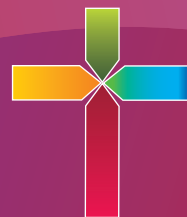


February-April
2024

Lansdale LUTHERAN



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

TRINITY
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



WORSHIP

Ash Wednesday Worship
February 14, 12:00 & 7:30 pm
Wednesday Lent Worship
February 21-March 20
Holden Evening Prayer 7:30 pm
Palm Sunday/Holy Week
See page 4 & 16



CHRISTIAN CARE

Blood Drive
February 23, 12:00 - 5:00 pm
April 25, 1:30-6:30 pm
Grief Support Group
March 12, 7:00 - 8:00 pm



FAITH FORMATION

Good Friday Children's Worship
March 29, Noon
Lenten Book Study
Wednesdays at 6:30 pm
Vacation Bible School
June 24-28



FELLOWSHIP

Easter Egg Hunt
March 24, 1:00 pm
Volunteer Recognition
April 28
Sight & Sound Bus Trip
May 2

We are the CHURCH

2024 began with amazing donations and volunteer efforts all around. The first two Sundays in January the Outreach Ministry Team collected carloads for babies in our community and then at the MLK Day of Service we packaged 15,120 meals for the food insecure! God is working at Trinity!



MLK Day of Service

Volunteers gathered at Trinity packaging 15,120 meals in approximately 90 minutes for our service project for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day on January 15. We had 130 volunteers work for the Rise Against Hunger event. More details page 11.

Christmas Gift Generosity



Trinity received some generous donations around Christmas and purchased blankets and sweaters for local residents in a local nursing home.



Thank you to everyone for your generosity on White Gifts Sundays. We collected carloads of items for local prenatal clinics that were delivered to Mitzvah Circle Foundation to distribute to those in need.

White Gifts for local prenatal clinics

Dear Trinity Friends and Family,

On Saturday, January 27th, the Shared Leadership Team (SLT) gathered in retreat at Trinity for worship, learning, dreaming, and fellowship. It was a remarkable day of dreaming and discerning where God is calling Trinity to go in 2024 and beyond.



Our day began with worship in the Chapel as we heard from Matthew 13 and what the Kingdom of God looks like from Jesus. During our first session Listening to God's Call, we looked at call stories in scripture and the implications of those call stories in our lives as people of God and as a congregation. We took the time to refamiliarize ourselves with Reggie McNeal's book *Kingdom Come: Why We Must Give Up Our Obsession with Fixing the Church--and What We Should Do Instead*. Our mid-morning session focused on Expanding Engagement in Our Mission and we looked at how best to care for ourselves and support volunteers in ministry as we looked at this article by Pastor Brenda Martin in the *Living Lutheran* titled *Beating Burnout and 10 Leadership Practices for Effective Ministry* and how to apply those to all of the ministries at Trinity. Together, we enjoyed a wonderful time of fellowship over lunch, and in the afternoon, the SLT continued with a session on Deepening Connections at Trinity with a special focus on social and physical strategies to help disciples at Trinity be more inviting and deepen connections with each other. After the formal part of the day had ended, it was a joy for Trevor and me to host the team for a time of fellowship at the Pastor's House.

I can not say enough how grateful I am for our Shared Leadership Team members and their willingness to share their gifts and leadership in our congregation. Over the next few weeks, you will hear more, including a survey, as we continue to discern where God is leading us!

An Invitation to the Season of Lent

The Season of Lent and the journey towards Good Friday and Easter Sunday begins with Ash Wednesday, February 14th. Lent is a time of reminding ourselves who we are called to be in this world. This year, our theme at Trinity will be "Roll Down Justice," based on the words from Amos 5:21-24. Together with these words of Amos of God calling us to let "justice roll down like waters" and the remembrance of our rituals of baptism, we will together let our voices be tuned to the heart of the Gospel--proclaiming God's love for all people.

As always, I can be reached by email at ffowler@trinitylansdale.com or at 267.498.5909.

Blessings to you this Lenten Season!

~Pastor Fritz

February 14
ASH WEDNESDAY

12 noon (Chapel) 7:30 pm (Sanctuary)
Livestream

What is the Shared Leadership Team at Trinity?

The Shared Leadership Team includes our Council members, Staff Directors, Clergy, Hub leaders and members. All together over 25 people serve on TLC Shared Leadership Team.



Midweek Worship

Wednesdays - February 21, 28, March 6, 13, 20
7:30 pm in the Chapel - livestreamed

Praying the psalms is like basic grammar for Christian worship, but we often bypass them, choosing not to include them in worship. This 30-minute midweek Lenten worship service will include a reflection on the appointed Psalm for the previous Sunday's worship, as well as a chance to sing that psalm in a different way each week.



Lenten Series Roll Down Justice

Our Sunday Lenten series is an exploration of our calling to proclaim God's love for all people. Through preaching and music, this series encourages us to remember our baptism as followers of Christ, called to join together in the work of addressing justice issues in our communities.

