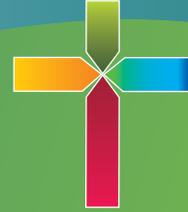


April/May
2023

Lansdale LUTHERAN



Annual Congregational Meeting

We are called to embrace diversity and to connect all generations to God's family.

TRINITY
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



WORSHIP

Palm Sunday/Holy Week
See page 3

Easter-April 9
7:00, 8:30 & 10:45 am

Musical-To the Castle
May 6/7



CHRISTIAN CARE

Blood Drive
April 27, 1:30 - 6:30 pm

ASP Mission Trip
July 9-15



FAITH FORMATION

Good Friday Children's Worship
April 7, Noon
Crucifixion Drama
April 7, 7:30 pm

Vacation Bible School
June 26-30



FELLOWSHIP

Easter Egg Hunt
April 2, 1:30 pm

Phillies Bus Trip
May 20

Volunteer Recognition
May 21

We are the CHURCH

We are constantly learning and growing together. This past year we have had a couple members that were seminarians graduate and become pastors. Our active youth groups are engaged with students from grade 3-12 and we celebrated our outreach and growth at our annual meeting on February 12, 2023.

Annual Congregation Meeting



Congratulations to Pastor Amy R. Smith on her joyous spirit-filled Ordination at Trinity Lutheran Church on Saturday, February 25, 2023.



Teen Troupe Youth Group Cake Competition





Luke 24:6-8: *He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified, and on the third day be raised again.' Then they remembered his words.*

Do you have a favorite Easter hymn? A hymn or song you look forward to singing every year on Easter Sunday for its memorable tune or powerful lyrics? A melody that you find yourself humming

without realizing it? A hymn that when you sing it or hear it reminds you of the incredible love of God that is revealed in the death and resurrection of God's only son, Jesus Christ?

In my family, one of our favorite Easter hymns we love singing is Up from the Grave He Arose. This beautiful hymn appears in our This Far by Faith hymnal, and the text and tune were composed by Robert S. Lowry in 1874. Lowry wrote this hymn for Easter Sunday while serving his congregation in Lewisburg, PA, after reflecting on Luke 24:6-8.

One of the reasons we love this gospel hymn is the contrast in the verses and the refrain that portray the buried Jesus and the risen Jesus. The stanzas focus on Jesus in the tomb, and the chorus exultantly celebrates that Jesus is now risen and victorious over His evil enemies.

What a powerful reminder we need to remember this Easter that Jesus has victory over sin, evil, and death. As a result, we celebrate the truth that sin and death no longer have power over us and are replaced by forgiveness, love, and abundant life grounded in Jesus Christ and God's love for all of humanity. I love how Martin Luther says it in one of his sermons:

But what is the Gospel? It is this, that God has sent his Son into the world to save sinners, Jn. 3, 16, and to crush hell, overcome death, take away sin and satisfy the law. But what must you do? Nothing but accept this and look up to your Redeemer and firmly believe that he has done all this for your good and freely gives you all as your own, so that in the terrors of death, sin and hell, you can confidently say and boldly depend upon it...

Upon this I anchor my confidence. For I know that my Lord Christ has overcome death, sin, hell and the devil for my good... Therefore sin and death were not able to slay him, hell could not hold him, and he has become their Lord, and has granted this to all who accept and believe it. All this is effected not by my works or merits; but by pure grace, goodness and mercy. (A Sermon by Martin Luther preached in 1522 at Borna)

Friends, who in your life needs to hear this good news? Who can you invite to join you on Easter Sunday at Trinity to hear God's love for them and that Jesus comes to give them life?

I look forward to celebrating Easter Sunday with you as we raise our voices in song, prayer, and word and feast together at the table of love.

Jesus is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

~Pastor Fritz

P.S. I'd love to hear your favorite Easter hymn or song. Feel free to share with me by emailing ffowler@trinitylansdale.com. Happy Easter!

Holy Week

PALM SUNDAY



April 1/2
In-person

Sat. 5:30 pm
Sun. 8:30 | 10:45 am
8:30 am Livestream

MAUNDY THURSDAY



April 6
In-person

Noon | 7:30 pm
7:30 pm Livestream

GOOD FRIDAY



April 7
In-person

Noon | 7:30 pm
Noon - Children's Service
7:30 pm Livestream

EASTER VIGIL



April 8
In-person

7:30 pm

CELEBRATE

Easter

OUTDOORS
Sunrise
7:00am

LIVESTREAM 8:30 AM

8:30am 10:45am



Helping to Make Visual Enhancement Happen

In February, vinyl banners were hung in the sanctuary to show the size and approximate location of LED displays that will greatly enhance our worship experience together. In March, we kicked off our fundraising campaign called, "Pick-a-Pixel!" Stop by our table in the lobby, pay \$25, and choose a small piece of a giant picture that will gradually be revealed on the bulletin board. We are already off to a great start! We kicked off the campaign with just over \$20,000 from generous visual enhancement team members, an endowment grant, and money from a pre-existing fund account designated for enhancing worship.

With your help, we'll meet our **goal of \$75,000** by early summer, begin the project in July, and begin utilizing the panels in worship in September. Thank you in advance for supporting this important effort!

