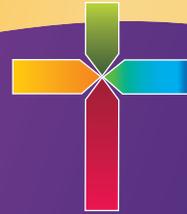


February/March
2023

Lansdale LUTHERAN



**MLK Day
of Service**
Rise Against Hunger
Food Packaging

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



WORSHIP

Ash Wednesday Worship
February 22, Noon & 7:30 pm

Wednesday Lent Worship
7:30 pm, begins March 1

Holy Week Services
See page 4



CHRISTIAN CARE

Grief Support Group
March 7

Bunny Boxes
Receive after Ash Wednesday
for local school children



FAITH FORMATION

Phillies Game
May 20, 4:05 pm

Senior Recognition
May 21

Lent Bible Study and Groups
See page 7



FELLOWSHIP

Trinity Seniors Luncheon
February 28, Noon

Flower Show Bus Trip-March 7
Women's Retreat-March 25-26

Easter Egg Hunt
April 2, 1:30 pm

We are the CHURCH

MLK weekend was filled with activities to celebrate the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his ministry. Trinity's choir and members went to the Solidarity Walk and Remembrance worship service with the Wissahickon Faith Community at Bethlehem Baptist Church.



Remembrance Service and Solidarity Walk



Rise Against Hunger Food Packaging



On Monday, January 16, 2023 eighty-five disciples gathered to complete 10,000 packaged meals for Rise Against Hunger. This cross generational event included all ages from elementary school age children to those in their 80s. We welcomed community members who signed up to participate. These dry packaged meals will be sent to a third world country to help feed those who are food insecure. Thanks to everyone who participated and made this a successful day of service.

Co-leaders of Trinity's Teen Troupe made up of 7th-12th graders, had a blast planning and running the first LockIn. We think the teens had a great time too, but it's always best to hear it straight from the horse's... I mean teens' mouths. Below is their summary of the event in hashtag form. #10outta10 #wouldrecommend #gotnosleep #friendships_ended_over_snores #3am-movienight #nowyousee #flyswatterhockey #brand_new_youth_group_2023 #lockin #churchteens #late-night-pizza #yawn #pastor-fritz-rocks-at-nuke'em #somefellasleep #4amcardgames #hungryhungry hippos-humanstyle #ow #friendly (maybe)rivalries #human_tictactoe #lemonadeandcandy #fun #pingpong #alexa_play_classic-rock #i-want-candy #breakfastisyum



Teen Troupe Youth Group LockIn





Dear People of Trinity,

In 1993 Trinidadian-German Eurodance artist Haddaway asked the question, "What is love?" I'm not sure if Haddaway ever got an answer to his question but he once wrote in an interview in 2015 that "People always ask me about what I meant... I meant that 'what is love' needs to be defined by everyone by his own definition. It's unique and individual. For me, it has to do with trust, honesty, and dedication." This Lent we are

going to ask that question,

What is love?

Jesus said, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." ~John 13:34-35

These words were spoken after Jesus had washed the disciples' feet, after Jesus tells the disciples he is going to be betrayed, and only hours before Jesus will be arrested by Roman and Jewish soldiers. Jesus speaks these words to his disciples teaching them that they are called to love all people, even their enemies.

Our theme this Lent at Trinity is "Love One Another!" Together we are going to ask the question: how do we cultivate God honoring relationships with others (spouses, children, co-workers, friends, parents, peers, neighbors, and our enemies) by understanding better how each of us best receive and experience love. After all, we are told in 1 John 4:7-12 that love is from God and God is love. Jesus teaches us how to love others and provides examples showing us how to love others.

"Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us."

Our springboard in this series is Dr. Gary Chapman's book, [The 5 Love Languages](#) available in both paperback and on kindle. Each week our theme will come from this resource. We will discover how Jesus illustrates each of the five love languages and how we can love others in practical ways.

In the meantime, I encourage you to discover your love language online, for free at <https://5lovelanguages.com>.

This Lent we will have two small Sunday morning groups to participate in. Both groups will meet on Sunday at 9:45 am. The first will be co-led by Pastor Ric and me, on one of the love languages. At the same time especially for parents of children and teens using the book *The Five Love Languages of Teenagers and of Children* available in paperback & kindle. Deacon Jane will lead *The Secret to Loving Children & Teens Effectively*.

I am excited to grow with you this Lent about how we can better experience and grow in our love for God and for each other one moment at a time as we ask the question, "What is love?"

Blessings to you this Lent,
~Pr. Fritz

The 5 Love Languages

LENT SERMON SERIES begins Feb. 25/26

The *5 Love Languages* book is the resource for this sermon series. Discover how Jesus illustrates each of the five love languages and how we can love others in practical ways. Take a moment to take the free love language online test to discover what is your love language. <https://5lovelanguages.com>.

ASH WEDNESDAY

FEBRUARY 22

In-Person Worship	12 noon (Chapel) 7:30 pm (Sanctuary)
Livestream Worship	7:30 pm

**WEDNESDAY EVENING
MIDWEEK WORSHIP**

March 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29
In-person 7:30 pm, Chapel & livestreamed

Lent begins in the wilderness. The Spirit guides Jesus into the wilderness where he comes face to face with temptation and struggle. Yet, in his forty days of fasting, resisting, and wandering, Jesus is shaped and formed for ministry. Similarly, through the wilderness of Lent, we are invited to surrender to the wild leadings of the Spirit. We rarely enter the wilderness willingly, but hopefully through our wandering we remember who we are and whose we are. The wilderness can become sacred even if it remains dangerous. There is no wilderness space too harsh or threatening for God's love. This Lent, we welcome you to the journey. We will reflect on a different visual inspired by a scripture text for the week and hear the artist statements for each visual.



