

Trinity Lutheran Church



Upcoming Events:

- Choir Practice Begins—Sept. 1st
- Adult Game Night—Sept. 2nd
- Fellowship Meeting—Sept. 3rd
- TrinArty Small Group—Sept. 6th
- Water Street Mission—Sept. 10th
- Rally Day—Sept. 11th
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- Outreach Meeting—Sept. 13th
- TrinOlympics—Sept. 14th
- Comfort Stitchers Sunday—Sept. 18th
- Acolyte/Crucifer Training—Sept. 18th
- Trinity Mom's Group—Sept. 19th
- Alive! 2016—Sept. 23rd-25th
- New Members Class—Sept. 25th
- Rocky Boy Collection Ends—Sept. 25th
- Timbers Luncheon—Sept. 29th

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Pastor Matt's Message: "Clear the Decks"

I stand in the empty sanctuary and picture the summer that was. Children were welcomed in baptism. Young couples were united in marriage. Old friends were laid to their last rest. The room rocked to the sounds of VBS songs, and choir camp songs, and worship songs. Mission trips were commissioned and sent out, and celebrated upon their return. Friends went on vacation, and returned with pictures of their adventures with Flat JJ. And all of the things that happened in here, in this room, were only the central expression of a congregation that tended gardens and went camping and served the needy and created pillowcase dresses and collected food and clothes and honored emergency personnel and shared food and fellowship and fun and did SO many other things in SO many places, inside and out. It was glorious! It was our "slow time." I grin to myself as I think how ridiculous that sounds.



There's an old Navy expression from the days of wooden ships and cannons that's used commonly: "clear the deck." Get all of the unnecessary stuff out of the way; tie it down or remove it so that it's not rolling around in here, so that we don't trip over it or get caught up in it while we're doing the important work, fighting the next battle, focusing our attention and energy. That's kind of why I'm in the sanctuary; in the course of Sunday morning, I tend to leave a folder here and a water bottle there, some bulletins here and a few peppermint wheels there, a Bible here and... you get the picture. I want to "clear the deck" during this quiet time, make sure that all of my stuff is out of the way before the next service, the next adventure, the next time that this place is filled with life and energy. I don't want to trip over it! And I especially don't want anybody else to, either.

I think, too, about all the times this summer that we "cleared the deck": setting up for all of the things that we did, tearing down afterwards so that we could move on to the next thing, clearing the deck again and again for the work to be done and the food to be served and the songs to be sung and the lives to be blessed and mourned and renewed, again and again and again. We tend to move quickly around here, even during "slow time." We always have something that's coming up next. We need to clear the deck.

I stand in the empty sanctuary and picture the fall that will be, very soon. Our education programs will be back in full swing. Our music programs will be, too. Our outreach and service will be even greater. Our worship times together will be incredible. It won't be "slow time," in any sense. There will be so many things to set up, so much to prepare for, over and over again. I will need to keep the deck cleared, and so will we all.

But as I stand here, ready to clear the deck, I appreciate this moment so much: the quiet, the warmth, the beauty, the sanctuary. It is not full now, though it will be. It is not noisy now, though it will be. I am here alone now, though I won't be for long. I take a deep breath and treasure the feel of this space, knowing that it will feel differently soon. And that the feeling, the noise, the spirit, the buzz, the fall that is to come will be GREAT! First, though

... I breathe deeply. I let the quiet surround me and soak into me. I feel the sunlight through the stained glass. I smell the wood and the years. I breathe deeply. I take and treasure this moment.

Fall is practically here. Take your moments. Clear your decks. And get ready for all the fun and the work and the ministry (and the mayhem?!) to begin.



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Trinity is so blessed!

“Thank You” to All Who Shared Their Talents This Summer

Our sincere thanks is extended to all the people who contributed their musical talents over the summer for the Traditional service.

From June through August, we enjoyed uplifting music presented by vocalists Tara Beitzel, Elayne Olson, Cathey Fitzgerald,

Reita King, Gretchen Enterline, Katie Miller, and Erica Wolgemuth-Johnson. In addition, Trinity was treated to a special performance by the cast of Susquehanna Stage’s “Big River”.