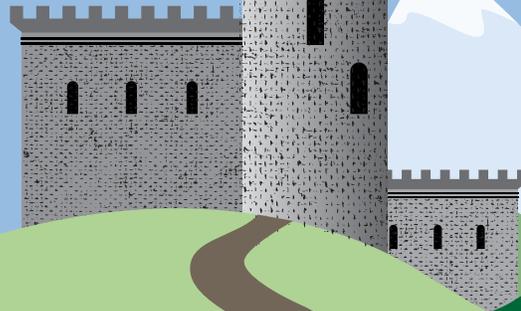
Visual Enhancement Team: Randy Ehm, Linda Graeff, Christy Johannesson, Victoria McKelvie, Bob Sperring, Lynn Lentz, Dave Crosson, and Andrea Baxter

EASTER CROSS FAMILY PHOTOS



Sunday, April 9
Bring fresh flowers from your yard or artificial ones to add to our Easter Cross. Take the annual family photo outside, rejoicing "He is Risen!" near the circle drive.

Musical TO THE CASTLE



Dinner Theater Performance Saturday, May 6, 6:00 pm

Spaghetti dinner followed by
To the Castle in Hyson Hall

TRINITY
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
1000 W. Main Street, Lansdale, PA

Tickets (free!) will be available starting Sunday, April 2 in-person in the lobby or call church office (215) 368-1710.

trinitylansdale.com

A free will offering to benefit the Children's Choir Trip Fund will be taken

To the Castle will also be presented during worship on Sunday, May 7, at 8:30 am in Hyson Hall

LET'S GO...TO THE CASTLE!

"To the Castle" is a short musical with an important message about sharing the gifts God has given us. The intergenerational cast of almost 50 children, adults, and instrumentalists will present "To the Castle" two times: on Saturday, May 6, at 6:00 pm in Hyson Hall, including a spaghetti dinner, and as a part of worship on Sunday, May 7, at 8:30 am in Hyson Hall. Tickets (free) will be available beginning Sunday, April 2. A free-will offering will be collected at the dinner theater. Please join us for some great humor, music, and fun!



Thursday, April 27
1:30 - 6:30 pm
Please register online at redcross.org.

“Hush, Somebody’s Callin’ My Name” Listening for the Spirit

In February, Black history month, the Justice Through Music committee introduced the spiritual, “Hush, Somebody’s Callin’ My Name” through a Sermon on the Steps. The readings for that Sunday focused on the transfiguration of Jesus – God’s proclamation to the disciples that this truly was the Son of God whose teachings they should follow and proclaim.

In preparation to blend this text with the faith vehicle of a spiritual for our youngest generation, I chose to focus on two words, attention and listen. On Mt. Sinai, God got the disciples’ attention upon seeing Christ in glowing form and flanked by Elijah and Moses. God’s words, direct and clear, told the disciples what to do. “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” - Matthew Chapter 17

In the spiritual, “Hush, Somebody’s Callin’ My Name,” the enslaved were doing just that – listening. They were asking those around them to quiet so that they might hear what God was telling them to do. Yearning to escape the brutality of daily cruelties, they were hoping to hear that a change of circumstances was near. At the end of each verse we hear the question, “What shall I do? What shall I do?” Do I continue struggling to survive or do I find comfort in death? Enduring physical hardships each day, watching loved ones falter and witnessing the abuse of many, fueled anger, violence, fear and desperation. While many spirituals mirror these feelings, there are also those that speak to a faith that remains strong and seeks answers to change the course of their lives.

In the seventeenth century, enslaved Africans were exposed to Christianity while on southern plantations. Slow to embrace what they heard at first, they found parallels to their own lives in biblical stories of slavery and oppression. In these stories, they heard God guiding leaders such as Moses, who led the Israelites out of Egypt to freedom. Here were stories of hope. Unable to and prohibited from learning to read or write, spirituals evolved as soulful expressions of trials, hope and faith.

To be sure many, though not all, spirituals were filled with “coded” messages and known as signal songs. The lyrics of these songs were filled with words and phrases containing information that must be kept secret from their owners. Signal songs allowed people to communicate, undetected, about events in an area, reveal where loved ones had been taken and gave them access to knowledge about the Underground Railroad (UGRR). It is entirely possible that “Hush, Somebody’s Callin’ My Name” was used to listen for the presence of a UGRR conductor in their area and hear instructions for escape.

God speaks to each one of us in a variety of different ways. Some messages are clear, easily interpreted and we act on them willingly. Others are quieter, sometimes puzzling and often require a bit of courage. Spirituals speak to the power of faith in the most dire of circumstances. They reach into our souls giving us vehicles to express musically what

sometimes eludes us in words. We are indebted to those enslaved not only for the spirituals born from grief, but for all the variations of music, gospel to jazz to blues born from this time of darkness. Listen. God is calling.

Recognizing that the composers of spirituals were never compensated or recognized, Trinity’s Justice Through Music initiative invites the congregation to move forward in support of their descendants. A donation to the Trenton Children’s Chorus promotes their safety, wellbeing and the musical inspiration to lift up hearts and minds.



Members of the Trenton Children’s Choir enjoying a healthy snack.

To give to Justice through Music: trinitylansdale.com, click on Give Now, and then on the Justice Through Music link, or, send a check to the office with “Justice through Music” in the memo field.