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
(see page 6)

7:30 pm livestream

EASTER VIGIL



April 8
In-person
7:30 pm

8:30 am livestream | 10:45 am

EASTER SUNDAY



April 9
In-person
7:00 | 8:30 | 10:45 am
7:00 am Outdoor Sunrise

IMAGINING VISUAL ENHANCEMENT

The worship team has been busy the past couple of years evaluating digital technology and experiences for our sanctuary. Recently you heard the proposal from the Visual Enhancement Team to purchase two LED displays to be installed in the sanctuary for the purpose of incorporating video and images to enhance the worship experience.



You already know the value of digital imagery. Many of us share photos and videos regularly on Facebook. Last week, we saw a beautiful video on Trinity's Facebook page highlighting events Trinity members were involved in over the MLK weekend. We believe incorporating imagery and videos

such as this into our worship experience will serve to connect, ignite, and engage all who gather in ways that we haven't yet imagined.

Here are some possibilities that the visual enhancement team has either witnessed, as we visited churches who currently use screens in worship, or imagined ourselves:

- A member of our faith community serving as a lector via recorded video from home
- Incorporating photos of those in our faith community who have died as their names are read on All Saints Sunday
- Listening to a short recorded story from someone on our ASP team serving at a site in Appalachia
- Connecting to the energy and excitement of our VBS experience through pictures and video

What can you imagine for your ministry?

We want to know! Visit trinitylansdale.com/LED for more information on the LED displays.

24,000 HOURS OF SERVICE (1,440,000 MINUTES)

ELCA Congregations, including Trinity, have historically measured and reported things that are important in determining the health and vitality of a congregation, like worship attendance and money collected in the offering plate.

But are those things truly indicative of the impact that a congregation has in its community? Isn't loving others - time spent serving - far more impactful?

One of the worship goals for 2023 is to work with the Generosity Team to collect an estimate of time spent serving so that we can celebrate how we are making a difference by loving our neighbors. That might mean serving here at Trinity as a part of one of our many Worship, Faith Formation, Fellowship and Christian Care ministries. Or, it may mean volunteering at another organization in our community.

We asked for your estimate of giving (of your time in addition to treasures) in November as a part of Stewardship campaign, and collectively, you estimated 24,000 hours of serving others! That is amazing!

Now, we'd like to provide a means of recording those hours so that we can check in quarterly and celebrate our progress together. You can do that electronically at forms.gle/3ZJNQfirJcdeJQGr7 or look for a paper form in the lobby and put it in the offering basket on Saturday/Sunday. You can do this at your convenience at any time during 2023.

If you've spent time serving others, please complete the form, even if you didn't submit an estimate of giving. Together, Trinity is making a difference in the lives of others! Let's celebrate that as we move together through 2023.



**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 will be hosted 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!



**PHILADELPHIA FLOWER
SHOW BUS TRIP**

TRINITY ON THE MOVE
All Trinity members, community friends and guests are invited to join our Fellowship Hub and Pastor Bill to attend the 2023 Philadelphia Flower Show, "Garden Electric," held in the Philadelphia Convention Center

on Tuesday, March 7. The Philadelphia Flower Show is world-renowned, featuring over three acres of dazzling landscape displays and floral designs, dozens of garden and design vendors, small informational classes along with garden tips for both flowers and vegetables. Guests are urged to visit the flower show website at phsonline.org for a full list of all the show opportunities. This year's show will again be indoors after being forced outdoors during the pandemic.

Trinity will be partnering with the Lansdale YMCA for the amazing trip! Reservations for this trip are \$75 and include round-trip motor coach transportation from Lansdale YMCA at 9:00 am and an admission ticket to the flower show. We will be returning to the YMCA approx. 5:00 pm. (Guests should be aware that the show involves considerable walking and the temperature in the show is usually around 60 degrees.) Registration forms are located at the welcome desk or online, signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4CAEA628ABF4C52-philadelphia Payment is due by 2-26-23.

Your NEXT STEP

Are you NEW here and looking to join or just interested in learning more about Trinity?

Take the next step and attend our New Disciples' Gathering. The classes take place at 9:45-10:30 am in room 125/127 for three weeks.

Topics include: Meet the Pastors, Spiritual Gifts, Lutheran history, and getting to know others new to Trinity.

**New Disciples classes:
February 26, March 5 and March 12, 2023.**

New disciples will be received on March 19, 2023, at all services. For more information, please fill out the connection card in the pew or email Vicki Seal, vseal@trinitylansdale.com to be added to the invite list.

ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT

March 25-26, 2023 at St. Francis Center for Renewal
Join us for an overnight retreat of food, fun and fellowship!

For additional details contact Vicki Seal at vseal@trinitylansdale.com.