Instrumental music was provided by Carol Miller, Beth Parker, Laurie Miller, Susan Craine, Bo

Weaver, Jennifer Haas, Madison Watson, Jess Kling, and Pat Enos. Trinity has so much excellent talent!

Sharon Levering played as organ substitute for two Sundays.

Thanks to all for using your gifts to the glory of God.



Everyone is welcome!

Chancel Choir Begins in September! Please Join Us!

Hope you all had a wonderful, hot summer to recharge and have fun. We’re gearing up for choir rehearsals to begin again!

Chancel Choir rehearsals will begin September 1st. We sing at the 9:45 Traditional Service between September and May with rehearsals on Thursdays from 7:30pm–8:30pm. We are always looking for new members to join us! We are especially in need of tenors and altos. Please consider joining us if you love to sing! Our first Sunday to sing in church is September 11th.

The Christmas Cantata has been scheduled for Sunday, December 18, 2016. This year’s Cantata will be *Let Heaven and Nature Sing Gloria: A Worship Celebration* by Mark Hayes. A dress rehearsal for choir members will be held on Saturday, December 17th from 10:00am–12:00pm. Cantata rehearsals will be slightly different than in years past. Cantata rehearsals will be held on Thursday evenings (beginning October 6) from 7:30pm–8:30pm. Chancel Choir will shift their rehearsal schedule during

cantata season to 8:30pm–9:00pm. There will be no Sunday rehearsals. If you are unable to attend the Thursday night cantata rehearsals but would like to sing in the cantata, please contact Tara Beitzel.

The Palm Sunday Cantata has been scheduled for April 9, 2017. More information about that cantata will be coming in December.

We hope to see you at one of these rehearsals soon!!

Frontline Study
with Fritz Foltz

New study begins September 7th

New On-line Faith Formation Series Begins on September 7th!

Pastor Fritz Foltz will begin a new Frontline Study course on September 7th.

This on-line course will try to answer the question “How can we live as Christians in a secular society whose values are

increasingly the exact opposite of the Gospel’s?”

Those who desire can supplement the lessons by reading Joan Chittister’s *Wisdom Distilled From the Daily: Living the Rule of St. Benedict*.”

To participate, just follow along at <http://frontlinestudy.com> or follow the link on Trinity’s website page.



Join in the kick-off of our Sunday morning programming

Rally Day Kicks Off Another ROC Year—September 11th

Join us for refreshments and fun as we kick off another year of “Raised on Christ (ROC)!” The program will begin in the Fellowship Hall at 9:45 a.m. We’ll have balloons, table games, breakfast foods, and updates about the faith formation year ahead.

This year we are offering online registration! Please take a moment and register your child(ren) today. Registration link: www.tinyurl.com/trinitymtjoyregi stration.

After the opening, teachers will

be introduced and will shepherd children and their families to their classrooms for activities and orientations. Friends are always welcome at Trinity! Invite a neighbor to ROC and bring them along with you to Rally Day!

“Spiritual Truth Seekers” Class Sets Class Schedule

The Spiritual Truth Seekers (STS) adult education class begins another season on Sunday, September 18th. This class meets weekly at 9:45 a.m. in Room 209.

This year’s discussion schedule is as follows:

Sept 18– Oct 9: *Ministry to the Incarcerated with guest leader, Dr. Henry Covert*

As a retired police officer and state prison chaplain, Dr. Covert will be discussing the obstacles and benefits of prison ministry, including his own ministry to the last person executed in Pennsylvania.

Oct 16–30: *I am “n” (part 1)*
“This powerful video curriculum presents the true stories of Christians facing Islamic extremists

around the world and how they challenge our faith.”

Nov 6–Dec 11: *The Christmas Experience*

“The miraculous events of Christmas come alive through Kyle Idleman’s dramatic storytelling and challenging teaching. Participants will discover anew God’s plan to restore humanity to himself.”

Jan 8–22: *I am “n” (part 2)*

We continue the 6-part series which was begun in October.

Jan 29–Feb 26: *Half Truths by Adam Hamilton*

Join Adam Hamilton in searching for the whole truth by comparing common Christian clichés to the message and ministry of Jesus.