■ Trudy Phillips

**Children’s
CHOIR CAMP**

July 5-8, 2023

JULY 5-7: 9 AM - 3 PM
OPTIONAL EXTENDED CARE 3 - 5 PM

JULY 8: 9 AM - 12 PM

CHILDREN WILL HELP LEAD ALCM
CONFERENCE WORSHIP ON JULY 8

Led by nationally recognized clinician Dr. Michael Burkhardt

CAMP IS HELD AT:

1000 W. MAIN STREET, LANSDALE, PA 19446
TRINITYLANSDALE.COM

HOSTED BY ASSOCIATION OF LUTHERAN
CHURCH MUSICIANS (ALCM)

REGISTRATION FEE: \$90 PER CHILD
EXTENDED CARE: ADDITIONAL \$25 PER CHILD

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER:
[HTTPS://ALCM.ORG/2023-PHILADELPHIA/](https://ALCM.ORG/2023-PHILADELPHIA/)

QUESTIONS? EMAIL ANDREA BAXTER:
ABAXTER@TRINITYLANSDALE.COM



CHRISTIAN CARE



BUNNY BOXES



The Christian Care Hub thanks you for your generosity and compassion to the food insecure population of the North Penn community. Over 100 "Bunny Boxes" were filled with non-perishable food items to help students and their families during the extended spring break. They will be distributed to five Title 1 North Penn School District elementary schools (Inglewood, York Avenue, Oak Park, Hatfield and Knapp). The response was overwhelming and supports our congregation's goal of doing "Kingdom Work"! God is Good!

Trinity's Help Appeal Supports Local Agencies

When you give a donation to the Local Help Appeal using the special fund envelopes mailed to you each month or by donating online at Trinity's website, you are supporting four local social service agencies that offer a wide variety of services to hundreds of people in need. These four agencies are:

ANCHOR HOUSE

Helps troubled and disadvantaged young people in our region

MEALS ON WHEELS

Delivers meals to the elderly and infirmed

KEYSTONE OPPORTUNITY CENTER - SOUDERTON

Provides community-based and transitional housing for homeless persons, a food pantry, and English as a Second Language classes

MANNA ON MAIN STREET - LANSDALE

Provides meals and offers a food pantry along with many other services.

Due to the increasing pressures of inflation on top of the pandemic, these agencies have seen a large increase in demand for their services as many in our community are still in need. Last year Trinity disciples **DONATED \$4,260** to this appeal. We thank everyone who contributed in the past and we hope everyone will consider making a donation in 2023 to support the important work of these local agencies. Thank you!

■ Trinity's Outreach Ministry Team



Trinity Goes to School

A big "Thank You" to the nine volunteers from Trinity that are sharing their time and talents with the children of Inglewood Elementary School. During the month of February, **96.5 hours** of volunteer time were spent in these classrooms from kindergarten to fifth grade helping students with reading and writing skills, math, and one on one remediation time.

How does Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services (LIRS) welcome our neighbors?

Find out more about LIRS the weekend of June 10/11. Guest speakers, Andrew Steele and Rev. Eric Shafer, will join us for services and education to share with us the specifics of how LIRS serves our immigrant friends from around the world. Andrew is VP for Development and Mobilization and Eric, a former pastor here at Trinity in the late 2000s, is Pastor-in Residence with LIRS.



Easter Flower Delivery Monday, April 10, 2023

Are you interested in delivering flowers to our homebound disciples or one of our neighboring retirement communities? This is great ministry opportunity for adults and children of all ages! The flowers will be available for pick-up from 9:30 - 11:00 am in the Sanctuary. Please contact Vicki Seal at the church, 215-368-1710 or by email at vseal@trinitylansdale.com if you are interested in delivering flowers or for additional details.



FELLOWSHIP



LUTHERAN NIGHT AT THE PHILLIES

SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2023
PHILLIES VS CHICAGO
4:05 PM GAME
1:45 PM BUS. REGISTER TODAY!

Lutheran Day at the Phillies! Are you ready for some fun? We will be leaving Trinity campus by bus at 1:45 pm and return by bus approx. 8:45 pm. The ticket price \$55.00 includes bus ride and ticket for section 313.

Registration forms are located at the welcome desk or sign up online: signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4caea628abf4c52-phillies/22042660#/please. Deadline is April 17, 2023. Hurry – seating is limited!

For more information or to reserve your seat, contact Vicki Seal at vseal@trinitylansdale.com.

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

May 21, 9:30 - 11:00 am



Church Breakfast in Hyson Hall

We want to celebrate YOU!

Join us for breakfast on May 21, during the Fellowship hour from 9:30-11:00 am.

SAVE THE DATE! LANSDALE DAY

June 3, 2023

Look for our booth and stop by to say hello!



Ages 2 - 11
Meet at Circle Drive

Bring your own basket to collect the Easter eggs

Join us on the Trinity Campus Sunday, April 2, at 1:30 pm (at the circle drive) for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt! The egg hunt is geared for ages 2-11.



DONATE TO THE EASTER EGG HUNT

The Fellowship Hub is looking for your help! We are in need of plastic Easter eggs and peanut free (snack size) candy to fill all the Easter eggs! Please place all donated items in the white bin in the lobby marked Easter egg hunt. Thank you so much!



This year the Fellowship Hub is kicking off VBS with the Annual Church Barbeque and having a little Food Truck Fun! Please join us and bring your family, friends, and neighbors!

Don't forget your blanket or beach chair!