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| 2/18 | Child of God: Naming Each One |
| 2/25 | How Long: Renouncing Evil |
| 3/3 | Dream of a Church: Christ's Representatives |
| 3/10 | I Choose Love: Communities of Forgiveness |
| 3/17 | God Has Work for Us to Do: Faithful Disciples |



WORSHIP

PALM SUNDAY



March 24
In-person
Sat. 5:30 pm
Sunday 8:30 | 9:40 |
10:45 am
8:30 am livestream

MAUNDY THURSDAY



March 28
In-person
Noon | 7:30 pm
7:30 pm livestream

GOOD FRIDAY



March 29
In-person
Noon | 7:30 pm
Noon - Children's Service
(see page 11)
7:30 pm livestream

EASTER VIGIL



March 30
In-person
7:30 pm
Columbarium

EASTER SUNDAY



March 31
In-person
8:30 | 9:40 | 10:45 am
8:30 am livestream



Children's MUSIC CAMP

July 8-11, 2024

JULY 8-11: 9 AM - 3 PM
OPTIONAL EXTENDED CARE 3 - 5 PM

JULY 11: 7 PM
PRESENTATION FOR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS

Led by nationally recognized clinician Dr. Michael Burkhardt

CAMP IS HELD AT:

TRINITY
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
1000 W. MAIN STREET, LANSDALE, PA 19446
TRINITYLANSDALE.COM

REGISTRATION FEE: \$100 PER CHILD
EXTENDED CARE: ADDITIONAL \$25 PER CHILD
AGE: GRADES 2-8 (FALL 2024)

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER:
TRINITYLANSDALE.COM/EVENTS/MUSIC-CAMP

QUESTIONS? EMAIL ANDREA BAXTER:
ABAXTER@TRINITYLANSDALE.COM

Hearts, Hands and Voices Music Camp

We are so excited to be bringing Dr. Michael Burkhardt back to Trinity this summer to offer the Hearts, Hands and Voices Music Camp! This experience is for children entering grades 2-8, where they will sing, play instruments, learn about worship and have the opportunity to make new friends and grow as a musician and person. The dates for this year's experience are **July 8-11th, meeting from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm** in the church (aftercare from 3:00-5:00 pm optional).

Hearts, Hands and Voices seeks to:

- Equip children to use their gifts in worship leadership
- Prepare children to confidently lead in a worship service through musical experiences
- Provide children with unique and various opportunities to express their faith through music and art in a variety of styles, languages and traditions

Last year's camp was a great success and we are looking forward to bringing more campers into the fold this year! There are volunteer opportunities as well! Contact Andrea Baxter, abaxter@trinitylansdale.com or Henry Strobel, hstrobel@trinitylansdale.com.

Register for camp: <https://forms.gle/LWsxNfmbEBnvB9Wc9>



Instrumental Brass Opportunity

Do you or a loved one play a brass instrument (trumpet, trombone, french horn, baritone/euphonium or tuba)? We at Trinity have opportunities throughout the year to share those gifts in worship! Our next brass opportunity will be Sunday, March 10th at the 10:45 am service, with one rehearsal beforehand on Sunday, March 3rd at 12:00 pm in the Sanctuary. If you're interested in playing with us, fill out this form below! Link for brass: <https://forms.gle/zo1WLwNhuvENce6BA>.

If you have any questions about playing with brass at Trinity, email Henry Strobel at hstrobel@trinitylansdale.com.



FELLOWSHIP



**Ages 2 - 8
Meet at Circle Drive**

**Bring your own
basket to collect
the Easter eggs**

Join us on the Trinity Campus Sunday, March 24, at 1:00 pm
(at the circle drive) for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt!
The egg hunt is geared for ages 2-8. All are welcome!

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 donation bin marked Egg Hunt on the lobby porch by Friday, March 15.

VOLUNTEER FOR THE EASTER EGG HUNT

All ages welcome! Volunteers are needed to assist with Easter Egg Hunt on March 24 from 11:00-2:00 pm. Another opportunity is filling plastic eggs with candy and other goodies! Please use link to sign up or contact Vicki Seal at vseal@trinitylansdale.com.



BUS TRIP TO "DANIEL" AT SIGHT AND SOUND THEATER

Thursday, May 2

Ticket Price \$143.50 per person includes show ticket (preferred seating) and Perkiomen coach bus. Lunch will be on your own at Park Place Diner. Registration forms can be found online or at the wall racks in the lobby. The registration deadline is March 20, 2024. Seating is limited! For more details and registration form go to trinitylansdale.com/events/sight-and-sound. Contact Vicki Seal, vseal@trinitylansdale.com, with questions.



LUTHERAN NIGHT AT THE PHILLIES!

