

**Upcoming Events:**

- Summer Sparks with REYS—August 1st & 8th
- Children's Choir Camp—Aug 6-10th
- Wing Men—August 6th
- REYS Backpack Assembly—Aug. 7th
- 100th Birthday Drop-In Celebration —Aug. 11th
- Choir Camp Musical—August 12th
- Church 'Indoor' Picnic—August 12th
- Water Street Mission—August 13th
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- Teacher/Leader Training— Aug.26th
- Alive Registration Deadline— August 26th

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# Trinity Lutheran Church

## From Pastor Mike: "Doing Something That Means Something"

As summer starts winding down (already), I look at the coming of fall and realize: I'm lucky.

What I do means something.

Any job can be frustrating. But my profession allows me to be with people, work with people, and help them. In all of this, they also help me. And, while it's hard sometimes to sit with the staff and ask the perplexing question of "Where should we go next?" as a church, it's nice to think our main focus is to do meaningful work for God and do it better.

Not everyone has such a privilege.

And I think it's important, for all of us, as we look to the months ahead, to be thinking about how we can do something that means something.

Life is so over-busy, and so much of what we have to do is centered on survival—not living. Making sure the kids get where they need to go. Making sure work is completed and our jobs are secure. Expending energy on what "has" to be done...even when it doesn't seem to mean much.

If life is going to mean anything, we need to make sure we give ourselves the chance to do work that is important. And sometimes? That means doing that kind of work even when you feel you don't have the energy to give.

As I write this, we are just a few days past the conclusion of Vacation Bible School (a couple of the decorations are even still up!). VBS involved 65 volunteers from Trinity—including both adults and youth. And I can promise you (promise you, promise you) that some of those volunteers got tired during the week, wished that they could have a day off in the middle, struggled to get from "real work" to the work of VBS, and so on...

But I also promise you that, as those volunteers look back on their time and interactions with the kids they served? They will see this week as a highlight of their summer.

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## Join Us In Assembling REYS Back-To-School Backpacks—Aug. 7th

"Thank you" Trinity members for supporting our school children and teachers with your donations of school supplies!

You are invited to help assemble backpacks on Tuesday, August 7th at 6:30pm.

We will meet at Rainbows End Youth Services (REYS), 105 Fairview Street, Mount Joy. If

you plan to attend, please sign up at the Outreach bulletin board so we have a volunteer count for preparations. Contact Elayne Olson with any questions.



Sign up on the Outreach Board to help.



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## Message from Pastor Mike (*Continued from Page 1*)

You see, they did something that means something.

The question becomes, can we all dig a little deeper this fall and help? ROC and BOLD need adult leaders. There's always work to do around the grounds and in the building. Fellowship always needs hands willing to cook and clean. Choir needs voices. We need lectors, communion assistants, audio-visual operators for

worship, helping hands for Power Packs and for Outreach efforts.

All of these things mean something! And helping will enrich your life and grow your faith.

Trinity needs you. Think about it!

Peace.  
Pastor Mike

### **Need To Email Pastor Mike?**

If you need to email Pastor Mike, please be sure to use one of the following email addresses:

- [pastormike@trinitymountjoy.org](mailto:pastormike@trinitymountjoy.org)
- [martine411@comcast.net](mailto:martine411@comcast.net).

His former dejazzd email no longer works.



Choir Camp for K-5th graders

## Children's Choir Camp—August 6th-10th—Register Today!

Children's Choir Camp is coming!!

This year's Choir Camp "Something Old Meets Something New" will be held Monday, August 6th through Friday, August 10th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. This camp is designed for children who just completed Kindergarten through 5th grade.

Throughout the week, the children will rehearse a children's musical, do crafts and play games. Participants are asked to bring a packed lunch. Lunch will be provided on Friday only.

After the week of hard work, the kids will share their musical with the congregation during two worship services on Sunday, August 12th..

Registration forms are available on the Music bulletin board or on our website. A donation of \$25 for the camp registration is recommended.

Don't forget to join us for our Annual Church "Picnic" following the Sunday performances on August 12th! See below for more information.



Sign up in the back of the sanctuary

## Annual Church Picnic—Sunday, August 12th—Please Sign Up!

Members of Trinity and their families are invited to join the Fellowship Committee for our Annual Church Picnic in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, August 12th following the second performance of the Children's Choir Camp Musical.

This year, the Fellowship Committee will be providing Hot Dogs, Hamburger BBQ, Salads, Chips, Watermelon and Cookies.

The congregation and their families do not need to provide

anything for the picnic, however, we would like you to sign-up, so we can estimate how much to prepare.

Please see the sign-up sheet in the back of the sanctuary, and JOIN US on Sunday, August 12th for some fun and fellowship!



Worship is followed by the church "picnic" in the Fellowship Hall.

### **Just a Reminder...**

*There are only two special services on*

**Sunday, August 12th**

**8:45 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.**



## Summer Sparks to Serve Mount Joy Children

Trinity's Jr. High ROC class has put together a summer outreach program for children in Mount Joy. With the loss of the Mount Joy Pool, Rainbow's End Youth Services was looking for new opportunities for the kids who attend their programs. Our Jr. High have stepped up to the plate to provide three afternoons of fun at Trinity!