<https://www.trinitylansdale.com/events/womens-retreat/>



TRINITY SENIORS LUNCHEON

Tuesday, February 28, 12:00 noon, Hyson Hall
\$15.00 (payable at the door when you arrive). Meatloaf, potatoes, green beans, salad, rolls, and dessert. Starting at 1:00 pm Stephen Heck will present "The History of Pitcairn Airfield and Willow Grove Naval Air Station". RSVP by Thursday, February 23, before noon at 215-368-1710.



FAITH FORMATION

BE A PART OF THE GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP EXPERIENCES

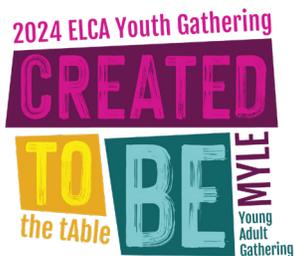


Children's Good Friday Service, April 7, noon

At the Good Friday Children's Service children and their families will travel through the main floor of Trinity to witness scenes from the last week of Jesus. Yes, if this sounds familiar, we had done it several years ago before the pandemic. People of all ages are invited to experience and reflect on the passion of Jesus. Grades 4-8 children/youth will be the actors in this experience. Save the date and look for more info.

Crucifixion Drama, April 7, 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.



ELCA YOUTH GATHERING AND YOUNG ADULT GATHERING

July 16-20, 2024, New Orleans

For the youth gathering, youth participants must be in 8th to 12th grade at the time of registration (fall 2023). Adult leaders must be at least 21 years old at the time of the Gathering. Young adults who are 18 to 35 are invited to take part in the first-ever ELCA Young Adult Gathering. Participants will be split up into cohorts by age. The excitement, dreaming, planning and recruiting start soon. Save the dates.

We have our own ELCA National Youth and Young Adult Gathering email: trinityNYG@trinitylansdale.com.

Save the date: Multicultural Youth Leadership Event and the tAble July 13-16, 2024.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES

March 19, 9:45 am, or March 26, 12:00 pm, Chapel
Each child needs to attend only one class. Their first communion will be on weekend of Palm Sunday, April 1, 2 at the worship service of your choice. Please contact Deacon Jane to sign up, jelliott@trinitylansdale.com.



SAVE THE DATES FOR VBS

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

Vacation Bible School will be held in person for children and youth from ages 4 through grade 7. Our theme this year is *Food Truck Party VBS* which invites children of all ages to get on a roll with God as a parade of Food Trucks rolls into their neighborhood for the summer's biggest party!

This VBS invites children to pray as Jesus teaches us in Matthew 6:11; "Give us this day our daily bread." These words serve as a reminder that everything we have comes from God — and that it's by turning to God in prayer that all of our daily needs are met. At the center of the Food Truck Party is a special food truck called "On a Roll." Here, Kids (or "Chefs") will learn from the food truck's Top Chef, along with DJ Skillet (an adorable cupcake puppet), about the Daily Specials (Daily Learnings), which are lines from the well-loved prayer that teaches us to turn to God to meet our needs.



Appalachia Service Project (ASP) at Trinity has our own email now: trinityASP@trinitylansdale.com.

SENIOR RECOGNITION

Sunday, May 21, 8:30 & 10:45 am worship

Senior Recognition is Trinity's way of recognizing and giving thanks for our graduating seniors as they embark on the next part of their journey of faith and life. A breakfast will be held at 9:45 am in Hyson Hall. Watch for more information on this important event. Graduating seniors: Please complete the form on Trinity's website & submit a photo for the Lansdale Lutheran by May 10 to jelliott@trinitylansdale.com.



LUTHERAN NIGHT AT THE PHILLIES

SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2023

PHILLIES VS CHICAGO

4:05 PM GAME

1:45 PM BUS. REGISTER TODAY!

Are you ready for some fun? We will be leaving the Trinity campus by bus at 1:45 pm and return by bus approx 8:45 pm. Ticket Price \$55.00 includes bus ride and ticket for section 313. Registration forms are located at the welcome desk. For more information or to reserve your seat, please contact Vicki Seal at vseal@trinitylansdale.com. Deadline is April 17, 2023. Hurry – seating is limited!

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday, 10:00 am 125/127

The Bible study led by Pr. Steve Godsall-Myers will continue during Lent titled, Greatest Hits from the Bible.

YOUTH GROUPS

Friends are always welcome!

Trinity has very active youth groups for all ages. The schedule for upcoming dates can be found here:

trinitylansdale.com/youth-groups



KIDS ROCK: 3rd & 4th grade

Friday, March 10, 6:30-8:00 pm, the Well

CHAOS: 5th - 6th grade - Fun night of games.

Sunday, February 26, 4:30-6:00 pm, Hyson Hall

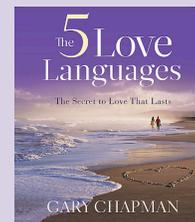
Join us for Winter Olympics Night

TEEN TROUPE: 7th – 12th grade

February 19 @ 8:30 am - Worship Together @ Trinity

February 26 @ 6:00-8:30 pm - Dinner & Cake Decorating Competition, Hyson Hall

March 12 @ 2:00 pm - Lehigh Valley Phantoms Hockey Game



5 LOVE LANGUAGES GROUPS

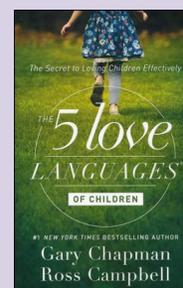
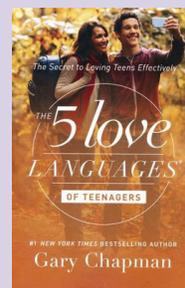
Sundays in Lent, 9:45 am

Jesus said, "Love one another as I have loved you." Have you ever felt like you didn't understand how to communicate love to someone else or they to you. This Lent we will have two Sunday morning groups which will both meet at 9:45 am.