May 31, 2024, 6:40 pm, Citizens Bank Park
Watch for more information about the annual fundraiser for SEPA youth and young adult programs. The Phillies will host the Cardinals on the evening of Friday, May 31, 2024, 6:40 p.m.

Save the date and start spreading the word so we have a significant Lutheran presence at the game. Hurry – seating is limited!

SOUP SUPPER VOLUNTEERS

Are you like Martha in the Gospel of Luke? Are you someone who likes to prepare a meal and/or ensure preparations for group meals. Join the Fellowship hub during Lent and share your gift of hospitality with others! Contact Vicki Seal at vseal@trinitylansdale.com.

ARE YOU NEW HERE AND INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT TRINITY?

We invite you to take the next step and attend our new members orientation beginning in mid-February. Please contact Vicki Seal at vseal@trinitylansdale.com or call the church office at 215-368-1710.

SAVE THE DATES

Volunteer Recognition Sunday

April 28, 9:30 to 11:00 am

We want to celebrate our amazing volunteers! Join us in Hyson Hall for food and fun! We couldn't do our ministries without YOU!

Lansdale Day - June 1, 2024

Look for our booth and stop by to say hello!

Annual Church BBQ - June 9, 2024 Vounteer signups coming soon! Look for details in the Weekly.





CHRISTIAN CARE

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

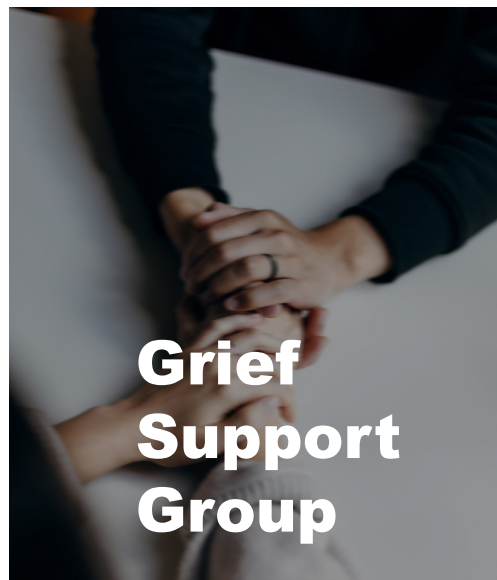
Provides community-based and transitional housing for homeless persons, a food pantry, and English as a Second Language classes

MANNA ON MAIN STREET - LANSDALE

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

Due to the increasing pressures of inflation, 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 \$4,159** to this appeal. We thank everyone who contributed in the past and we hope everyone will consider making a donation in 2024 to support the important work of these local agencies. Thank you!

■ Trinity's Outreach Ministry Team



Grief Support Group

Six-Week Session starting Tuesday, March 12 - April 16, 7:00-8:00 pm

The sessions are held either via Zoom or in person at Trinity for an hour a week. There are two six-week sessions each year, one in the spring and one in the fall. Trinity initiated a Grief Support Group knowing that many people were dealing with the loss of loved ones. Marcia Hoffa and Terri Maurice co-lead this group. Maria Brown assists with Zoom. 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.

BUNNY BOXES

Once again this year, we are helping food insecure North Penn students and their families who receive free or reduced breakfast and lunch during their 9-day extended Spring Break. Bunny Boxes are filled with family friendly staple foods (list provided) to help these families provide nutritious foods for their children while away from school. Pick up a "Bunny Box", fill it with the recommended food items, make it a family or group Lenten project, and be a blessing to a family in need! This year Pastor Fritz has pledged to add a \$25 gift card to Aldi or Lidl to each completed box up to 115 boxes! (Last year we distributed 112 boxes!) Boxes will be available Ash Wednesday, February 14 through Lent, in the lobby. Boxes need to be **returned by Sunday, March 17**. They will be distributed to SIX North Penn Elementary Schools (Inglewood, Oak Park, Hatfield, York Avenue, AM Kulp and Knapp Elementary Schools) the week of March 18th. Thanks for all you do to make this project a success!



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

Candy Treats
Spring Crafts
Egg Dye Kit
Boxed cookie or brownie mix
Juice boxes
Snack crackers or pretzels
Goldfish or cheese crackers
You will be a blessing to a local family!

DETAILS

You may decorate the box!
Only non-perishable items, please
Boxes will be available after Feb. 14
Completed boxes returned by
Sunday, March 17
Boxes will be distributed to local
North Penn Elementary schools
& Social Service Agencies



Blood Pressure Screenings-Health Ministry

February is Heart Disease Awareness Month

- Heart disease is the leading cause of death in the U.S. for both men and women, with approximately 655,000 deaths per year or 1 in 4 deaths.
- Risk factors include family history, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes, obesity, and excessive alcohol use.
- Coronary heart disease is the most common type of heart disease. Every year approximately 805,000 Americans experience a heart attack. Congestive heart failure also affects 6.2 million people, causing 1 out of 9 deaths annually. Stroke is the leading cause of long-term disability.
- Prevention of heart disease includes monitoring of blood pressure, cholesterol, triglyceride levels, lifestyle modifications such as exercise, healthy diet, and management of risk factors.
- **Monthly blood pressure screenings** continue to be held at Trinity on the third Sunday of the month (February 18 and March 17) in room 122, from 9:45-10:45 am.