On July 25, August 1, and August 8 we will be offering fun games, clubs, snacks, and fellowship at our church. Jr. and Sr. High youth will work together to organize cooking classes, a dance club, and an arts/crafts project that will include making fleece blankets to donate to a local charity of their choice.

Each program will begin at 3:15 pm in the fellowship hall and end at 5:15 pm. Adults are welcome to join us and assist. Background checks are required – see Michelle if you are not an Approved Adult at Trinity. Please consider being a part of these fun afternoons!



Our Jr. High youth serving others.

## Junior High Youth: Now Is The Time To Sign Up For Alive!

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 Arends-ville. 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. The \$100 registration fee and forms are due to Michelle

by Sunday, August 26. 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.



Time to register for this favorite Fall Jr. High event!

## ROC and BOLD Volunteer Training— Sunday, August 26th

All BOLD and ROC volunteers: join us for our annual training day on Sunday, August 26 at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.



We'll have refreshments, meet your teaching teams, and review information for the coming year. This training is mandated by the PA State for Child Protection purposes. If you can not attend, please contact Michelle Shirk!

## Backpack Blessings— Sunday, August 26th

Back to school time is coming! (Yeah!) Join us for a back-to-school blessing at Trinity at all three services on Sunday, August 26th.

Bring your backpack, bag or briefcase to church with you and receive a blessing and a gift at all three services.

Have a great school year everyone!





Can you help?

## Is God Calling You?

There is little more rewarding than the gift of leading a child to faith. Trinity offers so many opportunities to help children and youth understand more about God and Jesus – and we need adults for these programs!

ROC (Raised on Christ) meets on Sunday mornings from 9:45 am to 10:45 am. Lesson plans are provided with many teaching options for you to choose from. Teaching teams are in groups of four or more, so it's always easy

to find a sub for weeks that you will be away. Most teachers serve two Sundays a month, still leaving time for you to attend adult classes if you would like to.

BOLD reaches kids on Wednesday nights from 6:45 pm to 7:45 pm with fun games, crafts, and storytelling experiences all teaching kids to be “Bold for Christ in all they do and say!” We set up all materials for you and tear them down afterwards making this an easy, no-preparation way to serve. All you

must do is read over the lesson before you come that night! BOLD has teaching teams of four and a schedule for the year is provided in August. Michelle handles all subs for Wednesday nights and it's easy to get things covered.

We have openings in both programs and for all ages. Please see Michelle to learn more about how you can help mold the future generation of believers!



Come hang out.

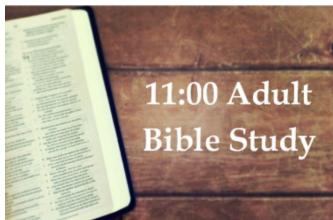
## Calling Young Adults Ages 22 to 30!

There will be a gathering of young adults with Pastor Matt (filling in for Pastor Mike) on Monday, August 20th at 6:30PM!

Come and relax at Joy's Tavern with friends for good conversation! Order dinner, something to drink, or just hang out!

And set your calendar for the third Monday of every month!

We will be gathering on the third Monday of the month (unless otherwise announced) in the year to come!



Returning this Fall!

## 11:00 Adult Bible Study Recommences in September

The 11:00 Adult Bible Study recommences in September. Led by Alex DeCaria, we will begin this year by studying the Book of Acts, using the book N.T. Wright for Everyone Bible

Study Guide – Acts. You do not need a copy of the book for the class, but you are welcome to purchase one for yourself if you desire. They are less than \$10.00 on the internet. We hope you can join us!



We appreciate your continued support!

## Summer Is Here...

Summer is here! Time for family gatherings, vacations, and weekend getaways!

The staff at Trinity hopes that you will find time to step away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life for a while to enjoy moments with your family and loved ones, and to recharge your life batteries.

Through the summer, Trinity continues to minister to those in our community, facilitate summer programs, and continues planning for Fall events.

We are excited to see everyone on the Sunday mornings you are in town. But if you wish to continue your consistent support of Trinity's budget while you are away, on-line giving is an option.

Simply go to our website at [www.trinitymountjoy.org](http://www.trinitymountjoy.org) and click on the blue donate button on the right hand side of our home page.

Thank you for being such a vital part of our ministry and all you do for Trinity!! Happy Summer!

## Wednesday Morning Bible Study Continues In August!

Wednesday Bible study meets Wednesdays at 10:00 AM in Room 209 (the Fishbowl) through August 29th. Our summer study is:

The Letter To The Romans (with special appearances by the Acts of the Apostles)!

Pastor Matt will facilitate this study for these two months, keeping the seat warm for Pastor Foltz to return in October. Join us Wednesdays at 10 AM beginning July 11; all you need is your Bible and your sense of humor!



Join Pastor Matt on Wednesday mornings this summer.