5 LOVE LANGUAGES GROUP

Sunday, 9:45 am, Social Hall

Book by Gary Chapman the group is co-led by Pr. Fritz and Pr. Ric on the love languages



5 LOVE LANGUAGES OF CHILDREN/TEENAGERS GROUP

Sunday, 9:45 am, 126

This group led by Deacon Jane is geared towards parents, grandparents, and guardians of children and teens using the books, *The 5 Love Languages of Children/Teenagers: The Secret to Loving Children & Teens Effectively*. Please order a book for yourself. On Sundays we will have samples of the series for you to peruse in the lobby.

LENTEN BOOK STUDY

Wednesday, 6:30 pm begins March 1, before midweek worship

Based on the book *The Last Week: What the Gospels Really Teach about Jesus' Final Days in Jerusalem*, by Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan. The book is a devotional book which delves into the events of Jesus' final week and provides spiritual nourishment for our Lenten journey. Purchase a book for \$10 in the church lobby. The Class will be taught by the Adult Faith Formation Team of Jean and Cort Birenbaum, Dick Detweiler, Joe and Barb Devlin, Mary Kieras and Norma Nish and will be pastorally supported by Pastor Ric. Consider joining us each Wednesday of Lent just prior to Mid-week Lenten Services.



CHRISTIAN CARE

Afghan Refugee DONATIONS NEEDED

Donations to the Afghan Refugee Resettlement fund have reached over \$8,355 toward the \$10,000 match! Thank you all for your continued generosity as we continue to support our Afghan friends. Please consider making a monetary donation to the Afghan Refugee Resettlement Fund. The Endowment fund will match up to \$10,000. secure.myvanco.com/L-YRBK/campaign/C-125CJ.

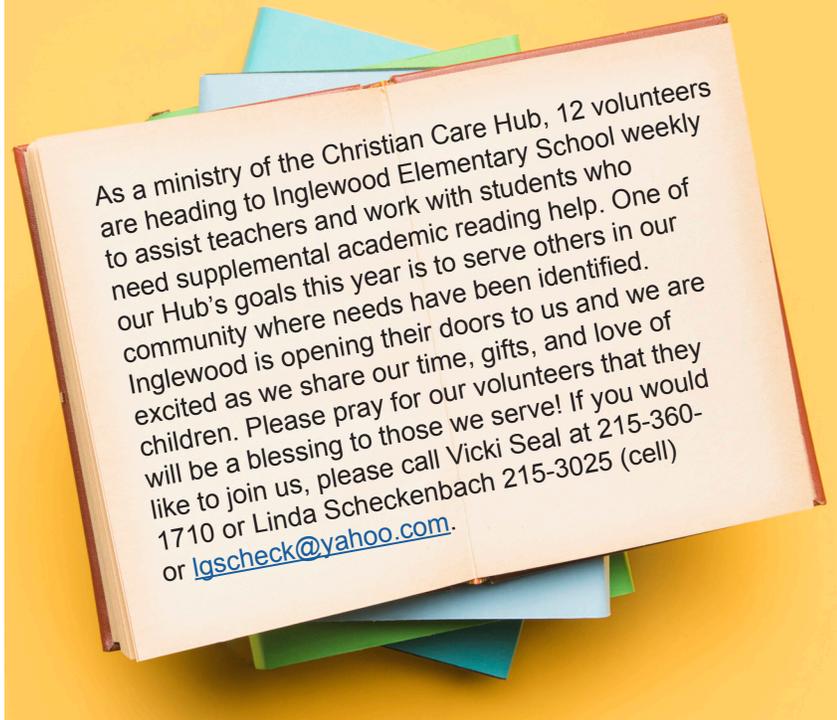
Grief Support Group

Tuesdays, 7 pm, Zoom begins March 7

Trinity would like to support you during these difficult times by offering a Grief Support Group.

In 2021, Trinity initiated a Grief Support Group knowing that many people were dealing with the loss of loved ones. Marcia Hoffa, Terri Maurice, Marian Schurz, and Maria Brown will co-lead this group for a six-week session. The sessions are held via Zoom for an hour a week, typically on a Tuesday from 7:00 to 8:00 pm. We are looking forward to starting a six-week session beginning on Tuesday, March 7 and ending on Tuesday, April 11, 2023. Please call the church office if you would like to be included in our group. We hope that our support will help folks who are dealing with the difficulty of loss.

TRINITY GOES TO SCHOOL



As a ministry of the Christian Care Hub, 12 volunteers are heading to Inglewood Elementary School weekly to assist teachers and work with students who need supplemental academic reading help. One of our Hub's goals this year is to serve others in our community where needs have been identified. Inglewood is opening their doors to us and we are excited as we share our time, gifts, and love of children. Please pray for our volunteers that they will be a blessing to those we serve! If you would like to join us, please call Vicki Seal at 215-360-1710 or Linda Scheckenbach 215-3025 (cell) or lgscheck@yahoo.com.

