ea9a92aabfb6-trinitys1>

Ages 6th grade and up:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/508054ea9a92aabfb6-trinitys1>

**K-5th grade youth and families** will meet from 3:30 to 5:00 pm with the following schedule:

3:30: kids register, games begin

4:20: hayride

4:45: dinner time!

**6-12th grade youth and families** will meet from 5:30 to 7:00 pm with the following schedule:

5:30: kids register, eat right away

6:00 pm: begin man-hunt games

6:45: hayride, then departure.

We look forward to seeing you there! Friends are invited too.



Fall fun at the Wittel Farm.

## Advent Night for Families—Get Ready for the Season!

Mark your calendars and join us on Wednesday, November 29th for an Advent play, Christmas Cookies and a family craft creation for the season.

We'll begin in the sanctuary at 6:45 pm and after the brief play head to the fellowship hall for activities and snacks. The evening ends at 7:45 pm.

Pastor Mike will be looking for teen actors and actresses – contact him if you'd like to be in the play. Rehearsal for the performance will happen that night at 5:15 pm. Children's choir will rehearse at normal times. Sr. High Supper Club will still occur at 5:45 pm. PK BOLD will not meet at a separate time but will

join in at 6:45 with the older kids.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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**Wednesday Night Schedule:**

*5:45pm - 7:15pm*

- *Sr. High Supper Club*

*6:15 pm - 6:45 pm*

- *Children's Choir*

*6:15 pm - 7:15pm*

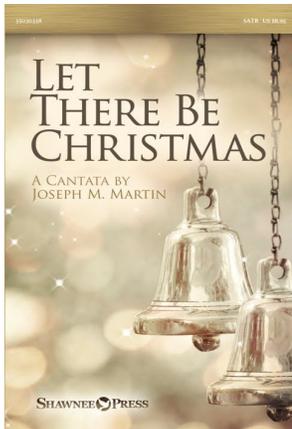
- *Preschool BOLD for ages 4 and 5*

*6:45 pm - 7:45pm*

- *Elementary & Teen BOLD*



Everyone is invited to this fun, family evening.



Rehearsals have begun! Everyone welcome to be a part!

## It's Not Too Late! Join Our Festival Choir for This Year's Cantata!

Trinity is very excited to announce this year's Christmas cantata is ALL NEW!!

This year our choir directors and festival choir will be presenting "Let There Be Christmas" by Joseph M Martin. This beautiful cantata is filled with traditional carols and original anthems designed to energize the spirit of the season in everyone. The Christmas Cantata

is scheduled for Sunday, December 17th under the direction of John Brackbill, band director at Manheim Central High School.

In preparation of this new cantata, our Festival Choir rehearses Sunday mornings 9:00-9:30 a.m. and Thursday evenings 7:30-8:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to be a part of our Festival Choir!

As this is a new cantata with new music, regular weekly attendance is VERY important.

If you would like more information, please contact Tara Beitzel.

We hope to see you at rehearsal!



This year's service will be held at St. Mark's UMC, Mount Joy.

## Annual Holiday Remembrance Service—St. Marks UMC, Nov. 4th

Each year Sheetz Funeral Home sponsors a Holiday Remembrance Service for area residents who have lost a loved one. This year St. Mark's United Methodist will host this special service for the community.

The Holiday Remembrance Service will be held on Saturday, November 4th. Special

music will begin at 10:30 a.m. and the service will begin at 11:00 a.m. A reception and social will follow the service.

This special service is for all members of the community wishing to pay tribute to special people during the holiday season. Everyone is welcome to share this experience and support one another.

If you, or someone you know, would like to have a deceased loved one remembered, please call Sheetz Funeral Home at (717) 653-5441.

St. Mark's United Methodist Church is located at 37 East Main Street, Mount Joy.



Kindly inform the church office of names to be included on the All Saints list.

## All Saints Sunday—November 5th

Trinity will celebrate All Saints Sunday during worship on Sunday, November 5th.

If you have a special person who passed away this year, and you would like their name

to be included in the list of remembrances shared during the worship services, please contact someone in the church office at (717) 653-4168.



*Secret Sisters has started.*

For those participating, don't forget to pray for your sister every day. And try to reach out to her every now and then with a quick message, card, or note in her church mailbox.

## Alyssa's Bedtime Stories Christmas Collection Ends Nov. 12th

Want to make a child's Christmas a little brighter? Trinity's Moms Group is collecting items for Alyssa's Bedtime Stories, an organization that donates new books and pajamas to children in need as gifts during the Christmas and Hanukkah season.

The organization has received a generous donation of books

from a local bookstore, but are in need of pajamas and other bedtime necessities. Please see the donation board near Bagel Café for suggestions. Trinity is hoping to provide packages to 100 boys and girls in Lancaster County who may be experiencing homelessness.

Please have donations returned to Trinity by Sunday, November

12th, so they can be packaged during our annual Packing and Pizza Party Night on Friday, November 17th.

For more information, please contact Jessica Good at [singlejess1@comcast.net](mailto:singlejess1@comcast.net).



Donation tags displayed near Bagel Café.

## Christmas Packing & Pizza Party—Friday, November 17th

Trinity Moms Group is hosting a Packing and Pizza Party on Friday, November 17th from 6:00-8:00pm. After a shared meal and fellowship, everyone will work together to pack 100 gift packages for Alyssa's Bedtime Stories! This event is open to anyone in the church; all ages are welcome.

This is a great volunteer opportunity for families to enjoy together. Please sign up with your name, number attending, and if you can bring a side dish or dessert to share. The Moms Group will provide pizza and drinks.

