

Trinity Lutheran Church



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From Pastor Mike: “ROOTS, And Growing For the Future”

To everything there is a season,
 A time to plant, a time to reap,
 A time to build up,
 A time to stop and regroup...

A few months ago, my expectation was that the October newsletter article would be filled with news about our capital campaign and emerging plans for changes to our building.

But...it didn’t happen.

After two and a half weeks of “Focus Group” meetings, staff and council realized several things.

First, the meetings were sparsely attended. There was no way we could get an accurate reading of the attitude of the congregation towards the proposed changes from such a small sampling of members.

Second, the reactions we did receive ranged from real excitement about the proposal to opposition to changes in our building layout. All of this can be expected in this type of discussion, especially at the beginning of a campaign. But with so little opportunity to discuss the pros and cons with more members, no clear direction could be determined.

Third, many were concerned about the cost of a campaign consultant.

Fourth, simple timing. National unrest, hurricanes, and a call to provide relief to those in need makes this a hard time to consider changes that we can, in the end, live without for the time being.

Finally, there is also some misunderstanding floating around “out there.”

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Worship & First Communion with Bishop Dunlop on October 8th

Join us for a special Sunday on October 8th! Our bishop, the Rev. James Dunlop, will be with us all morning, and will preside over First Communion for some of our young members during the 11:00AM service.

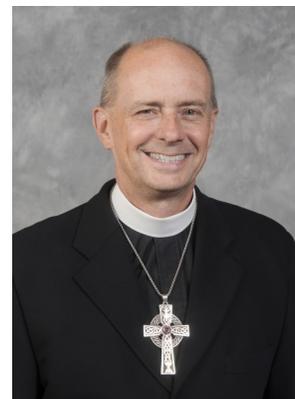
Please join us this very special Sunday, and take an opportunity to meet our bishop! The bishop’s schedule for the morning will be:

- 8:30 a.m. Meet & Greet

- 9:45 a.m. Coffee Talk
- 11:00 a.m. Worship

Also, if you are interested in having your child begin to receive communion, please contact Pastor Matt about our First Communion Instruction to be held on Tuesday, September 26th at 6:30 p.m.

If you are unable to make that time, perhaps a separate time can be arranged for your child.



Take a moment to meet our bishop!



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Pastor Mike's Message: (Continued from Page 1)

Some folks, who had not attended groups, thought the entire amount for the campaign would be directed toward the modifications on our main floor. In actuality, much of the campaign was to be directed at: Phase One costs, the replacement of our three front doors, and other modifications that are strong needs (see below):

Phase I Costs (completed)—	\$296,000
Front Door Replacement—	101,000
Elevator Replacement—	25,000
Outdoor Sign—	<u>40,000</u>
Total :	\$462,000

Phase One costs and the Front Door replacement have been covered through our savings/endowments, and our constitution requires that we repay this loan to ourselves. The elevator and sign would be “new” costs.

The rest of the campaign would be directed toward the modifications to the main floor. These modifications, including architectural costs, project management,

cleaning, and equipment for the modified work areas would be \$586,000.

The firm we contracted to help raise funds has a practice of locating a consultant in the area being served who then works with the staff on a daily basis. As you can guess, this is not inexpensive, but we should note (as we have released the consultant) that there will be a cost to raising money (unless a lot of volunteers rise up) regardless of how we do this. Your staff is working far too hard to suddenly be expected to become a fundraising committee.

So, we now are in a situation where we need to consider, as a congregation, the direction we will take in the months ahead.

Speaking for the staff, we see great benefit in pursuing the plans. This congregation aches for spaces where simple conversation and relationship building can occur. Because of this, we are willing to give up the niceties of personal office space and work in a smaller, group setting. We feel that creating “ministry space” out of our cur-

rent “work space” will result in great benefits to the congregation.

This idea was borne out of a process that has now been going on for several years with trusted members and staff brainstorming and injecting input into the question: “How can we live a better life together?” Whether or not this renovation occurs, I remain committed to continuing to ask, and answer, that question.