BUNNY BOXES

The Christian Care Hub is inviting you to be part of a Lenten project, "BUNNY BOXES!" This year the North Penn School District is having an extended week-long Spring/Easter vacation that will leave children from families who are food insecure (and get their weekday nutrition, breakfast and lunch, at school) without those daily resources. By filling a "Bunny Box" with non-perishable foods that will allow for supplemental nutrition for these children, we will be doing God's work in our community. Pick up your Bunny Box in the lobby any time after Ash Wednesday, **February 22** and **return by Sunday, March 26** for distribution to families by March 30, when Spring Break begins. Instructions for filling are attached to the box! If you have any questions, please contact Vicki Seal at 215-368-1710 or Linda Scheckenbach at 215-915-3025. Make this a family project. Work and plan together to show how sharing our resources can help another family who may be less fortunate. Proverbs 22: 9 says, "Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor."

BUNNY BOXES

Boxes of Caring from your family to one in need. A Lenten family project...



WHAT TO INCLUDE

- Applesauce or canned fruit
- Cereal
- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Pancake mix/syrup
- Canned Soup
- Canned meat, pasta
- Canned vegetables
- Box macaroni & cheese
- Instant potatoes or rice

WHAT YOU CAN ADD

- Gift card for groceries
- Easter candy
- Easter crafts
- Egg dye kit
- Boxed cookie or brownie mix
- Juice boxes
- Snack crackers or pretzels
- Goldfish or cheese crackers

DETAILS

- You may decorate the box!
- Only non-perishable items, please
- Boxes will be available after Feb. 22
- Completed boxes returned by Sunday, March 26
- Boxes will be distributed to students at Inglewood Elementary
- You will be a blessing to a local family!

FEAST COMMUNITY MEAL & FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

At Feast, Trinity Lutheran Church's weekly community meal and food pantry, we are often asked, "How are you able to provide so much food to the community?" Simply, we receive generous donations; but behind the scenes, this answer is more comprehensive. Between the extraordinary amount of volunteer time dedicated each week, and our strong collaboration with local businesses, this bountiful ministry provides thousands of pounds of donations to members of our community.

Our current Feast donors include:

- Lansdale's Grocery Outlet
- Manhattan Bagel
- Garden of Health Food Bank
- Montgomeryville Wegmans
- Panera Bread



Throughout the week, our team of volunteers works together to pick up, load, transport, unload, organize, and itemize donations. Often our weekly donations add up to more than 2,000 lbs. of food and non-perishable items.

We have a scheduled pickup at Wegmans on Sunday mornings each week. Most weekends, we bring 3-4 large vehicles to transport donations back to the kitchen at Trinity Lutheran Church. Our volunteers also have scheduled pickups from Manhattan Bagel and Panera Bread on Mondays. But, the Garden of Health Food Bank and Grocery Outlet operate differently. We are often contacted multiple times each week from each donor, with news that items are ready and abundant. Our volunteers pick up whatever donations are available on that given day. These pickups may include multiple pallets of cauliflower or individual boxes of cereal. Sometimes donations include crates of various foods like cookies, crackers, produce, and boxes of frozen meats.

Over the holidays, we were fortunate enough to receive donations of over 300 lbs. of turkey and over 100 boxes of Rice-A-Roni. This past Monday's Feast, in which 200 meals were prepared, consisted of roasted turkey, gravy, rice, mixed vegetables, cranberry sauce, bread and butter, and brownies. The only supplemental groceries purchased were mixed vegetables and cranberry sauce. All other groceries were donated to create this delicious meal.

Every Monday, even holidays, from 5:00 - 6:00 pm, our dedicated Feast volunteers create a nourishing, welcoming, dependable environment for our guests. In a typical week, we will prepare 200 meals and serve approximately 150 people. We are ever-grateful to our sponsors, and hope to continue with these partnerships. Our wheels are turning, as we look forward to adding more donors in the future. Feast - A Complimentary Community Meal & Food Pantry, is truly a ministry to be proud of.

Is your mouth watering? Come join us for a delicious meal each Monday from 5:00 - 6:00 pm, at Trinity.

Interested in volunteering? We'd love your help! Monday nights don't work? How about signing on to help with donation pickups during the week? We'd love to hear from you! Please spread the word. Our motto is,

"All are welcome! The more, the merrier!" Contact Mark - mark@lanan.com (or) Lindsay - LindsayBeuke@gmail.com.

■ Lindsay Beuke



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Special Thanks



The Christian Care Hub wishes to thank all who donated coats and other winter accessories for the "giveaway" for our guests at FEAST on Monday, December 5, 2022! The participants were happy and grateful to select either a coat or two winter accessories to provide comfort from the elements this winter. Your donations were a blessing to so many people in our community! THANK YOU!

Marriage Recognition Sunday

Trinity recognized those couples married 50 years or more on November 13, 2022, during the 10:45 am service and at an anniversary luncheon that followed the service. Twenty-one couples attended the luncheon.