Mar 5–Apr 2: *Mormons: Who They Are, What They Believe*

What makes the Mormon Church distinctive and how does it differ from other Christian churches? This Bible study will look at the group’s origins (Joseph Smith, the Book of Mormon, Brigham Young, and others); the discrepancy between Mormon beliefs and orthodox Christian teaching and faith; the meaning of some Mormon rituals and the prominence of the temple in the life of a Mormon.

Apr 9–Apr 30: *The Christ Files: A Search for the Real Jesus*

“Who was Jesus – really? Has the real Jesus been so buried by tradition and legend that he is now lost to people living in the 21st century?”



Join us Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m. in Room 209

“Coffee Talk” Begins September 18th

This Fall, adults at Trinity once again have the opportunity to grow in faith and fellowship at “Coffee Talk”.

This adult education group meets Sunday mornings during the ROC hour beginning at 9:45 a.m. in the church library.

Coffee Talk provides a great opportunity for members to connect

with other members through casual fellowship and faith-centered discussions.

This group will begin the fall session with “*Ministry to the Incarcerated*” by Dr. Henry Covert. We will be partnering with the STS class during this 5 week session.

This year, Coffee Talk will use some new discussion formats. In

addition to the various video series throughout the year, there will be weeks we will be discussing questions posed by Pastor Mike and Pastor Matt designed to get us thinking about our faith.

So grab your coffee (or tea), and join this group in the library as we grow in faith and community together!



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Women’s Bible Study Begins Thursday, September 10th

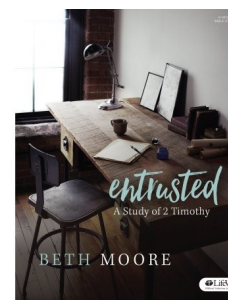
Trinity’s Women’s Bible Study will meet Thursday mornings beginning September 15th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. This group will begin the new season with a 6-week study entitled “Entrusted” by Beth Moore. This study of 2 Timothy encourages us to use

the gifts entrusted to us to share Christ with others.

All women are invited to join the bible study. There is a requested donation of \$14 for the member’s study guide.

If you are interested in joining the

group or would like more information, please contact Linda Spiridigliozzi at lindaqvc@centurylink.net or Beth Schairer at dbschairer@gmail.com.



Women’s Bible Study returns this Fall!



BOLD begins September 16th

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Wednesday night youth programming

TrinOlympics 2016—September 14th

Get ready for a crazy night of games featuring your favorite movies! From Disney Princesses and Finding Dory, to a Henry Potter game of Quidditch and Alice in Wonderland croquet, you are bound to have a great time with friends new and old!

The event will be held from 6:00 to 7:30 pm on Wednesday, September 14 beginning and ending in the Fellowship Hall. The majority of games will take place in the parking lot around the church. Children and youth ages 4 through grade 12 and their families are invited to join in on the fun. This year we are offer-

ing online registration! Please take a moment and register your child(ren) today. Registration link: www.tinyurl.com/trinitymtjoyre gistration.

We can't wait to see you as we kick off our BOLD youth year!

BOLD Program for Pre-K through 12th Grade

Back to school means back to BOLD – and we are so excited to begin our year with all of you! BOLD is Trinity's mid-week program that teaches children and youth to be BOLD for Christ in all they do and say. The night is filled with games, fun, storytelling, crafts, discussions, and more! We meet on Wednesday nights and have classes for ages 4 through 12th grade. This year we are offering online registration! Please take a moment and register your child(ren) today. Registration link: www.tinyurl.com/trinitymtjoyregis tration. All are welcome to join us, so bring a friend!

Class times and locations are as follow:

- 5:45 – 7:15 pm: Sr. High Supper Club, Trinity Place first floor (drop in when you can; dinner is provided!)
- 6:15 – 6:45 pm: Children's Choir for Grades K-5, choir Room
- 6:15 – 7:15 pm: PreK BOLD for Children ages 4 and 5, first room on the right, first floor education wing
- 6:45 – 7:45 pm: Elementary/Jr. High BOLD groups meet
- * K-1 BOLD, begins and ends in room 102 off the Fellowship Hall
- * Grades 2-3 BOLD, begins in the comfy couch room across

from the choir room, ends in the Fellowship Hall

* Tween BOLD, Grades 4-5, meets in the Old Fellowship Hall

* Jr. High BOLD, Grades 6-8, begins in the Fellowship Hall, ends in Trinity Place, second floor

BOLD calendars with the events of the year were mailed out in August. If you did not receive one, you can download a copy from our website or pick up a hard copy at the youth bulletin board at Trinity.