Calling all Volunteers!

The Fellowship Hub is looking for volunteers to serve at the Annual Barbeque. Are you interested in serving, setting up or hosting a game station?

We have a place for you!

Another opportunity to support the Annual Barbeque is through donations. Each year we invite folks to make or bring a food item to share with the Church family. This year we are looking for individual snack options, desserts and/or beverages.

Please check out the link below to sign-up or bring a snack to share! signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4caea628abf4c52-annual1/22042660



FAITH FORMATION

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The following youth will be receiving their First Holy Communion on Palm Sunday: Mason Jeffrey Atkiss, Liliana Jean Clemens, Lucia Rose Clemens, Johanna Mary Clemens, Colette Capri Dover, Annabelle Rose Heil, Landon Michael Krepps, Ian Elliott Loeffler, Charley Rae Stoczko, and Kyle Jackson Weatherford.

TEEN TROUPE NEEDS YOUR HELP!-SNACK COLLECTION

Snack Bags for College Care Packages and for the Boys and Girls Club of Lansdale. We want to share some Trinity love with our college students and the often food insecure youth at the Boys and Girls Club of Lansdale. Please help us by donating snacks and fun things for their packages. No peanuts please due to possible allergies. We are collecting in the lobby until April 15. Thank you. Questions, please contact Deacon Jane or Becky Page or Amy Hawthorne who will be collating them with Teen Troupe.

PARENTS OF COLLEGE AGE STUDENTS

Help us share some Trinity love with your college student through a care package. We need their college info to send it before their finals. Please give it to Deacon Jane by April 1: their college; mailing address; email; cell phone; last day of finals; year they hope to graduate.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS

March 26, 12:00 pm, Chapel. Each child needs to attend only one class. Their first communion will be on the weekend of Palm Sunday, April 1, 2 at the worship service of your choice. Please contact Deacon Jane to sign up.

SENIOR RECOGNITION SUNDAY

May 21, at 10:45 am worship followed by a Luncheon, Godspeed and Prayer Circle to celebrate our graduates. Invitations have been mailed. If you didn't receive one or to RSVP, please contact Deacon Jane at jelliott@trinitylansdale.com Complete form: <https://www.trinitylansdale.com/senior-recognition/>

WIGGLE TIME + THEO

Sundays 8:30 am worship. After the Sermon on the Steps children are invited to the parlor. Volunteer to read a part of the Theo skit written by Pr. Ric. You don't need to memorize it. Just be familiar with it to read with expression. Teach the children your favorite game. Build a relationship with our children. Volunteer NOW: signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4CAEA628ABF4C52-wiggle

YOUTH GROUPS – Friends are always welcome!
trinitylansdale.com/youth-groups

Kids Rock: 3rd - 4th grade – Friday, April 14, 6:30-8:00 pm, the Well, Hyson Hall

CHAOS: 5th - 6th grade - Sunday, March 26, 4:00-6:00 pm, Social Hall, Movie Night

Teen Troupe: 7th – 12th grade – Sunday, April 16, 6:00-8:30 pm Hyson Hall, Pack college care packages and snack bags

Loft Task Force Update

Last fall, Council established the Loft Task Force (comprised of Jill Voicheck (chair), Pr. Ric (Staff), Craig Dietterick, Amy Hawthorne, Liz Johannesson, Lynn Lentz, Ethan Page) to investigate and identify alternatives to the youth area known as the WELL. This effort is in direct response to the health concerns and desires raised by our youth and their families that the WELL no longer meets. In the spirit of connecting our youngest generation, the WELL is home base to our youth ministry program, comprising three age grouped ministries: Kids Rock, CHAOS and Teen Troupe. These groups currently provide fellowship for over 60 youth. Additional ministries that have also utilized the WELL space are Confirmation, Appalachia Service Project, Scouting and the National Youth Gathering. Unfortunately, the voiced concerns about the WELL have forced these groups to seek other meeting spaces.

The Loft Task Force is actively dreaming about a new space targeted for these ministries on the top floor in our educational wing, now designated as 200 A, B, and C. Ideas for a fun, youth centric area for playing, doing and eating include what might be possible if walls were removed, a kitchenette added, bathrooms repaired and refurbished, and the space made more accessible and secure. As homage to the WELL, the area has thoughtfully gained a new name, the LOFT. To date we have been in conversation with a design/build construction firm to get a sense of costs and scope of needed work. We are considering what work must be contracted, who within the church can help, and what can be undertaken by volunteers. The group will also be looking into fundraising and financing possibilities, and they hope to finalize a report for Council by May. Please reach out to any members of the Loft Task Force with questions as we ask you for your prayers and support. May God's Spirit guide us in this effort to enhance our ministry to, for and with our youth and their families.



For youth programming please contact Deacon Jane Elliott at jelliott@trinitylansdale.com



BE A PART OF THE GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP EXPERIENCES ON APRIL 7

Noon Good Friday Children's Service

Want to be a part of this experience?

Children's Good Friday Service, April 7, noon.