Those couples celebrating milestone anniversaries (50, 55, 60, etc.) were invited to bring in three items from their marriage or honeymoon to display. Special recognition was given to:



Keith and Pam Clemens



Joe and Carol Voichick



Chip and Betty Kern



Alan and Lee Clemens



Mark and Lynn Staples



John and Carole Kriebel



Dave and Karen Olson



Mike and Jay Colavita

50 years

55 years

60 years

75 years

Diane Bridi... Gives Control to God



Diane came to Lansdale from Carlisle, PA, where she belonged to First Evangelical United Brethren Church. Friends invited her to Trinity. "I went with them and discovered that I liked the Liturgy of the Lutheran Service and the outreach of the church." The Lutheran liturgy, communion and music enhance the worship experience and are quite meaningful to Diane. Her involvement in different activities has enabled her to meet new people at Trinity.

As is often said, the rest is history.

Diane Bridi became part of the Trinity family in 1983. "I was a single mom when I joined Trinity, and Pastor Hyson made me feel very welcome when he visited me." At that time, she had a young son, so she became involved in areas that involved young children. Diane enjoyed volunteering in VBS. She taught 2nd grade and, with a friend, coordinated this age group.

Diane always enjoyed attending worship services. While worshipping at the Easter service in 2000 she found the beautifully decorated sanctuary enhanced her worship experience. It was after this she contacted Cricket Snearing to volunteer for the Decorating Committee because there was a need for volunteers noted in the Trinity Weekly. Diane enjoys decorating at home, so this seemed to be a "natural fit." Another decorating event that she enjoys is preparing the church for "All Saints Sunday." By helping with this event she has come to know some of the "Saints" from the stories other committee members share as pictures are put on display. In addition to this ministry, Diane has helped with funeral receptions, participates in Sunday Fellowship hour where she continues to meet folks; she is also a Baptismal Guide and a substitute receptionist in the church office.

Beyond Trinity, she is a member of AAUW, American Association of University Women. Like Trinity, AAUW espouses values of equity and social justice for all. A former schoolteacher, Diane taught for 36 years - 30 of them in the Bensalem Township School district. In her free time she enjoys reading, playing bridge, walking, traveling with her college sorority sisters, lunching with friends, and most of all, spending time with her family.

Diane feels God has always been there for her. She gives her problems to God and is no longer scared to let Him have control. When going through an especially difficult time, she was worshipping alone, and an elderly member invited her to sit with him. They became good friends, and he helped her to see that God is always there for her.

■ Carole Kriebel

Thank you

Dear Trinity Family,
In the past weeks since we lost our dear Grandson Henry, we have received countless expressions of condolences, offers of help for anything we needed, meals which provided comfort, and most importantly prayers for our family. We are deeply grateful for this outpouring of love and support. Thank you to everyone who sent an email, posted on Facebook, mailed a card, prepared a meal, sent flowers, attended Henry's services, watched the service online, gave a memorial in Henry's name, or spoke with us one to one. As hard as this has been on our family, we know that we would not have been able to face each day without your overwhelming support and countless prayers. We especially want to thank Pastor Fritz for his many acts of kindness shown to our family. Trinity, you are truly our family, and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.
Peace and Love ~ Lorraine and Dave Crosson

Thank you for the very generous gift card. I look forward to the beautiful stole it will allow me to get. Thank you also for hosting my special day. It was a wonderful celebration of not only me, but the loving and empowering community at Trinity. It is that love and support that made me the pastor I am today. Yours in Christ,
~Pastor Maeve Schurz

January 2023 food donation update-Thanks to the ongoing generosity of our congregation 293 lbs. of food and household supplies was delivered to the United Lutheran Seminary's food pantry last week. These donations will go toward feeding Seminarians and their families. Thanks to everyone who contributed.

~Tamera Hatton for the Outreach Ministry Team

Many thanks for your recent gift to Mitzvah Circle Foundation (MCF) in the amount of \$620. As you will see below, we have been able to put your gift to use immediately. The need is ongoing and only grows as the crises we face continue and families' realities evolve. We recently got a note from Sarah, who said "To all of you at Mitzvah Circle I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for all the things that you put together for me! Being homeless is something that I have never gone through and knowing there are wonderful people like you all that help. I feel more human now that I got cleaned up and put on clean clothes. Thank you so much!"
~Fran Held, Founder & Exec. Director MCF

Thank you

Your gift has just made the life of a young person in Trenton that much better than it was yesterday. Now more than ever, the opportunity to gather with friends and make music—live and in person! —is uplifting them with connectedness, challenge, opportunity and joy. Our warmest thank you for your December gift in recognition of Trenton's Children's Chorus to Capital Harmony Works in the amount of \$1500. We look forward to keeping you updated on the good that this gift is doing.
~Niki Sprulli Graham, Capital Harmony Works

I have the most beautiful white plant in my living room helping me to feel a part of the wonderful family of Trinity. It was delivered on Monday. I have no idea who brought it nor did I have a chance to say thank you for the plant or the selfless act of fighting that bitter cold to bring it to me. I will just share with you how much this means to me. I miss seeing my Trinity Family and this gift in a small way reminds me of all of you. Thanks to everyone involved. Hope you had a wonderful Christmas. Thanks for all you do.
~Flos Horsfield

A sincere note of appreciation to all who made the worship service and the annual meeting on February 12 up lifting...from the church staff, hubs, council, choirs and hospitality. We are all Better Together!