See you all at BOLD beginning with TrinOlympics on September 14th!



Alive 2016—September 23-25

It's Time for Alive 2016!

Grab those crazy socks and get ready for a wonderful weekend at Nawakwa! In September of each year Jr. High youth from around the synod gather together for a weekend of fellowship, fun, and learning. The deadline for registering for this September 23-25 trip has passed; but there

still may be room! Contact Michelle Shirk for more information. This is an event you won't want to miss!

All youth in grades 6 through 8 as of Fall 2016 are eligible to attend. Friends are invited to join you as well! Trinity's fee is \$80 per person. Registration

forms are available at the youth bulletin board and online. See what Alive is all about in this video created by our youth: www.tinyurl.com/lssalive.

We can't wait for you all to join us for this all-time favorite weekend in the God's great big outdoors!

Acolyte/Crucifer Training– September 18th

Serving in worship is a great way for children and youth to learn more about our church. Through volunteering as acolytes and crucifers, our teens also help with traditions that are important to many people. For those new to this type of service, or for those who need a refresher, the acolyte/crucifer

training will be held on Sunday, September 18th. Pastor Matt will meet with students immediately following the 11:00 service in the front of the sanctuary.

Youth are scheduled for acolyte and crucifer beginning in fifth grade. Schedules were emailed to families a few weeks ago. If

you did not receive a copy, please contact Michelle Shirk at michelle.r.shirk@gmail.com.



Acolyte/Crucifer training
Sept. 18th

ROC Classroom Revisions for This Year

Our world is always growing and changing – as should our programs at Trinity! Last Spring, our ROC teachers and leaders took some time to review what was working, and what could use improvement. After much discussion and research, we have made a few changes to ROC that you will see this year:

Adjusted classes: It has been a wish of families and teachers to better align our ROC and BOLD classes so that they match. We have made these changes for the coming year! Our new classes and classrooms will be as follow:

- Two-year olds as of 9/11/16 will meet in the first classroom to the left, first floor education wing.
- Three-year olds as of 9/11/16 will meet in the first classroom to the right, first floor education wing.
- Four- and Five-year olds who have not yet started Kindergarten will meet in the second classroom to the right, first floor education wing.
- Kindergarten students will meet together in the last classroom on the right and around the corner, first floor ed wing.
- First Grade students will be separated from second grade

this year and will meet in a new location; the classroom directly above the Kindergarten classroom on the second floor of the education wing.

- Second and Third Grade students will be combined this year and will meet in the first room to the right on the second floor of the education wing.
- Fourth and Fifth Grades will now be joined together for the “Storytelling Through the Arts” class in the Old Fellowship Hall in the basement of the church.
- Sixth through Eighth Grade will now be a part of our new Jr. High ROC program at Trinity Place, Second Floor.
- Ninth through Twelfth grade will meet again at Trinity Place, First Floor.

New Curriculum: Finding curriculum for our students that is engaging and fun has been a challenge over the past four years. A team of ROC teachers have come together this summer to research and plan a curriculum of our own!

- Our preschool through fourth grade youth will be taking part in games, crafts, activities, and story experiences hand-picked just for them. We will be following the stories of The Beginner’s Bible by Zondervan in a three-

year scope and sequence.

- “Storytelling through the Arts” will continue as in years past, but will be for fourth and fifth grade students. This class is one of our most successful ways to build faith in kids!
- Jr. High ROC is a new concept that is a continuation of the important faith formation that occurs beginning with age two. Pastors Mike and Matt are writing this three-year curriculum that will cover the catechism, leaders of the Bible, service, worship, Spark Teams, and more.
- Sr. High ROC will continue as it has in the past, looking at world and life events through the lens of the lessons of the day.