People of all ages are invited to experience and reflect on the passion of Jesus. Grades 3-8 children/youth will be the actors in this experience. We need you to help us tell Jesus' story on Good Friday. Calling all budding actors to give it a try. Rehearsals are: Sunday, April 2 from 2:30-4:30 pm; Wednesday, April 5 from 7:30-9:30 pm; Friday, April 7 from 8:30 am-1:30 pm. Signup NOW by contacting Deacon Jane at jelliott@trinitylansdale.com or online at signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4CAEA628ABF4C52-good1

Crucifixion Drama, 7:30 pm

Youth in Grades 8-12 are invited to participate in the drama. In addition to the Friday rehearsal (4-7 pm) there will be a brief rehearsal following the Thursday evening worship service. Please contact Cindy Ryan, cindyryan817@aol.com, if you are interested in participating in this powerful drama or signup online at: signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4CAEA628ABF4C52-good1

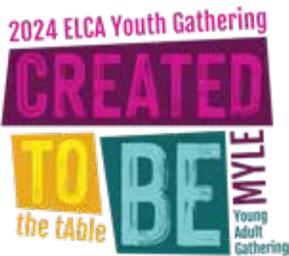


REGISTER FOR VBS

June 26-30, 9:00-11:30 am

The theme is VBS Food Truck Party: On a Roll with God. "God provides for our daily bread." Matthew 6:11. VBS is offered for children ages K – grade 6 and it's free, though donations are always welcome. Children from the church and community are welcome to attend. The children will rotate through various stations (music,

storytelling, crafts, science, snacks and games) Registration and volunteer forms are available online at vbspro.events/p/a14f24.



2024 ELCA YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT GATHERING

in New Orleans - **March 26, 9:40 am and 6:15 pm, April 30, 9:45 am, 123.** Info meetings for youth completing 8th -12th grade in summer 2024 are eligible for the Youth Gathering July 16-20, 2024. Young adults ages 18-35 in 2024 are eligible for the Young Adult Gathering. Questions? Email: trinityNYG@trinitylansdale.com.



APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT 2023

Plans for this summer's Appalachia Service Project Trip have begun. Dave Weber and Steve Hull will be coordinating this year's trip. This year's trip is scheduled for the week of July 9-15. To date 15+ youth and adults have signed on to attend. As in previous years, fundraising projects and donations will be sought to help make the ministry financially

possible. It is not too late to register, but we need to know soon. For more info contact TrinityASP@trinitylansdale.com. or talk with Dave or Steve.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION



5 LOVE LANGUAGES GROUPS DURING LENT

Sundays, 9:45 am, Jesus said, "Love one another as I have loved you."

5 Love Languages, Social Hall, By Gary Chapman, co-led by Pr. Fritz and Pr. Ric.

5 Love Languages of Children/ Teenagers, Room 125/127 led by Deacon Jane for parents, grandparents, and caregivers of children and teens. Read Acts of Service chapter.

LENTEN BOOK STUDY WEDNESDAY EVENING

Wednesday, March 29, 6:30 pm, 123 Before worship. Based on the book *The Last Week: What the Gospels Really Teach about Jesus' Final Days in Jerusalem*.

SPRING SUNDAY MORNINGS

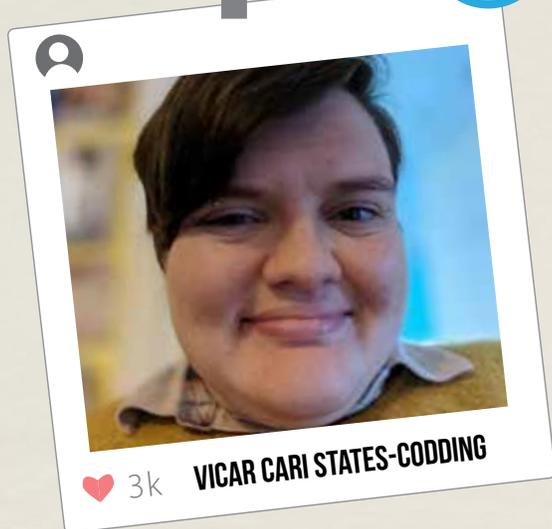
APRIL 2: "What does it mean that Trinity is a Reconciling in Christ Congregation" join in a presentation by Vicar Cari and join the discussion about what it means to be a welcoming and Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation.

APRIL 16: Book Discussion: The Personal Librarian - Led by Pr. Bill Petry The Personal Librarian tells the story of an extraordinary woman, famous for her intellect, style, and wit, and shares the lengths to which she must go—for the protection of her family and her legacy—to preserve her carefully crafted white identity in the racist world in which she lives.

APRIL 23: "What is Christian Spirituality" Dr. Nelson Rivera of Moravian Seminary joins us for a discussion around the question: What is a healthy Christian inner life and how does a spiritual life help us deal and cope with life's challenges, joys and sorrows?

APRIL 30: "What is Embodied Spirituality" Dr. Rivera returns and addresses the question; How does an embodied spirituality, rooted in the means of grace, worship and longing for community impact our walk of faith? How can we experience what Luther called the "joyful exchange" of spirituality with Jesus?

Staff Snapshot



There are so many people behind the scenes on Trinity's staff that share their talents and are truly dedicated. We'd like you to get to know the staff better, and not just their job responsibilities, but who they really are. Here's a snapshot of what makes Trinity's staff tick, smile and sometimes laugh and cry.

FAVORITE DESTINATION?

Either Yosemite National Park or Sedona, AZ

WHAT'S THE CRAZIEST THING YOU'VE EVER DONE?