## Trinity Travelers Are Camping—August 17th-19th: All Welcome!

Trinity Travelers is our camping small group. This diverse group includes young families, empty nesters, and retirees, and campers in tents, pop-ups, travel trailers and motor homes. So any form of camping is right for this group! Everyone is invited to join in!

This group will be camping at Codorus State Park during the weekend of August 17th-19th. If you are interested in being a part of our Trinity Travelers, please email Molly Johndro at [mjohndro@comcast.net](mailto: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.

Can't make it this weekend in August? The Travelers have one more weekend scheduled on October 26th-28th at the Elizabethtown KOA.

Happy Camping!



All are welcome for a weekend of camping and fellowship.

## National ELCA “Day of Service”—Saturday, September 15th

The ELCA will hold their 6th annual “Day of Service” in September. Trinity will do their part by forming a group of volunteers to serve on Saturday, September 15th from 9:00am-12noon at the Central PA Food Bank in Harrisburg. A variety of activities may need accomplished and a large group is helpful! Please wear comfortable work

clothing and closed toe, sturdy footwear.

We will carpool from Trinity's parking lot, leaving at 8:30am. A sign-up sheet is posted in the back of the sanctuary and at the Outreach Ministry Board. Volunteers must be 12 years and older (although 12-15 years of age require a guardian).

Please direct any questions to Elayne Olson.



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Serving at the Central PA Food Bank  
Saturday, September 15th

**Wing Men**  
meets Monday, August 6th, 6:00 p.m.  
at  
Joy's Tavern





We'd like to stay in touch.

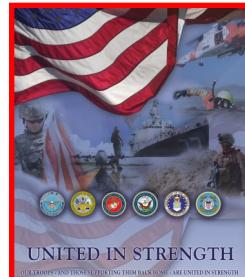
## College Bound Students, Parents and Military Families:

Yes, the time is quickly approaching when students will head off to college. Please supply us with their mailing address so we can stay in touch with cards and a care package.

The information can be submitted to the church office or emailed to

[elayne@trinitymountjoy.org](mailto:elayne@trinitymountjoy.org)

We would also like to express our appreciation to Military Personnel. Please forward any names and addresses to the church office as well so they can be included with our mailings.



"Drop-in" on Saturday, August 11th

## Virginia Schafer Turns 100—Celebrate With The Schafer Family

Trinity members, family and friends are cordially invited to a "drop-in reception" to celebrate the 100th birthday of member, Virginia Schafer. This reception will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church on Saturday, August 11th from 3:00-5:00pm.

This is quite a milestone in anyone's life and God has been good to Virginia in providing the "spunk" to live a long and independent life.

Please drop in on August 11th and celebrate this special lady.



Sign up on the Outreach Board.

## Help In The Dining Hall At Water Street Mission—August 13th

Trinity members will be responsible to serve in the dining hall at Water Street Mission on Monday, August 13th for the evening meal. We will leave Trinity's parking lot at 3:30pm and return at 6:30pm. Youth age 13-16 should be accompanied by a guardian.

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

## Save Your Clothing For 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 26, 2019!

# August 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.*

			<b>1</b> 10am– Bible Study 3pm– Summer Sparks Program	<b>2</b> 9am–Quilting	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 9am– Children’s Choir Camp 6pm—Wing Men	<b>7</b> 9am– Children’s Choir Camp 11:15am–Seasoned Men’s Group 6:30pm—REYS School Backpack Assembly	<b>8</b> 9am– Children’s Choir Camp 10am– Bible Study 3pm– Summer Sparks Program 6:45pm– Finance Committee	<b>9</b> 9am– Children’s Choir Camp 9am–Quilting	<b>10</b> 9am– Children’s Choir Camp	<b>11</b> 3pm—Virginia Schaefer 100th Birthday Drop-In Celebration
<b>12</b> <b>Special Worship Times</b> 8:45am & 10:30am—Worship & Choir Camp Musical 12pm—Church Picnic (Indoors)	<b>13</b> 4pm—Serve at Water Street Mission	<b>14</b> 11:15am–Seasoned Men’s Group	<b>15</b> 10am– Bible Study	<b>16</b> 9am–Quilting	<b>17</b> Trinity Travelers	<b>18</b> Trinity Travelers
<b>19</b> Trinity Travelers	<b>20</b> 6pm—Young Adults	<b>21</b> 11:15am–Seasoned Men’s Group 7pm– Congregational Council	<b>22</b> 10am– Bible Study	<b>23</b> 9am– Quilting	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 9am—Fellowship Committee Mtg.
<b>26</b> <b>Backpack Blessings Sunday Alive Registration Deadline</b> 9:30am—Teacher/Leader Training	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 11:15am–Seasoned Men’s Group	<b>29</b> 10am– Bible Study	<b>30</b> 9am– Quilting	<b>31</b>	

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Greeters, 8:30	Open	Lectors, 11:00	Linda Boozer
Greeters, 11:00	Open	Altar Flower Delivery	Open
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