New online registration: All of our children and youth must have completed registration forms before beginning our programs. Please log on today and register your child(ren) at: www.tinyurl.com/trinitymtjoyregistration

As always, your questions and feedback are important to us. Please contact Michelle Shirk at michelle.r.shirk@gmail.com at any time. We are excited to start our new ROC year!



Register on-line today!





God's Work. Our Hands.
Serving at Water Street Ministries

Serving at Water Street Mission—September 10th

The ELCA will hold their 4th Annual Day of Service on Sunday, September 11th! This day is already filled with activity here at Trinity, so we have scheduled Saturday, September 10th to serve at Water Street Mission for the noon meal.

How do you and your family serve in the community? Stop by the Outreach Bulletin Board and let us know! Take a card, write where you volunteer and/or what you do, and tack it on the board. Any ideas on how Trinity can reach out to

the community? Share your thoughts by email to: elayne@trinitymountjoy.org



Celebrating our children's milestones as they grow in faith.

Faith Formation Milestones at Trinity

Families and the church have the responsibility of helping our kids grow closer to God. At Trinity, we celebrate important faith steps along the journeys of our children and youth. Our "milestones" are traditions that help our youth see how God is active in their lives and remind them how much their church community loves and supports them. As our programs grow and change, our milestones are adjusted accordingly. With the changes in ROC this year, Trinity's new milestones are:

- **Birth:** A Trinity ambassador will arrange a visit with the family a few months after a child's birth. In this visit, a prayer, blessing, and children's Bible are given to welcome the child into our church family.
- **Baptism:** Baptism welcomes children into the faith and membership at Trinity. The celebration, which generally occurs in worship, includes the gift of a baby blanket, baptismal candle, and booklet for parents on the meaning of baptism.
- **Beginning ROC:** Trinity children begin ROC at age two. On Rally Day each year, children at this stage are given a JJ prayer

puppy complete with a personalized collar and prayer card.

- **First Communion:** All baptized people are welcome at Communion. At Trinity, the family and the pastor decide at what age this will occur for each child. Communion classes, which include age-appropriate explanations regarding the sacrament, are required. First communion occurs on designated Sundays and is recognized in worship. Children receive a framed copy of the Lord's Prayer on their First Communion Sunday.
- **School Blessings:** Backpack Blessings occur on a Sunday in August each year. A keychain is presented to all present as a reminder that God goes with us into the new school year.
- **Bible Presentation:** Fourth-grade students are presented with their first complete Bible on Rally Day in worship services.
- **Affirmation of Baptism:** At Trinity, we consider faith-formation a life-long process. We begin education at age 2 and continue through adulthood. By the time an eighth

grader has been through our program, they have learned the stories of our faith, have been taught the details of Lutheran Beliefs, and are ready to publicly affirm their baptisms. Affirmation of Baptism occurs in May for our eighth grade students.

- **Pilgrimage:** Senior High Youth participate in a week-long immersion mission trip to Philadelphia. Through this experience with Broad Street Ministry, they will discover God in a new way and begin to understand how God may be calling them to do God's work in this world of need. Students are presented with a Lutheran rosary at the beginning of this journey.
- **High School Graduation:** Graduates are recognized with a reception in their honor, bulletin inserts, and a presentation of a gift that will remind them that God's love goes with them into this new chapter of their lives.

Guatemala Mission Representative at Trinity—September 18th

Plan to attend worship on Sunday, September 18th as a missionary who has served in Guatemala with Tree4Hope will share their experience. There will be a brief time between services to ask any questions.

The 2017 Guatemala Mission Trip with Tree4Hope (based out

of Harrisburg) has been scheduled for July 8th to July 15th. Registration paperwork has been posted at the Mission Board (Bagel Café area). Please list your name on the sign-up sheet so you can be notified of additional information.

Once our team is established,

our personal gifts will be assessed to see how we can best serve at Hogar Miquel Magone (Boy's Orphanage) and Hogar Maria Auxiliadora (Girl's Orphanage). Note: \$100 deposit will be due by October 30, 2016. Feel free to contact Elayne Olson with any questions: elayne@trinitymountjoy.org.



Learn more on Sept. 18th!