In high school, I was part of the first Western music group allowed to perform in Tiananmen Square.

WOULD YOU RATHER BE THE FUNNIEST OR THE SMARTEST PERSON IN THE ROOM?

I'd rather be the smartest person in the room because, if I know more, I can do more.

EARLY BIRD OR NIGHT OWL?

Perpetually exhausted pigeon

LAST BOOK YOU READ?

I'm currently bouncing between "The Politics of Jesus," by Obery Hendricks, and "Tears in the Darkness," by Michael and Elizabeth Norman.

WHAT IS YOUR MOST USED EMOJI?

The shrugging emoji

STRANGE PHOBIA?

Clowns. Definitely clowns.

FAVORITE THINGS TO DO?

Hiking, museums, and exploring used bookstores

FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE?

It depends which book you're referring to, although I'm fond of 1 John 3:17. Habakkuk is my favorite prophet. Everyone has a favorite prophet, right?

FAVORITE FOOD? Tacos!

FAVORITE CANDY BAR

Any (gluten-free) dark chocolate

FAVORITE PART OF YOUR JOB

Being in community with folks and worship

VICAR CARI STATES-CODDING

I'm here to learn all about Trinity and everything that goes on here. I enjoy bouncing around the ministry hubs, worship services, outreach programs, and anything else I can find.

Email me at cstatescodding@trinitylansdale.com if you'd like to meet for coffee!

Vicar Cari with her lizard, Drake.



What does it mean to be a RIC congregation?

TLC committed to becoming a Reconciling in Christ congregation back when Pastor Hyson was senior pastor in the 90's. The statement was again updated in 2006. Part of the mission of Reconciling Works includes Lutherans for full participation, welcome, inclusion and equity of all people regardless of sexual orientation, race, age, or ethnicity, and to work for social justice.

This year the shared leadership team and council adopted a welcome statement so that we may better know and live into our current practices of welcome and carry out our mission of embracing diversity and connecting all generations to God's family. If you would like to know more about RIC please visit Reconcilingworks.org.

Our new welcome statement is:

At Trinity Lutheran Church, we are called to embrace diversity and to connect all generations to God's family. Being rooted in who we are as Jesus followers, we believe all people are created in the image of God, and we commit to welcoming all people regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, race, age, disability, socioeconomic status, and place in their faith journey.

We invite all people to be a part of this faith community and commit to learn and grow in the work of anti-racism and racial equity. We commit ourselves to social and economic justice, and care for creation, so that through the power of the Holy Spirit and the accompaniment of Jesus, we can be the diverse community God calls us to be.

TRINITY PRESCHOOL
A FUN PLACE TO LEARN & GROW

PreSchool & PreK for ages 3-5
3, 4 & 5 days a week programs

REGISTER YOUR CHILD TODAY!

Trinity is a perfect place for your preschooler to learn and grow. We have classes for ages 3-5 years. For more information contact Tammy Ferro, Preschool Administrator, at 267-498-5911 or tferro@trinitylansdale.com.

3-year-old Pre-School Morning Class
(Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday – 9:15 - 11:45 am)

4-year-old Pre-School Morning Class
(Monday through Thursday – 9:15 - 11:45 am)

4 and 5-year-old Pre-Kindergarten Morning Class
(Monday through Friday – 9:15 - 11:45 am)

CHURCH COUNCIL

The 2023 Church Council was elected at our annual meeting on February 12 and welcomes three new members. Cindy Weiss was thanked for her five years of dedicated service on council.



Karen Bergey
President



Teri Lanan
Vice President



Julie Kinzel
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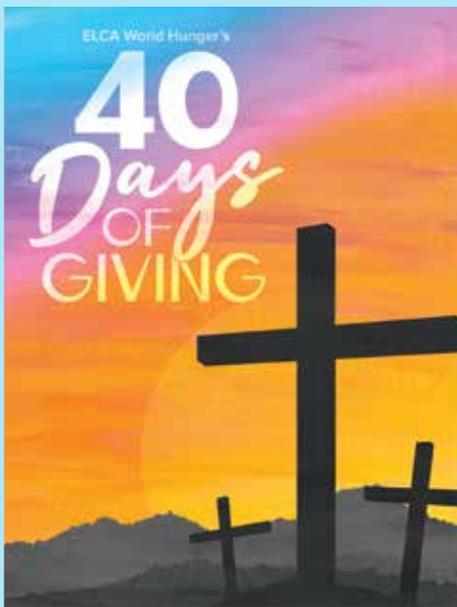
Looking for a summer job?



Bear Creek Camp (BCC) is looking for young adult (18+ years old) leaders and encouragers in your families, churches, and communities! When applying for summer staff, college-aged folks are signing up for a summer of a lifetime complete with caring for campers of all ages, finding adventure around every corner, and being embraced by a welcoming community. Summer staff learn lifelong skills like communication, creativity, and flexibility -- amazing resume builders for any future schooling or career.

If you know of someone who may be interested, please share and encourage them to connect with Kaitlyn Blend - kaitlyn@bearcreekcamp.org or visit bearcreekcamp.org/employment-opportunities/

GENEROSITY COMMITTEE UPDATE



ELCA WORLD HUNGER 40 DAYS OF GIVING

As the number of hungry people around the world rises, please support the ELCA World Hunger 40 Days of Giving this Lent.