Contact Jessica Good for more information.



Everyone is welcome to join in this fun holiday tradition!



## Joyful Journeys Travels Through the Western U.S. in November

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

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

el adventure? Then this fellowship group is for you!

Joyful Journeys meets on the first Sunday of every month during the school year from 4:00-6:00 p.m. in the church library.

During the November 5th meet-

ing Marc and Linda Spiridigliozzi will share their recent trip out west, including Nevada, Arizona, Colorado, Wyoming and Idaho.

Come join us! All are welcome!



Share your travels, or plan your next adventure!

## Wings and Conversation at Joy's Tavern—November 6th at 6PM

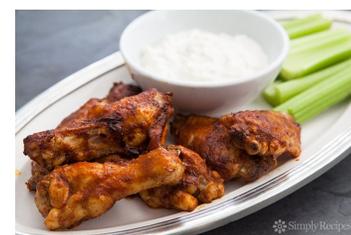
Hey guys... do you like chicken wings? Are you interested in a happy hour at our neighbor Joy's Tavern to enjoy some wings and discuss life in a spiritual context?

Stop in on the first Mondays of each month at 6:00 PM for Wings and Conversation with Pastor Matt.

You can swing by for a minute on the way home or you can make it

a monthly outing; we'll be there trying different sauces and solving the problems of the world... in our own minds, anyway!

Mark November 6th on your calendar... see you there!



November 6th beginning at 6:00PM



Can you lend a hand for an hour or two?

## Volunteers Needed for Trinity Grounds Fall Clean-Up—Nov. 18th

“THANK YOU” so much to our few Trinity members who have consistently helped with the gardens this summer! This was greatly appreciated and kept the grounds looking wonderful!

The Fall season is upon us and the majority of grounds work will probably be raking leaves around

the church building and our auxiliary lot. Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 18th at 9:00AM, as the more hands we have, the easier the job will be for everyone. There may also be a small amount of pruning, pulling of dead plants and gathering

debris, so bring your work gloves! A sign up sheet can be found at the rear of the sanctuary and don't forget your rake too! Any questions can be directed to Tracey Olson, [traceyoviking@embarqmail.com](mailto:traceyoviking@embarqmail.com).



Volunteers needed to help plan this event!

## Save the Clothes—Save the Date! Clothing Giveaway—Jan. 27th

As the colder weather approaches, please keep in mind Trinity's Annual Clothing Give Away! It's really not that far away! New and gently used clothing of all sizes are very much in need for our community. Don't forget to mention our event to friends and co-workers as their clothing donations are appreciated too!

Please bundle in bags marked by gender and size as this was extremely helpful last year. The event date will be Saturday, January 27, 2018 with the storage POD delivery on January 3rd.

Watch for postings and sign-up sheets on the Outreach Bulletin Board for this cannot be suc-

cessful without Team Trinity volunteers.

Elayne Olson is looking for help in planning this event and also in set-up. Email her at [elayne@trinitymountjoy.org](mailto:elayne@trinitymountjoy.org) if you can share a small amount of time.

### Spiritual Truth Seekers

Adult Education Class  
Sundays 9:45 a.m.—Room 209

In November this class will be discussing:

*Echoes of the Reformation: Five Truths that Shape Christian Life*



*Timbers Christmas Luncheon*

Featuring Donegal High School's Rhythm Singers

Monday, December 4th - 11:00 a.m.

**Save the date!**

# November 2017

*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> 9am– Yoga 10am– Pastor Foltz's Bible Study 5:45pm– Sr. High Supper Club 6:15pm– Children's Choir 6:45pm– K-8 BOLD	<b>2</b> 9am-Quilting 9:30am– Women's Bible Study 7:30pm–Cantata Practice 8pm–Chancel Choir	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 9am– Fellowship Mtg
<b>5</b> 9am– Cantata Practice 9:45am– Children's Choir 3:30pm– Barn Party 4pm– Joyful Journeys	<b>6</b> 9am– Yoga 9am– Mom's Group 6pm– Comfort Stitchers 6pm– Wings & Conversation	<b>7</b> 11:15am-Seasoned Men's Group	<b>8</b> 9am– Yoga 10am– Pastor Foltz's Bible Study 5:45pm– Sr. High Supper Club 6:15pm– Children's Choir 6:45pm– K-8 BOLD 6:45pm– Finance Committee	<b>9</b> 9am-Quilting 9:30am– Women's Bible Study 7:30pm–Cantata Practice 8pm–Chancel Choir	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 11am– Water Street Mission
<b>12</b> Alyssa's Bedtime Stories Collection Ends 9am– Cantata Practice	<b>13</b> 9am– Yoga	<b>14</b> 11:15am-Seasoned Men's Group 7pm– Congregational Council	<b>15</b> 9am– Yoga 10am– Pastor Foltz's Bible Study 5:45pm– Sr. High Supper Club 6:15pm– Children's Choir 6:45pm– K-8 BOLD	<b>16</b> 9am-Quilting 9:30am– Women's Bible Study 7:30pm–Cantata Practice 8pm–Chancel Choir	<b>17</b> 9am– Mom's Group 6pm– Holiday Packing & Pizza Party	<b>18</b> 9am– Fall Clean-Up
<b>19</b> 9am– Cantata Practice	<b>20</b> 9am– Yoga	<b>21</b> 11:15am-Seasoned Men's Group	<b>22</b> 9am– Yoga 10am– Pastor Foltz's Bible Study 7pm– Thanksgiving Eve Service	<b>23</b> <b>Thanksgiving Day</b> 	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
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## 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	Open
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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