Easter Memorials & Honorariums



There are three options to either honor or memorialize a loved one at Easter.
 WORSHIP BULLETINS, LIVESTREAM WORSHIP,
 EASTER FLOWERS & FEAST MEALS

Presented by _____
 First Name Last Name

Phone _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____

ENV. # _____

Sponsorship of Worship Bulletins \$100 \$ _____

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

Sponsorship of Livestream Worship \$50 \$ _____

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

Sponsorship of FEAST Community Meals - \$4 each \$ _____

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

Easter Flower(s) at \$10 each \$ _____

I will pick up my flower(s) on Easter Day. Please deliver my flower(s) to a shut-in.

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

DEADLINE FOR SPONSORSHIPS IS March 27, 2022.

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.



2022 ANNUAL REPORT

Pick up the Annual Report in the communication wall racks and welcome desk and take a look at the video of 2022 as Trinity was "Better Together!"



Janke Scholarship

A number of years ago the Janke family, members of our church, set up a trust to provide educational scholarships for Trinity's graduating seniors.

The scholarship shall be awarded annually to a Trinity Lutheran Church member who is a graduating high school senior planning on continuing higher education. The recipient shall exemplify truthfulness, fairness, the ability to build good will and friendships and provide mutually beneficial experiences to all concerned. Applications are to be submitted to the Endowment Program Committee by March 15th each year and are found on the website under ABOUT drop down.

Recommendations for award recipients will be made to Congregation Council and voted on for approval at the April Council meeting. The award is presented in May. The criteria for selection is based on the following:

1. The student has shared generously of their time and talents with the ministry of TLC during their high school year.
2. The student has successfully completed the requirements to graduate from high school and has been accepted to an accredited institution of higher learning.
3. The student reflects the character and spirit of the Janke Family Trust Educational Scholarship Fund outlined above.
4. The Committee will also consider the student's financial need and their efforts made to balance work, school and church involvement.
5. The student shows a commitment to faith and the worship life of the church.
6. The student's involvement to their community and service organizations.

Wreaths Across America Service



Left to right: Ed Hettel, Joe Howard, Dan Coe, Craig Dietterick, Michael Johannesson, and Chip Kern

On December 17, 2022 the Trinity Lutheran Church's 2nd annual Wreaths Across America ceremony was held to honor our veterans. The service began at 1 pm as all the ceremonies in America begin at the same time on the same date. A single wreath with a red bow was on display at the front of the chapel. A veteran's wreath is a symbol of HONOR, RESPECT, and VICTORY.

During the service in the chapel each veteran's name who is in-urned in Trinity's Columbarium is read aloud. In response to each name a member of Trinity Veterans Ministry, while facing the Columbarium, salutes the veteran and says, "Thank you for your service to our country." It is a moving experience. Chip Kern, Co-Chairperson of the Veterans Ministry read aloud the names of each veteran inurned.

Dawson Victor Carroll, Navy
Anthony Haag, Army
William Lessig, Army
James Lorensen, Army
Charles Macy, Air Force
John McDonald, Army
James Nelson, Army
William Greg Nish, Army
Walter Rhue, Air Force
Ralph Schultz, Army
Luther Sergeant, Army
Frederick Shisler, Air Force
Ronald Underkoffler, Army
Edward Walls Sr., Navy
Robert Weibel, Army
Glen Horsfield, Army

At the end of the chapel ceremony two members of the Veterans Ministry carried the wreath and placed it on a stand in front of the columbarium wall. Each inurnment niche had previously been identified with a decal of the American Flag to identify a veteran.

The Veterans Ministry members stepped away from the wreath and the order, "Veterans, Present Arms" is given and all veterans salute simultaneously as Taps begins to play. With his trumpet Michael Johannesson performed Taps admirably. At the end of Taps the military instruction, "Veterans, Order Arms" is given and the Wreaths Across America ceremony is concluded.



Wreaths Across America started in 1992 and has grown into an international recognition at Christmas time of those veterans that served their military time for our nation. The wreath consists of 10 Balsam bouquets representing the 10 special qualities that our veterans embody. The evergreens equal longevity and endurance, the red bow represents great sacrifice, and the forest scent equals purity and simplicity while the circular shape represents eternity. For more information see wreathsacrossamerica.org.

■ Joe Howard



WELCOME VICAR CARI STATES-CODDING

Hello! I am a master of divinity student at United Lutheran Seminary, and I have completed my academic requirements and a certificate in congregational faith formation. Just before coming to Trinity, I completed a six-month internship with Extraordinary Lutheran Ministries. My husband (Dwayne) and I moved to Philadelphia in August 2019 and we finally finished unpacking in time for COVID shutdowns. We moved here from Flagstaff, AZ, with our cat and puppy and have since added a bearded dragon to our little zoo. Our dog (Archie) doesn't know you but he's already your friend, so don't be shy to give him a scratch if you see him. I grew up unchurched but started attending a fundamentalist church when I was 9. I discovered the ELCA in 2012 and became a member in 2017. When I have the time, I enjoy hiking/camping and exploring museums. I am a prolific reader, and I dabble in gluten-free baking (I have celiac disease) and crocheting. A fun or, if you're me, not so fun fact is that I am allergic to polyester. Thank you for the warm welcomes over the past couple of weeks. I'm looking forward to the next six months that I get to spend with all of you. I'd love to get to know you better, so please email me, cstatescoddin@trinitylansdale.com