In the meantime, note that we are still paying for the work that we have approved as a congregation. Donations to our “Building Fund” continue to make those payments, and I encourage you to consider helping us in this area. (However, please don't take money from your “Unified Fund” donations to do this!)

Finally, I don't consider this, ultimately, to be a negative step for Trinity. Life is a walk, a process. We've simply taken a step back. Sometimes? That's the only way to see what lies ahead with clarity.



Front Porch Church

Musicians of all ages are invited to join our “Front Porch” band. Sign up in the back of the church.

Front Porch Church— A New Worship Experience Coming to Trinity!

Do you play an instrument? Would you love to play in church but don't want to be a soloist? Front Porch Church is your chance to play!

On October 15th we will try something new at our 11:00 Service. We will gather in worship much like folks used to gather on the Front Porch to sing songs of faith!

All instruments, except keyboards, will be welcome. (Sorry, we just can't accommodate

multiple keyboards!) Two practices will be held on Sundays Oct. 1st & 8th at 6 p.m.

Our hope is this will give kids and casual musicians the chance to play along with more seasoned instrumentalists in a way that will be both fun and educational.

In order to ensure that we have proper “parts” for everyone, signing up beforehand will be a plus! Guitarists, uke/mando players, and bassists will work

off chords. Other instrumentalists will receive parts as their instrument requires, but this can only happen with sign ups!

And...Praise Choir is being re-vamped and will be featured at the service! (So if you want to sing, here's your chance!) The choir will rehearse at the same time as the musicians!

See the sign up in church and on the window of room 209! Join us as we celebrate our God in a new, fun way!

Harvest Party—October 25th at BOLD

It's Autumn – and that means BOLD is getting ready for a Harvest Party! Join us on Wednesday October 25th at normal BOLD times for fun with friends! We'll have active games, harvest snacks, and creativity with pumpkins. Don't miss it!



A fun night at BOLD celebrating God's blessings.

BOLD Children & 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.

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!



NEW Fall Hike Night—October 4th at 5:30 PM

Our spring hike is such a popular event each year, we have decided to add a fall outdoor night to the calendar! Join us on the trail with nature experts as we learn about God's big world and have fun with friends.

The evening will begin at 5:30 pm at the Girl Scout Trail at Chickies Rock County Park. We will meet

under the pavilion in the Chickies Day Use Area accessible from Long Lane (between route 23 and 441). Map: co.lancaster.pa.us/DocumentCenter/View/4585.

All youth groups – PreK through 12th grade - will meet at the same location this year. Families are invited to stay and take part

in the hike too. The trail will not accommodate strollers – please plan accordingly with little ones!

Be sure to wear long pants, high socks, good walking shoes, and layered jackets or sweatshirts. The sun sets at 6:42 pm; we plan to end our hike around 6:30 pm. See you on the trail!



A great night for our youth!

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. Macaroni & cheese, hotdogs,

beverages, and paper products will be provided.

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

- 3:30: kids register, games
- 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 dinner
- 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.

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Wednesday Night Schedule:

5:45pm - 7:15pm

- *Sr. High Supper Club*

6:15 pm - 6:45 pm

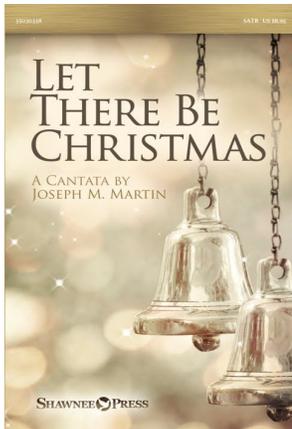
- *Children's Choir*

6:15 pm - 7:15pm

- *Preschool BOLD for ages 4 and 5*

6:45 pm - 7:45pm

- *Elementary & Teen BOLD*



Rehearsals begin October 8th!
Everyone welcome to be a part!

Announcing a New Christmas Cantata for 2017! Practice Begins!