Our Annual Rocky Boy Collection Ends This Month

For decades Trinity has partnered with Our Saviour's Lutheran Church located on the Rocky Boy Indian Reservation in Box Elder, Montana to provide layette items for young families on the reservation. This ministry is very important

for new mothers on the reservation as it supplies items typically needed to care for a newborn.

This year's collection began in February, but it's not too late to make a donation. Trinity is accepting donation until Sunday, September 25th. Please mark

"Rocky Boy" on your donation envelope.

Any questions can be directed to Carol Miller or visit their website for additional information: www.oslcrb.org



2015 Rocky Boy collection ends in September

Exciting Changes for Donegal Power Packs Project!

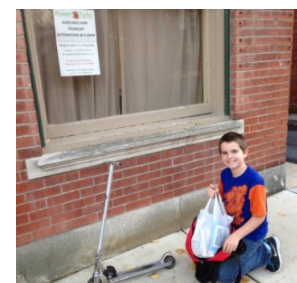
The Donegal Power Packs Project will not have to use Trinity as a distribution site this coming school year. The School District Administration has agreed to allow food packs to be given to students at the end of the day in the Primary and Intermediate Schools! This change will provide an opportunity for our project to reach

more families needing assistance.

How can you assist with this project? There are many opportunities; additional volunteers will be needed in all areas of the project as we anticipate a steady growth. A meeting for all volunteers will be held at 1:00pm on Thursday, September 15th at

Trinity in the Fellowship Hall. It is important to attend as policy changes will be reviewed; however, if you not able to make it contact Elayne Olson 653-4168 or donegalpowerpacks@gmail.com.

Your consideration is appreciated in helping to make this valuable project a success for the children of our local community.



Serving families in the Donegal School District

Clothing Give-Away Coming In January

Have your children outgrown last year's school clothes? Are their summer clothes getting too small? Bag them up for Trinity's Annual Clothing Give-Away coming January 28, 2017! There is always a shortage of smaller sized children's

clothing that is greatly needed by our local community. So please consider holding on to these items until our POD delivery the beginning of January. It is helpful if bags are marked with gender and size.

Remember to share this infor-

mation with family members, friends and co-workers!

A Task Leader, or two, will be needed to assist with this event. Please contact Elayne Olson if you are interested in helping.



Hang on to your hand-me-downs!



Trinity's Comfort Stitches

Comfort Stitches Sunday—September 18th

On Sunday, September 18th, our Comfort Stitches ministry will display several pieces of their handiwork in the back of the sanctuary. This ministry creates items that bring comfort and joy to many in our community through Hospice of Lancaster County, Warm Up America, Water Street Mission and other community organizations.

Did you know that each of the blankets received by Trinity ba-

bies at their baptism is made by the Comfort Stitches? And every one of our college freshmen receive a hand-knitted scarf to remind them they are wrapped in our love and prayers.

This ministry is primarily funded by donations. Please consider making a donation to show your support.

Comfort Stitches meet the first Monday of every month at 6:00 p.m. beginning Monday, September 12th. New members are always welcome! Patterns, needles and supplies are provided to get you started. Lessons are also available for beginners!

Please contact Jessica Johnston with any questions at jsjmemj@gmail.com.



Please keep our college students in your prayers.

Addresses Needed for College Students & Military Personnel

As your student(s) head off to college, please forward their mailing address to the church office. Trinity's Outreach and Compassion Crew groups will share an encouraging word and prayer as well as a care package to brighten their time away from home during the year.

Remember to do the same with any family or friend(s) that are serving in the military, so they may also be included.

Please have this information to the church office by Sunday, September 25th to be included in the first mailing.

You may email the address to elayne@trinitymountjoy.org, or write it on the white card and place it in the envelope provided at the Outreach bulletin board.



Flat JJ had quite a summer!

Flat JJs—Thanks for Taking Us With You This Summer!

JJ and the rest of Trinity's staff would like to thank everyone who shared their "Flat JJ" vacation photos with us!

Flat JJ traveled to the beach, the mountains, to the lakes and canyons, Alaska, Mexico, college graduations and so many more places! It has been a lot of fun to see how you spent your summer enjoying some rest and family time. And it meant a lot that you took the time to "Love Your Church" with these photos.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone again with the start of Trinity's Fall programming.