Afghanistan Refugees Today

The Alemi, Saddiq, Mahmoodi, Refahi, Razaqi and Kazimi families thank you!



At home decorating cookies and to the left volunteering at the Rise Against Hunger MLK event.

Two years ago, in February 2022, we welcomed three adult Afghani refugees to our Lansdale community. Today we are supporting twenty people in six households. Two are now adorable toddlers who were born here in the summer of 2022.

Trinity has been instrumental in the progress they have made. The monetary gifts provided by the congregation have allowed them to live in safe housing, meet medical and dental expenses that occur regularly and cover some unexpected expenses. Gifts-in-kind from congregation members and friends in the community have furnished these six homes with many household items.

Highlights:

- The adults in all families are employed in one or more jobs.
- Most adults have driver's licenses. All households have their own cars. The weekly transportation trips have decreased from over 40 at one time to now when we only are needed for less than five.
- Five children are enrolled in NPSD from Kindergarten to 10th grade. Two young ones are enrolled in day care. All are flourishing in these new environments.
- They utilize support from community agencies like Mitzvah Circle Foundation, Keystone Opportunities Center, Feast and Care and Share.
- Their English skills continue to improve.
- Eight refugees have permanent resident status (Green Cards). Asylum has been granted to another six while four others are still classified as humanitarian parolees. This continues to be an unsettling and confusing process.
- Three families are hoping to bring additional family members here soon.

We are thrilled to watch them as they work toward independence. They have formed a community amongst themselves, caring for each other and sharing in difficult times and celebrations. As Trinity accompanies them through this process, we rejoice in their successes and will continue to walk with them.

■ Karen Wright

ELCA World Hunger's 40 Days OF GIVING

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/lent2024.



"All go to one place; all are from the dust, and all turn to dust again." Ecclesiastes 3:20 NRSV

After such great feedback from our Fall speaker series, "Our Neighbor's Faith," Adult Forum is excited to move into the Lenten season with our new speaker series, "From the Ground Up," beginning on Sunday, February 18th!

Each week during Lent, "From the Ground Up" will focus on our call as Christians to care for all of creation—most especially the environment—and learning what faithful actions we can take to protect our natural environments. Speakers of various vocations who are deeply passionate about our call to care for creation will join us to share their own experiences, the work they do, and what we can be doing in our own lives to show care for creation.

We are blessed to be joined by the following speakers:

- **February 18:** Dr. Chuck Coe (Villanova University) will introduce us to Creation Care and what it entails
- **February 25:** The Rev. Dr. Nelson Rivera (United Lutheran Seminary) will discuss with us the ELCA Social Statement on Creation Care and Science, Religion, and the Common Good
- **March 10:** Tracey DePasquale, Director of Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in Pennsylvania, will join us to discuss advocacy efforts surrounding Creation Care within the Commonwealth.

Other speaker announcements are forthcoming, and we are excited for the series to begin! Adult Forum is a fabulous environment to grow one's faith, ask hard questions, and be in community with one another as we learn together.

College Care Packages



We will be sending care packages to our college students again this year! Do you know a college student who could use a "pick me up"? Do you have a college student in your life who might just enjoy a surprise in the mail? Please send addresses of the college student(s) in your life to Connor Watson via e-mail

at cwatson@trinitylansdale.com no later than February 14th. We'd love to include them in our care packages!

dinner book study worship

Lenten Wednesday Evenings
Begins February 21

Lenten Potluck Soup Supper
Wednesdays, 5:30-6:30 pm, Hyson Hall
Join us for dinner followed by:

Lenten Book Study, 6:30 pm, 126
The Beatitudes of Peace by John Dear
Copies are available for (\$15) through Connor Watson.

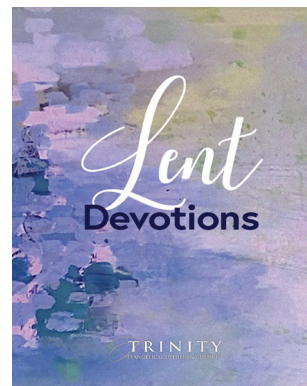
Holden Evening Prayer, 7:30 pm, Chapel

Lenten Book Study

Wednesday evenings in Lent

Begins February 21, at 6:30 pm (Room 126)

Join us as we read through John Dear's *The Beatitudes of Peace*. The book goes through each of the Beatitudes, which Dear calls "...the job description of every Christian," and "In each chapter, [he] affirms that the God of peace is alive and at work among us, calling [God's children] into the fullness of a life of true, lasting peace." Book discussion is open to all ages and will be facilitated by Connor Watson. Following the book discussion will be Midweek Lenten Worship at 7:30 pm. Copies of the book can be purchased through Connor for \$15 each.