PASTORAL ACTS DEATHS

11/5/2022	Colin M. Hannings
11/19/2022	Jim Piston
12/15/2022	Patricia K. Walls
12/25/2022	Arlo C. Anderson
1/1/2023	Betsy Tiemeyer
1/4/2023	Edith Richter
1/5/2023	Martha Hopkins
1/9/2023	Doris Weiskopf
1/17/2023	Linda Zeman
1/21/2023	Henry John Crosson

BAPTISMS

1/14/2023	Vivien Ada Mascola, daughter of Anthony Michael Mascola and Sarah Emily (McCoach) Mascola
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PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE

Ordination

of

Amy R. Smith

TO THE MINISTRY OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2023 @ 11:00 AM

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
1000 W. MAIN STREET
LANSDALE, PA**

*Guests are invited to wear red in celebration
Clergy are invited to vest and process*

**RECEPTION TO FOLLOW
ALL ARE WELCOME**

Sign-up to receive texts from Trinity!

Sign-up at the Welcome Desk or online
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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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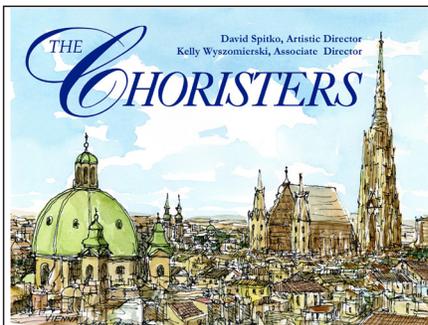
We are proud to share that Trinity received **\$2,141** in 2023 from the grant funding through the Thrivent Choice® program. Support Trinity and log on today and designate Trinity for your Choice Dollars®. thrivent.com/about-us/membership/thrivent-choice



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.



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

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

For additional information and discounted advance tickets, please call (215) 842-7871 or go to www.TheChoristers.org



Homebound Birthdays

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



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Barbara Horvath
815 Maplewood Dr., Apt. 317
Harleysville, PA 19438-1076
- 11 Sallie Cassa
660 N Broad St., Apt. A507
Lansdale, PA 19446-2379

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

FEAST Community Meal & Food Pantry



Bear Creek Camp Pancake Breakfast



Decorating for Christmas



OUR MISSION

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

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Worship

LIVESTREAM

Each week Sundays at 8:30 am

ASH
WEDNESDAY

In-person
12 noon & 7:30 pm

Livestream: 7:30 pm

REMEMBRANCE THROUGH SACRIFICE

Wednesday, February 22



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A FUN PLACE TO LEARN & GROW

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

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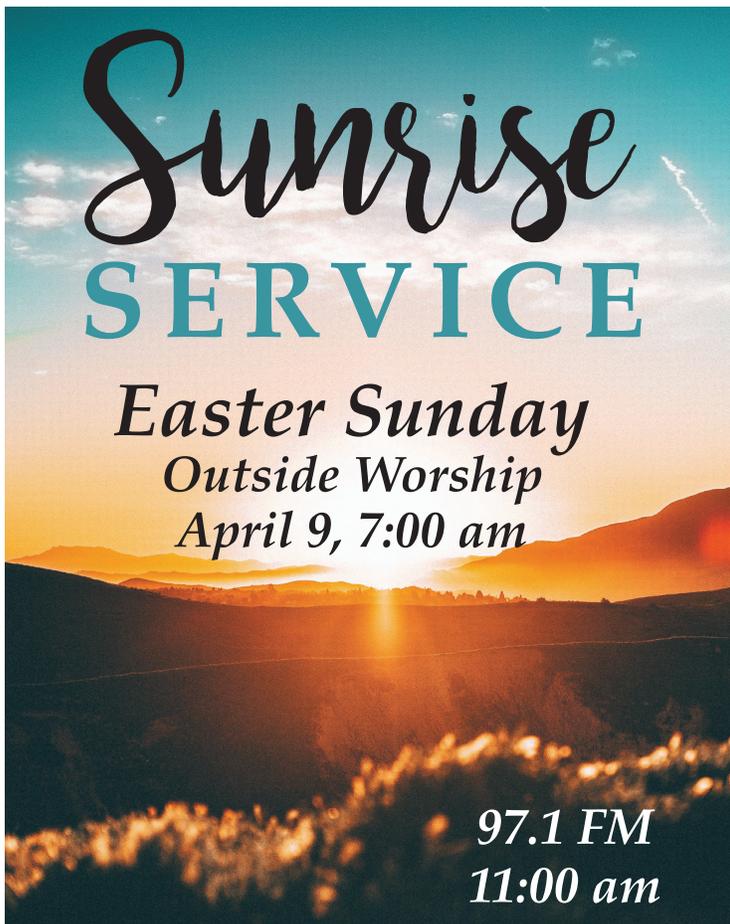
Easter

Sunday, April 2, 1:30 pm

**EGG
HUNT**

Ages 2 - 11
Meet at Circle Drive

Bring your own
basket to collect
the Easter eggs



Sunrise
SERVICE

Easter Sunday
Outside Worship
April 9, 7:00 am

97.1 FM
11:00 am



Easter Services

In-person in the Sanctuary
April 9
8:30 & 10:45 am

Livestreamed: 8:30 am