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, Festival Choir rehearsals begin Sunday, October 8th, and will continue twice a week until the event. The rehearsal schedule is 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!



It's the 500th anniversary of the Reformation

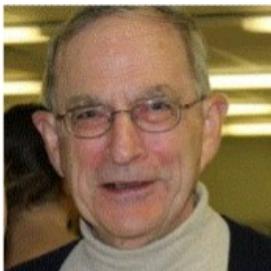
Reformation 500 Bookstore at Trinity

The 500th anniversary of the Reformation is fast approaching! Do you want to learn more about Martin Luther, his writings, and the impact on Christianity? Do you want to reflect on the ongoing impact of the Reformation today? Stop by our Reformation 500 Bookstore to shop for engaging books on the Reformation for readers of all ages and inter-

ests! Save up to 50% plus receive free shipping on all Bookstore titles.

The Bookstore will be in the back of the sanctuary on Sunday October 8th and 15th between worship, or during the week. All orders and payments will be due by Sunday, October 22nd. Contact the church office with any questions.

Our Bookstore is sponsored by Augsburg Fortress, the publishing ministry of the ELCA. The books will include bestselling biographies like *Luther the Reformer*, as well as *An Atlas of the European Reformations*, and various types of illustrated books and novels for young readers of all ages.



Bible study begins Oct. 4th at Trinity.

Pastor Foltz's Wednesday Bible Study Begins October 4th

Pastor Foltz's Wednesday bible study will begin its Fall sessions on October 4th at 10:00 a.m. As we approach the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, the first gatherings of this bible study will look at Martin Luther's life and theology.

Everyone is welcome!

If you are unable to make Wednesday mornings, Pastor Foltz also has an on-line course at frontlinestudy.com. His discussion of Luther's Small Catechism began in early September and continues through October.

Beginning November 1st, Pastor Foltz will expand on a lecture he will be giving at La Roche College that argues the Lutheran and Roman Catholic narratives are obsolete after Vatican II.

You can participate in the on-line course at <http://frontlinestudy.com>.



Join us for this fun, fellowship event!

Timbers Paint and Lunch Event

Fellowship will be hosting the Timbers Group on Monday, October 2nd at 11:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Karen McCrady, Trinity member and owner of Crafter Hours in Mount Joy, will lead everyone in an Au-

tumn-inspired painting project. All paint supplies will be provided and everyone will be able to take their painting home that day to proudly display for friends and family. No special skills or expertise required, just come

and enjoy some fellowship and fun. Lunch will follow the painting session. Please sign up in the back of the sanctuary or contact the church office.

Everyone is welcome!

Alyssa's Bedtime Stories Christmas Collection Begins!

It is never too early to think about Christmas!

This year, Trinity Moms Group will partner with "Alyssa's Bedtime Stories" for their Christmas Outreach Project. Books open the doors of our imagination. For children, reading is more than just a pastime; it's a window into a better world.

How can you help this year?

Beginning Sunday, October 22nd, look for the display of tags representing books, pajamas, small toy items and some personal care items for children. Each tag will list "boy" or "girl" and an age. Place the new, unwrapped items at the display area by Sunday, November 12th.

Moms Group will host a "Packing and Pizza" party on Friday, No-

vember 17th at 6:00pm to match age appropriate items together and assemble them into bags to be given to the local, non-profit, "Alyssa's Bedtime Stories". Plan to participate in this intergenerational event, and hear from the family what inspired Alyssa, at age 10, to bring joy to other children.



Look for the donation tags beginning October 22nd

Secret Sister Ministry Forming at Trinity Now!

Calling all "sisters" of Trinity! Would you like to become a silent prayer partner and secret "up-lifter" of another woman at Trinity, while having a "sister" lift you as well?

Trinity's new "Secret Sister" program is now forming. This is an outreach ministry for women in our congregation. If you wish to participate, you will be given a name of someone that will be your Secret Sister for the next

six months. You become her silent prayer partner and her secret "up-lifter" by praying for her, and sending notes and cards that will surely bring a smile to her face. She will not know who you are. Likewise someone will be caring for you in that way too.