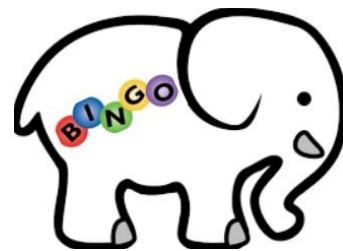
Timbers White Elephant BINGO and Luncheon- September 29th

Join the Fellowship committee as they host the Fall Timbers luncheon on Thursday, September 29th at 11:00 a.m.

Following the luncheon, we will have a fun afternoon playing White Elephant BINGO!!

Please bring along a wrapped "White Elephant" gift to be used as BINGO prizes.

Everyone is invited! Lunch will be provided. Please sign up in the back of the sanctuary or contact the church office.



Join us for an afternoon of fun!

New Members Class Scheduled for Sunday, September 25th

Have you been thinking about becoming a member of Trinity?

Pastor Mike will lead a New Members class for anyone interested in joining our congregation or for anyone interested in more information about Trinity. The class will be

held at 9:45 a.m. on Sunday, September 25th.

Please sign up in the back of the sanctuary or contact the church office at 653-4168.

New members will be received in worship on Sunday, October 2nd.



Welcome to Trinity!

Pastor Foltz's Wednesday Bible Study to Begin October 5th

Pastor Foltz's popular Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, October 5th 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, a great place for discussion, and even embarks on an occasional "field trip".

The class will begin this Fall with discussions on grace.

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!



Pastor Foltz's bible study returns this Fall

Flu Shot Clinic



For ages 9 and older

Sunday, October 16th

Representatives from Weis Pharmacy will be with us to administer the flu vaccine at Trinity.

Nasal vaccine **will not** be available.

Watch for sign up and information in the near future.

The Mount Joy Food Bank is in special need of the following items! Please donate if you can!

- Jelly
- Canned Fruit
- Any soup with beef in it
- Paper grocery bags with and without handles



Mom's Group meeting on Mondays this year!

Trinity Mom's Group Announce Fall Meeting Dates

The Trinity mom's group will once again be meeting this school year for fellowship, prayer, support, and fun! We have great discussions, shed a few tears, engage in belly laughs, and eat yummy food. We have a wonderful group of ladies with kids of all ages, from babies to teenagers! New members are always welcome!

This year, we will be meeting first and third Mondays of the month. We meet at Trinity from 9:30-11:00 and childcare is provided. Meetings are not mandatory, so if you can only come to a few meet-

ings throughout the year, that is ok.

If you are a working mom who cannot attend the meetings, but would still like to be involved with our events, be a part of our prayer circle, and would just like support from other moms, we would love to add you to our Facebook page. Please contact Jessica Good at singlejess1@comcast.net or (717) 341-2571 if you are interested in attending our meetings or if you would like to be added to our private FB page.

Our meeting dates for 2016-2017 are:

- Sept. 19
- Oct. 3 & 17
- Nov. 7 & 21
- Dec. 5 & 19
- Jan. 9 & 23
- Feb. 6
- Mar. 6 & 20
- Apr. 3
- May 1 & 15



Join in the fun, fellowship and service of our group ministries!

Group Ministries at Trinity: A Great Way to Get Connected!

There are lots of opportunities at Trinity to connect with friends old and new, to find people who share similar interests, and to work on personal spirituality, stewardship, and service in fellowship with others. Our group ministries include the following:

Mom's Group—Trinity moms meet at 9:30-11:00 a.m. the first and third Mondays during the school year for fellowship, prayer and support. For more information contact Jessica Good at 341-2571.

Trinity Travelers—Trinity's outdoor enthusiasts gather for group camping fun several times throughout the summer. Campers of all ages, in tents to RVs, are welcome! For more information, contact Molly Johndro at 361-9870.

Compassion Crew—Trinity's compassionate communicators meet at 1:30 p.m. the last Wednesday of every other month to reach out and remember our shut-in members and those in special circumstances with cards and other well-wishes. Contact Elayne Olson at 653-4168.

Timbers—Trinity retirees meet quarterly for lunch, fellowship,

and a fun event. Watch for advertised events or contact the church office for more information.