Check out the resources that are provided in a daily calendar, study guide and sign-up for a weekly email about World Hunger from the ELCA. Support those that are food insecure and donate today at trinitylansdale.com/lent2023.



Advertise your event or ministry

Trinity Weekly

The deadline for submissions is Tuesday at noon.

Lansdale Lutheran newsletter

The deadline for submissions for the next *Lansdale Lutheran* is May 26, and covers the summer. Please submit information on the form on our FORMS page at trinitylansdale.com/media.

Trinity's Generosity committee is am happy to take a few moments to share highlights with you.

"STEWARDSHIP" & "GENEROSITY"

Recently the Lutheran church has used the noun 'Generosity' for what has been 'Stewardship' in the past. Both words describe the same mission. For a church to be effective at living out our Christian faith, the giving of Time, Talent, and Treasure are essential. Stewardship (and generosity) are not just about money! Trinity disciples bless our part of the world every day with their giving of time and talent, both inside and outside of the walls of our church.

OUR TEAM'S FOCUS

We have begun 2023 with a fresh view of our future work. Our Ministry Goal is: To create a culture of generosity throughout our congregation by visioning, organizing, administering vibrant activities of sharing Time, Talent, and Treasure.

ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

Thank you to all who submitted estimates of giving! From a treasure standpoint, commitments of Treasure are on par with 2022. With expectations of further submissions during the year we expect to exceed 2022!

- The average giving estimate has increased 5%.
- 196 giving units provided estimates of giving.
- All estimates submitted totaled \$705,500.

It is important to point out that there are also many other ways that Trinity disciples share their Treasure throughout the year.

This year was the first time we provided disciples with a manner to submit estimates of Time & Talent hours. It is remarkable that **24,000 hours were reported.**

SYNOD GENEROSITY AND LEADERSHIP EXTRAVAGANZA

On January 23rd Trinity hosted 150 attendees at this Synod sponsored event. Trinity's large physical campus and capabilities offer great advantages for a gathering such as this.

Seven Trinity participants were able to connect with disciples of other congregations. We were also able to attend workshops focused on the building of leadership and environments of giving. We are blessed to have been part of this.

THRIVENT BRUNCH & PRESENTATION

Special Event on Sunday, June 4. Please mark your calendars for Sunday, June 4th. Between services there will be a brunch with a presentation by Thrivent. Thrivent is the not-for-profit financial services organization that can help us make the most of all we have been given. They will provide summaries of assistance in managing everyday finances, providing adequate insurances, financial planning, and retirement planning. This session is a rare opportunity to benefit from expert advice delivered in a caring manner.

ELECTRONIC GIVING

If you are not already enrolled in electronic giving to Trinity we encourage you to do so. E-Giving is a time-saver for both the giver and the church. The steady pattern of giving is especially supportive of the church needs during the summer periods. Please contact the church office if assistance is needed in getting set up with electronic giving.

We welcome your questions and suggestions as our team seeks to build a vital environment of stewardship.

Generosity Team – Craig Dietterick, Bill Graeff, Tamera Hatton, Chris Johnson, Dave Kratz, and Chip Kern

Mother's Day Blanket Appeal

May 14, 2023

Our Trinity family celebrates Mother's Day weekend by offering gifts in honor or memory of mothers, grandmothers, aunts, and other important women by supporting the Church World Service Blanket Program. The CWS has distributed thousands of blankets and kits around the world yearly to help people in need. CWS responds to disasters at home and abroad to assist impoverished communities with basic tools they need to build better lives. Blankets are the beginning of their interaction with hurting areas. When disaster strikes, people need blankets along with shelter, food, and safe water.



You can help supply those needed blankets. The cost is \$10 for each blanket you wish to donate. Please put your donation in an envelope marked "Mother's Day Appeal." Include your name, phone number, and envelope number along with the names of the women whom you wish to honor or memorialize this Mother's Day. Your envelope can be mailed directly to the church or put in the church mailbox on the back circle at the church. You may also donate online. Thank you for offering your gifts of love.

Name _____ Phone No. _____ Envelope No. _____
Last First

I wish to contribute \$ _____

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

DEADLINE FOR SPONSORSHIP IS MAY 1, 2023.

Honor Dads on Father's Day - June 18

This year, remember your dad and the men in your life with a gift to help Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR). Your gift to LDR through Liberty Lutheran Services will honor so many people who have devoted their skills and energies to disaster response and relief efforts. Trinity provides regular opportunities for people to volunteer for disaster response, especially in assembling flood buckets, through Pumpkinfest, which benefits LDR, and through strategic planning with community partners to better respond to future events. Trinity members Mark Staples and Keith Clemens were instrumental in developing a documentary about disaster survivors in the Eastwick neighborhood of Philadelphia, which is a tool LDR uses to help educate about the impact of environmental injustice and disasters. Ali Corr (daughter of Lisa Corr, Trinity's Director of Administration), is a disaster case manager with LDR and Trinity member Julia Menzo serves as LDR Coordinator for eastern Pennsylvania. While LDR is currently in the midst of long term recovery for hundreds of Hurricane Ida survivors right here in Montgomery, Delaware, Bucks, Chester, and Philadelphia counties, many still do not have working heat and hot water. Disaster case managers like Ali help families access rental assistance, furniture, and rebuilding and repair resources. While we are beginning to experience the impact of climate change across the Northeast, in the form of wetter, more unpredictable weather, LDR – eastern PA is determined to keep the most vulnerable in the greatest focus as we build new partnerships, change how we do outreach, and most notably by paying attention to those who are renters, a group that has long been overlooked in disaster recovery.