Lenten Devotional

Pick up a copy or download online beginning February 14 Trinity's own Lenten Devotional written by Trinity disciples sharing God's grace.

Young Adult Ministry

We're excited to be growing Young Adult Ministry! Our next event will be a Night at the Pastor's House on Friday, February 9th. Join us for fun, conversation, and relaxation (along with some snacks and soda/water!). Please RSVP to Connor Watson, cwatson@trinitylansdale.com, if you'd like to join us, and stay tuned for announcements about upcoming events.

Confirmation Ministry

Exciting changes are coming to Confirmation

Ministry! Beginning with the 2024-25 programming year (September through June), Confirmation Ministry will be making significant changes; most importantly, we will be meeting more regularly! Confirmation Ministry will be meeting twice monthly beginning in September 2024, and we are excited to implement a new Confirmation curriculum that we hope will be engaging, interactive, educational, and enjoyable for all. Students entering 8th grade or above in the 2024-25 academic year are invited to join us beginning in September to prepare for their Affirmation of Baptism. We'd like to thank the parents and families currently involved in Confirmation Ministry for their support and eagerness to try new things alongside us. God is Good!

Upcoming SEPA Synod Bishop Election

Trinity Disciples,

At this year's upcoming Synod Assembly (May 3-4, 2024), the Southeastern Pennsylvania (SEPA) Synod will be electing a new Bishop, as Bishop Patricia Davenport has announced she will not be seeking a re-election.

The process of electing a Bishop is quite strenuous, and involves lots of wonderful volunteers—lay and rostered alike—coming together to prepare the Synod, the congregations, and the individuals for the election and the “what's next?” that follows.

The Synod Mission Profile, which is based on the results of a survey of synod members and leaders and interviews with Bishop Davenport and other key leaders, was published by the Synod Transition Team on January 8, 2024.

Please take a moment to visit the election webpage to learn more about the election, to read the Synod Mission Profile, and begin praying for those whose names may be lifted up as potential candidates, those who are continuing the work of preparation, and, of course, for Bishop Davenport and her staff.

All information pertinent to the election process can be found at <https://ministrylink.org/2024-synod-assembly/2024-bishop-election>.

If you'd like more information on Young Adult Ministry, Adult Faith Formation, Confirmation, or the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering, please contact me (Connor Watson) CWatson@trinitylansdale.com or 267-498-5903 (office/direct).

I'm always happy to chat, answer questions, or work on bringing an idea to life!



From my experience at E! 2024 in New Orleans, Louisiana:

Thanks to Trinity's Endowment Committee for their support, I had the wonderful opportunity to attend the 2024 ELCA Youth Ministry Network's Extravaganza! (E!) Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana, from January 18th to 21st. The theme for this year's conference was “DREAM!,” and, goodness, did we all dream of the possibilities of our ministries together!

Each year, the E! brings together Youth Ministry Leaders from across the country who are working to grow the faith of our children, youth, families, and young adults through programming, teaching, youth groups, worship, and more. In the years when there is an ELCA Youth Gathering taking place, the E! is hosted in the same city as the Gathering, to allow leaders to explore the Gathering city ahead of the event. Throughout the conference, I had the pleasure of attending workshops that reminded us the importance of working with youth, and the challenges we face in the year 2024 (and beyond) in our work.

During our General Sessions throughout the conference, we celebrated various leadership milestones, even having a laying of hands/blessing for those of us who have just started our ministries. We heard from a distinguished theologian, Dr. Michael Chan, who spoke to us about Scripture and learning to DREAM BIG for our ministry. I connected with leaders from across the country and even had the chance to connect with folks in our own backyard from churches in Bethlehem, Havertown, Chester Springs, and Philadelphia, PA.

I'm finding in ministry it can sometimes seem exhausting when things aren't going the way we've planned. It can be easy, at times, to lose hope for the future. This experience certainly reignited my hope, and learning from others across Synods and states and realizing so many of us have the same passion and face the same struggles is fascinating, to say the least.

I also had the opportunity to participate in a 7.5-mile-long scavenger hunt across New Orleans that introduced us to places we'll encounter when we are in NOLA for the Youth Gathering. This was a great time to get a “lay of the land” before bringing our youth to NOLA on July 13th-20th.

God is Great; Community is Excellent; Learning is AWESOME. Thanks Be to God!

■ Connor Watson, Coordinator of Faith Formation for Young Adults & Adults

YOUTH GROUPS

Remember friends are ALWAYS welcome to join!