Our program is for ALL WOMEN in the church (ages 18+). It will begin Sunday, October 8th and run through Sat, March 17th, 2018. We will reveal names at

our spring women's event "We Pray Together, Let's Play Together."

If you are interested, please fill out the information sheet found in the back of the sanctuary. Return the completed form to the drop box by Sunday, October 1st.

Please contact Jessica Good if you have any questions.



Please complete the information sheet by October 1st.

Joyful Journeys Now Meets First Sunday of Each Month

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 will meet the first Sunday of every month during the school year from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the church library.

Please contact Alison Hoke-Fitts

for more information or if you have an "adventure" you would like to share.



Share your travels, or plan your next adventure!

Wings and Conversation at Joy's Tavern

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 first Mondays from 5-6 PM beginning October 2nd 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 October 2nd on your calendar... see you there!



October 2nd, 5:00-6:00PM

Affiliate Program



**Donegal Power Pack Project—
Distribution begins Oct. 5th**

Donegal Power Packs—Help Make Our Third Year a Success!

Beginning October 5th, weekend food bags, containing a recipe, the ingredients to make a meal, a few extra items and an educational “tip sheet” will be distributed to registered students in the Primary and Intermediate schools. The project is run strictly by community volunteers.

On Thursdays we pull food items, pack the bags and distribute at the end of the school day.

Help us empower the families of Donegal School District.

Can't help during the day on Thursdays? Administration opportunities are also available. Contact Elayne Olson 653-4168, donegalpowerpacks@gmail.com with any questions.



Volunteer to aid those in need around the globe.

Mission Packing Project at GAIN Warehouse—October 18th-21st

GAIN Logistics Center at 1506 Quarry Road, Mount Joy, will be open October 18 - 21, 2017 free of charge to volunteers. The center operates year-round to receive, process, pack and ship humanitarian supplies to people in need around the globe.

Join others in the community and bring family and friends during the week for this event. “Come when you can; and leave when you must.” The warehouse will be open Wednesday - Saturday from 8:30am - 4:30pm, and also Wednesday from 6:00 - 8:00pm.

Go to their website, www.gainusa.org and register online. Contact Elayne Olson if you would like to get a group from Trinity together.



Please share your college student's address with the church office.

Care Packages to be Mailed in October!

By now our college students have settled into a routine and will soon be preparing for fall exams. Help us share an encouraging word and prayer, as well as a care package to brighten their time away from home.

The back of the Sanctuary through October. Simply choose an envelope, place a donation inside (\$5 is recommended) and return the envelope in an offering plate by Sunday, October 29th. Feel free to include a personal note that can be included with the mailing.

The Outreach Committee would like to do the same for any Trinity Military Personnel, family or friends. Therefore, let us know any names and addresses that can be included in this mailing. Information can be forwarded to elayne@trinitymountjoy.org.

A display of envelopes with each student's name will be placed in

Spiritual Truth Seekers

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

In October this class will be discussing:

The Fall Holy Days:
comparing Jewish & Christian holidays



Echoes of the Reformation: Five Truths that Shape Christian Life



Save Your Clothing For January

Trinity's Annual Clothing Give-Away

Coming January 27, 2018!



Bagel Café is Back!

Sundays between services
Proceeds benefit the
National Youth Gathering Fund.



October 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.

1 9:45am & 11am– Children’s Choir 4pm– Joyful Journeys 6pm–Front Porch Practice	2 9am– Yoga 9am– Mom’s Group 11am–Timbers 6pm– Comfort Stitch- ers	3 11:15am-Seasoned Men’s Group	4 9am– Yoga 10am– Pastor Foltz’s Bible Study 5:30pm– BOLD Fall Hike Night	5 9am-Quilting 9:30am– Women’s Bible Study 7:30pm–Chancel Choir	6	7 9am– Fellowship Mtg
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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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