Seasoned Men—Trinity's men's group meets at Gus's restaurant every Tuesday at 11:15 a.m. for devotions and fellowship. Contact Ron Lumby at 492-9299.

TrinArty—Trinity artists meet the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. to work on individual projects together and share fellowship. For more information, contact Geoff Ottens 877-5476.

Quilters Group—Trinity quilters meet every Thursday at 9:00 a.m. to quilt individual projects and quilts. Money raised through their handiwork is donated to a charity of the group's choice. Contact Carol Miller at 653-4626 for more information.

Trinity Game Night—Trinity board and card game aficionados meet at church on the first Friday of each month at 7:00 p.m. to socialize and play various games. For more information, contact Geoff Ottens at 877-5476.

Women's Bible Study—This group gathers for two bible studies each year. The first study begins in September and the second in January. The group meets Thursday mornings from 10:00 a.m. to noon at Trinity for Bible discussions based on Beth Moore, Priscilla Schirer and similar curriculum. Contact Linda Spiridigliozzi at 575-7873 for more information.

Bible Study with Pastor Foltz—Trinity ponderers meet Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. for Bible study and discussion led by Pastor Fritz Foltz. Contact the church office for more information.

Keep an eye out for evening Bible study opportunities starting later this fall and a group for vacationers, travelers, and mission trip participants to share and compare experiences!

If you would like to participate in leading a group ministry and/or starting a new one, Pastor Matt can help you with that! Contact him at pastormatt@trinitymountjoy.org



September 2016

Traditional Worship: 9:45 am Contemporary Worship: 8:30/11:00 am

Sunday ROC Education: Children age 2 through Adult 9:45 am

				1 9am-Quilting 7:30pm- Choir Practice	2 7pm- TLC Adult Game Night	3 9am-Fellowship Meeting
4	5 OFFICE CLOSED	6 11:15am-Seasoned Men's Group 7pm- TrinARTy Small Group	7	8 9am-Quilting 7:30pm- Choir Practice	9	10 10:15am- Water Street Ministries
11 9:45am- Rally Day ELCA Day of Service	12 9am-Yoga 10:30am- Yoga 6pm- Comfort Stitchers	13 11:15am-Seasoned Men's Group 6:30pm- Outreach Meeting	14 9am- Yoga 10:30am- Yoga 6pm- TrinOlympics BOLD Kick-Off 6:45pm-Finance Committee Mtg	15 9am-Quilting 10am- Women's Bible Study 7:30pm- Choir Practice	16	17
18 Comfort Stitchers Sunday 12pm- Acolyte/ Crucifer Training	19 9am-Yoga 10:30am- Yoga 9:30am- Mom's Group	20 11:15am-Seasoned Men's Group 7pm- Congregational Council	21 9am- Yoga 10:30am- Yoga 5:45pm- Sr. Hi Sup- per Club 6:15pm-Children's Choir & PK BOLD 6:45pm- K-8 BOLD	22 9am-Quilting 10am- Women's Bible Study 7:30pm- Choir Practice	23 Alive! 2016	24 Alive! 2016
25 Alive! 2016 9:45am- New Mem- bers Class Rocky Boy Collection Ends	26 9am-Yoga 10:30am- Yoga	27 11:15am-Seasoned Men's Group	28 9am- Yoga 10:30am- Yoga 5:45pm- Sr. Hi Sup- per Club 6:15pm-Children's Choir & PK BOLD 6:45pm- K-8 BOLD	29 9am-Quilting 10am- Women's Bible Study 11am-Timbers White Elephant BINGO 7:30pm- Choir Practice	30	

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Volunteer Coordinators

Altar Duty	Cathy Hoffmaster	Greeters, 9:45	Open
Communion Assistants, 8:30	Open	Greeters, 8:30 & 11:00	Rhonda Friese
Communion Assistants, 9:45	Helene Wallauer	Lectors, 8:30	Madolin Heisey
Communion Assistants, 11:00	Open	Lectors, 9:45	Donald Miller
Communion Bread	Cathy Hoffmaster	Lectors, 11:00	Linda Boozer
		Altar Flower Delivery	Open



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