KIDS ROCKS (3RD & 4TH GRADE)

Stay tuned for a Feb. date change from 2/9

- **March 8, 6:30-8 pm, the Well**
- **April 12, 6:30-8 pm, the Well**

This group is led by Nikki and Bob Rounay and they can be reached at kidsrock@trinitylansdale.com

CHAOS (5TH & 6TH GRADE)

- **Feb. 25, 4:30-6:00, Hyson Hall**
Join the group for Winter Olympic Fun. Bring a water bottle and a friend!
- **March 17, 4:00-6:00, Social Hall**
Join the group for a movie. Stay tuned for what movie.
- **April 21, 4:30-6:00 pm, Escapeopolis**
Field Trip chaos@trinitylansdale.com



TEEN TROUPE (7TH-12TH GRADE)

- **February 4, 6:00-8:00 pm, Earl Bowl Lanes.** Join us for Bowling, Pizza and Drink. Shoes included. \$12 pp.
- **February 25, 8:30 am, Sanctuary** to worship together
- **February 25, 6:00-8:30 pm, Hyson Hall**
Join us for dinner and a Gingerbread Structure Competition
- **March 3, 2:00-6:00 pm, Phantoms Game,** Keep an eye on email for details.
- **March 17, 8:30 am, Sanctuary** to worship together
- **March 17, 6:00-8:30 pm,** Dinner and Minute it to Win it Games
- **April 7, Time TBD, Doylestown Rock Gym**
- **April 21, 8:30 am, Sanctuary** to worship together
- **April 21, 6:00-8:30 pm,** Dinner and Grand Opening of the Loft
teentroupe@trinitylansdale.com.

Vacation Bible School-Save the Dates!

June 24-28, 9:00 am-12:00 pm



Vacation Bible School will be held in person for children and youth from Pre-K (must be potty trained) through grade 6. Our theme this year is *Camp Firelight: A Summer Camp Adventure with God*. VBS is a time to grow in your faith journey and what better way to explore that than during the summer at Vacation Bible School? Our focus

this year will be on Psalm 56:3 which reads, "Whenever I'm afraid, I put my Trust in You." Come meet Lumen (Lu for short) and learn through various Bible stories about people who experienced the gift of a trusting relationship with God. We hope to teach that trusting in God will connect us to each other and help us whenever we're afraid, feeling challenged or called to do God's work. God is Always with us - in bad times and good times. Registration information coming soon!

WANTED AD: Seeking 2 parents who want to lead and continue our CHAOS Youth Group in the 24/25 school year. Please reach out to Amy Hawthorne at ahawthorne@trinitylansdale.com for more details.



LOCKED IN

Teen Troupe held its 2nd Annual Lock-In on January 14, for grades 7-12. This year we started at 8:00 pm with a game of Nuke'em, Parents vs. Teens. The parents won (but only because they stretched the rules). It was an hour of competitiveness and fun and luckily no one was injured. Then the parents left so the teens could have some real fun. They searched the church for snowballs in a Bible Verse Scavenger Hunt which ended in a Hyson Hall Snowball fight. They also played Fly-Swatter Hockey and Pictionary which were favorites from last year. Around 1:30 am we headed to the Well where the kids broke into small groups for table games, reading, and just overall fellowship where they all came back together for one game.

Finally, we headed up to Social Hall around 3:30 am for a movie and a little shut-eye. The 7:00 am breakfast call came way too fast, but everyone woke up, ate and then headed to the Sanctuary for worship together. It was another successful lock-in, so we hope to continue to offer this bonding experience for our youth in 2025.



Marriage Recognition

Saturday, November 18, 2023

Trinity once again celebrated those couples who have been married 50 or more years with a catered hot luncheon and chapel service. This year's celebration was held on a Saturday afternoon in Hyson Hall. Those in attendance were invited to bring a photograph or memento of their wedding day. Pastor Ric Elliott asked each couple who were celebrating their 50th anniversary to tell the story of how they met and where they were married. It is always fun to hear these stories and celebrate this wonderful milestone! After time for fellowship and a hot meal everyone was invited into the Chapel for an intimate service to bless and celebrate their years of marriage. This service was newly added this year. Pastor Ric presided over this service for the couples and their families. It is a wonderful time celebrating these couples on their milestone anniversaries.

■ Tamera Hatton



Be a part of the Good Friday Worship Experiences

Children's Good Friday Service - March 29, noon

Children and their families will travel through the main floor of Trinity to witness scenes from the last week of Jesus' life. 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. Save the date and look for more info to sign up.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service

January 15 - Rise Against Hunger

For the second time in as many years Trinity hosted Rise Against Hunger's Meal Packaging event. Due to last year's overwhelming response, and support by Trinity's Endowment Fund, we were able to package 5,000 more meals for a total of 15,120 meals in approximately 90 minutes. We had over 130 volunteers, forty-five more volunteers than in 2023.

Volunteers arrived at 8:30 am to lift heavy equipment and fifty pound bags of rice, meal supplements and soy into Hyson Hall. Meal packing tables, weigh and sealing stations and boxing stations were set up. Each complete box that is shipped overseas contains 36 packaged meals which is 216 servings and will **feed one school aged child for an entire year**.