Name _____ Phone No. _____ Envelope No. _____
Last First

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In honor of _____

In memory of _____

DEADLINE FOR SPONSORSHIP IS JUNE 5, 2023.

PASTORAL ACTS

Deaths

2/10/2023 Amy Baechler
2/16/2023 Edwina Thies
3/8/2023 Alice M. Harvey
3/9/2023 Judith Garman

Baptisms

3/4/2023 Ella Lee Hoffman,
daughter of Anthony
Robert, Sr., and Stacy
Kelly (Montgomery)
Hoffman

3/12/2023 Isabella Lillian Fresco,
daughter of Joseph
Michael Fresco and
Tiffany Rossell
Hoffman

EMERGENCY PASTORAL CARE HOTLINE

If you are in need of pastoral care or experience the death of a loved one, please let the church office know at 215-368-1710.

For emergencies, please press 1, leave a voicemail and a pastor will get back to you!
This service is available 24/7, 365 days a year.

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We are proud to share that Trinity received **\$4,009** in 2023 from the grant funding through the Thrivent Choice® program. Support Trinity and log on today and designate Trinity for your Choice Dollars®.
thrivent.com/about-us/membership/thrivent-choice



**American Red Cross
BLOOD DRIVE**

Give Blood • Give Life

Thursday, April 27, 1:30 - 6:30 pm in Hyson Hall To make an appointment online, please go to redcrossblood.org and enter Trinity Lutheran Lansdale.

David Spicko, Artistic Director
Kelly Wysocki, Associate Director

THE CHORISTERS

Gems from Vienna

Haydn Mass in Bb "Harmoniemesse"
Mozart Vesperae solennes de confessore
Bruckner *Locus iste*, *Virga Jesse* & *Christus factus est*

Saturday April 29, 2023
At 7:30 pm
Trinity Lutheran Church
1000 W. Main St., Lansdale, PA 19446

Soprano
Carole Latimer, Soprano
Suzanne DuPlantis, Mezzo
Alexander Mason, Tenor
Mark Hightower, Bass

For additional information and discounted advance tickets, please call (215) 542-7871 or go to www.TheChoristers.org

Homebound Birthdays

Please consider making their special day a bit brighter by sending them a birthday card.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 8 Butch Francis
602 N. Broad St., Apt. B 413
Lansdale, PA 19446
- 19 Barbara Schuchart
301 E Church Ave., Apt 13
Telford, PA 18969-1701
- 21 Juanita Strohecker
Meadowood Community
709 Radcliff Ct.
Lansdale, PA 19446-5895
- 29 Dottie Duke
Arbour Square
699 Main St., Apt. 2160
Harleysville, PA 19438-1633

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 14 Nancy Lease
2602 Maryanne's Ct.
North Wales, PA 19454-2020
- 25 Joan Messner
104 Dock Dr.
Lansdale, PA 19446-6230

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 9 Alice Hughes
3250 State Rd., Apt 466
Sellersville, PA 18960-1624
- 15 Gloria Boesch
Elm Terrace Gardens
660 N Broad St., Apt D415
Lansdale, PA 19446
- 18 Tom Sykes
1001 S Valley Forge Rd., Rm 114
Brittany Pointe
Lansdale, PA 19446-6501
- 19 John Strobel
1401 Sandys Lane
North Wales, PA 19454-2209

Worship

LIVESTREAM

Each week Sundays at 8:30 am

Thank You!

On behalf of grateful individuals and families across Southeastern Pennsylvania and Southern New Jersey, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks for your recent contribution to Philabundance. Your support makes a world of difference for the communities we serve, and we look towards spring—a season of renewal for us all—as it restores hope and confidence in our mission to end hunger for good. Your generous support has inspired us to meet new challenges with innovation and deliver on our promise to create access to healthy, nutritious food, without exception. Without you, none of this would be possible.

Charles A. Wright
Chief Development Officer
Philabundance

Pajama Funday!



Wiggle Time balloon game and Pajama Funday with movies, Eagles snacks, games galore!

Teen Troupe Cake Competition



A night of fun with sprinkles, icing and of course with your Teen Troupe friends!

OUR MISSION

We are called to
embrace
 DIVERSITY
and to **connect**
 ALL GENERATIONS
 to *God's* family.

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Holy Week

PALM SUNDAY



April 1/2
In-person

Sat. 5:30 pm
Sun. 8:30 | 10:45 am
Livestream 8:30 am

MAUNDY THURSDAY



April 6
In-person

Noon | 7:30 pm
Livestream 7:30 pm

GOOD FRIDAY



April 7
In-person

Noon | 7:30 pm
Noon - Children's Service
Livestream 7:30 pm

EASTER VIGIL



April 8
In-person
7:30 pm



EASTER EGG HUNT

Sunday, April 2

1:30 pm
Outdoors

Ages 2-11

Easter Memorials & Honorariums

EASTER FLOWERS

EASTER LIVESTREAM

EASTER WORSHIP BULLETINS



CELEBRATE

Easter

LIVESTREAM

8:30 AM

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Sunrise
7:00am

8:30am **10:45am**