Multi-generations were all able to participate to make this a successful service event. Many volunteers from the community joined Trinity members for the day which made it all the more special. Thanks to all who volunteered their time and to Trinity's Endowment Fund for supporting this Day of Service.

■ Tamera Hatton

Anniversary Celebrations



Jim and Sandy Cottrell



Dave and Peg Fritz



Joe and Ginny Hawkins



Andy and Becky Krepps

50 years



Dick and Marian Olson



John and Carol Wildmann

55 years



Joe and Barbara Devlin



Tom and Carol Heaton

65 years

60 years



Bill and Marlene Pezzuti



Allen and Shirley Kulp

Easter Memorials & Honorariums



There are four options to either honor or memorialize a loved one at Easter.
WORSHIP BULLETINS/LIVESTREAM, YOUTH GATHERING/ASP, FEAST MEALS & EASTER FLOWERS

Presented by _____
First Name Last Name

Phone _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____

ENV. # _____

☐ **Sponsorship of Worship Bulletins/Livestream Worship \$100**

\$ _____

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

☐ **Sponsorship of ELCA Youth Gathering/Appalachia Service Project/The Loft \$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 18, 2024.

Easter Flower Delivery

Monday, April 1, 2024

Are you interested in delivering flowers to our homebound or one of our neighboring retirement communities? This is a great ministry opportunity for adults and children of all ages! All are welcome! The flowers will be available for pick-up from 9:30 -11:00 am in the Sanctuary. A continental breakfast will be offered. If you are interested in serving, please contact Vicki Seal at vseal@trinitylansdale.com or call the church at 215-368-1710.



2023 ANNUAL REPORT

Pick up the Annual Report in the wall racks, welcome desk or at our website. See all the ways Trinity was thankful in all circumstances.



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 Evangelical Lutheran Church (TLC) 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. 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.

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 years.
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 in their community and service organizations.

Though winter has its own kind of beauty, the earth seems to come back to life every spring. Spring brings back a sense of new life, new beginnings and something fresh-much like the heart and spirit of preschoolers. With the longer days and change of weather, it's a wonderful time of year to bring this theme to life outside. Spring themes incorporate ideas that can be taught both indoors and outdoors.

This spring our students will be planting seeds, learning about the life cycles of plants, insects and baby chicks. In February the children will be learning about dental health, colors, and celebrating Valentine's Day with classroom celebrations.

During March, the children will celebrate Read Across America with a Dr. Seuss themed spirit day. Trinity Preschool will be on spring break from March 25th through April 1st. During the month of April, we will be celebrating Earth Day with crafts, stories and special treats. May will be a month of celebrations. We will be celebrating our teachers here at Trinity Preschool the week of May 6th for Teacher Appreciation Week and May 23rd will be the last day of school where we will celebrate our 3's moving up to Pre-K and our Pre-K students moving up to kindergarten.

Trinity Preschool is a wonderful program for ages 3, 4 and 5-year-olds. There is a sense of community here where everyone feels welcomed. We offer 3 different programs. Our 3's meet 3 days a week and our 4's/5's have the option to meet 4 or 5 days a week. Call today to set up a tour and/or register your child for the 2024-2025 school year!

■ Tammy Ferro, Trinity Preschool Administrator



FEAST Community Meal & Food Pantry, Showing Generosity to the Lansdale Community!



Trinity's FEAST Community Meal and Food Pantry is making a difference for hundreds of families every month. A weekly meal, usually on Wednesday nights, has been a tradition at our church for many years. The Pandemic brought a halt to the fellowship and outreach FEAST provided. However, the ministry returned with a new and more robust format in 2021. The Generosity Team wishes to highlight the outstanding work God is doing through this ministry at Trinity.

What does this new, reimagined FEAST look like? The FEAST Community Meal and Food Pantry now takes place on Monday evenings. Responding to the increased need in our community, FEAST's leaders implemented a ticketing system to make the delivery of meals more efficient. Guests can even take home a meal to enjoy later. A food pantry is also available in Hyson Hall for families looking to bring groceries home. Every week features a different array of food donated by several area stores.

This is an enormous undertaking serving many families who are in need. Nearly 5,500 guests came for a meal and groceries in 2023, a large increase over the 1,370 who came in the first year of the relaunched program. In 2023 FEAST served 9,683 meals, an average of 186 per week. Of course, this isn't possible without a dedicated corps of volunteers who pick up the donated food, prepare and serve the meals, clean up from the meals, and distribute groceries. As the program has expanded, the number of volunteers has risen as well, from 473 in

2021 to 1,808 in 2023 (or an average of 35 each week).

God is good, and God's work is manifest in the generosity that makes FEAST possible. The hours these volunteers give is certainly a great example of that generosity. FEAST's leaders, among them Mark Lanan, Lindsay Beuke, Susan Delp, Heide Pickens, and Leslie Johnson, offer their talent of organization to this endeavor. Various local grocery markets donate thousands of dollars of food every week. And we are blessed to have the facilities in Hyson Hall which makes this undertaking possible.

It's possible you haven't had a chance to personally check out the FEAST Community Meal and Food Pantry. If so, check it out on a Monday. You'll see a meaningful way in which Trinity's time, talent, and treasure is making a difference in the North Penn community.

■ Chris Johnson, Generosity Team

PASTORAL ACTS

DEATHS

11/3/2023	Paul J. Toni
11/18/2023	Juanita P. Strohecker
12/1/2023	Gloria M. Langhorne
12/2/2023	Warren Ditzler
12/11/2023	Lynn A. Renner
1/12/2024	Barbara H. Miller

BAPTISMS

1/14/2024	Cedar Ash Robinson, son of Ian Montgomery Robinson and Katelyn Amanda Petrille
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WEDDINGS

11/11/2023	Jamie Frezza and Phil Harfman
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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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Support Trinity and log on today and designate Trinity for your Choice Dollars[®].

thrivent.com/about-us/membership/thrivent-choice

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE



Friday, February 23, 2024
12:00-5:00 pm

Thursday, April 25, 2024
1:30-6:30 pm

To make an appointment online, please go to redcrossblood.org and enter Trinity Lutheran Lansdale.

Homebound Birthdays

Please consider making their special day a bit brighter by bringing a birthday card to the front desk and dropping it in the basket. Trinity will deliver the cards. Due to privacy concerns, we are no longer publishing addresses.



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Mary Bartlett
- 17 Judy Zander
- 20 Joan Carroll

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Barbara Horvath
- 11 Sallie Cassa
- 22 Nancy Jones

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 8 Butch Francis
- 11 Judy Benner
- 17 Dorothy Benner
- 19 Barbara Schuchart
- 29 Dottie Duke
- 29 Marilyn Taylor

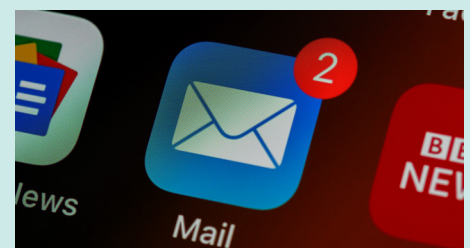


Interested in the Columbarium?

Inurnment in the Columbarium is available to any member or former member and current employees of Trinity. Contact Denny Smith, dsmith@trinitylansdale.com or call 215-368-1710 for more information.

TREASURER'S REPORT - DECEMBER 2023

Year to Date December 2023	Actual	Budget	Variance
Revenue	1,555,824	1,574,965	(19,141)
Expenses	1,525,816	1,574,965	(49,149)
Net Surplus (Deficit)	30,008	-	30,008



EMAIL CHANGED?

Has your email changed? We want to stay connected with you. If your email has changed please email your change to tlc@trinitylansdale.com.

Epiphany Three Kings



The Three Kings visited with their gifts in worship and Sunday School. Spreading the good news of Jesus's birth.

Combined Choir with St. John UCC



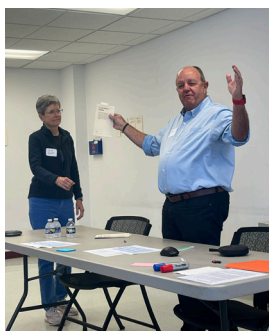
Trinity Choir and the Chancel Choir from St. John's United Church of Christ collaborated to lead music at both Trinity (8:30) and St. John's (10:15) worship services on Sunday, January 28.

Wreaths Across America



Trinity celebrated Wreaths Across America with the nation with an intimate service in the Chapel and ending in the Columbarium.

Shared Leadership Retreat



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Holy Week

PALM SUNDAY



March 24
In-person

Sat. 5:30 pm

Sun. 8:30 | 9:40 | 10:45 am

Livestream 8:30 am

MAUNDY THURSDAY



March 28
In-person

Noon | 7:30 pm

Livestream 7:30 pm

GOOD FRIDAY



March 29
In-person

Noon | 7:30 pm

Noon - Children's Service

Livestream 7:30 pm

EASTER VIGIL



March 30
In-person

7:30 pm

Columbarium



Lent Wednesday Evenings-Begins February 21

Lenten Potluck Soup Supper

Wednesdays, 5:30-6:30 pm, Hyson Hall

Join us for dinner followed by:

Lenten Book Study, 6:30 pm, 126

The Beatitudes of Peace by John Dear

Holden Evening Prayer, 7:30 pm, Chapel (livestream)

CELEBRATE

Easter

LIVESTREAM
8:30 am

SHARE GOD'S LOVE AND INVITE YOUR NEIGHBOR

8:30 9:40 10:45 am