

Summer  
**2024**

# Lansdale LUTHERAN



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

**TRINITY**  
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

[trinitylansdale.com](http://trinitylansdale.com)



### WORSHIP

Sundays, 8:30 & 10:45 am

#### Trinity Alive!

Sundays at 9:40 am

#### Music Camp

July 8-11, 9 am - 3 pm



### CHRISTIAN CARE

#### Blood Drive

June 20, 1:30 - 6:30 pm  
August, 22, 1:30 - 6:30 pm



### FAITH FORMATION

Community Yard Sale  
May 4, 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

Vacation Bible School  
June 24-28

Summer Block Party  
August 25, 5:00 - 8:00 pm



### FELLOWSHIP

Volunteer Recognition  
April 28, 9:45 am

Cars, Coffee & Conversation  
May 4, 8:30-10:30 am



# We are the CHURCH

This Lent was a busy time at Trinity. Every Wednesday evening in Lent we had a soup supper, a book study and worship. Continuing our generosity to the community we collected over 115 Bunny Boxes filled with nutrition and fun for children in elementary schools in North Penn School District.

## Bunny Boxes for Kids in NPSD



What a fantastic day for an Easter Egg Hunt. Over 300 children came to Trinity for our annual community egg hunt. You could feel the excitement in the air! Read about the Youth Choir Trip to Baltimore on page 4.



## Choir Trip







Dear Trinity Family and Friends,  
I am excited about the next couple of months and all that will happen here at Trinity. While activity around Trinity during the warmer months slowed down in previous years, that will not happen in 2024. I want to share just a few highlights with you.

The first of those is Pastor Ann Shade's ordination on May 11 at 10:30 am in the Sanctuary! Pastor

Ann is a blessing to us at Trinity, the people of St. Michael's, where she has been called, and the wider Church! I do hope you will join us!

One aspect of our ministry that I am excited about is our Summer Series, "**God's Story. Our Story.**" I'm sure that you'd agree with me that one of the marks of a great story even better, is the potential to find ourselves in it. Only then does it become our story. That's certainly true of God's Story. From Pentecost Sunday to Labor Day weekend, we will be reading some of the best-known and least-known stories found in the pages of the Bible. In them, we'll be discovering the truth about God and the truth about ourselves. And because stories shape our lives and fire our imaginations, each week, we will hear a difference to not only hear the story but live it! I hope you will join us online or in person as we hear God's Story!



On Pentecost Sunday, May 19, in addition to celebrating the gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church, we will celebrate the amazing 15 years of leadership of Sharon Saul, who co-directed LifeSong Singers! During the 10:45 am liturgy, we will have a special time of recognition and thanksgiving! During this service, we will also recognize our graduating seniors and the recipients of the Janke Scholarship. During the afternoon, we will gather at 2:00 pm for the Installation of Pastor Jonathan as our Associate Pastor at Trinity. We will be joined by Bishop Davenport and clergy from across our synod as we celebrate our partnership with Pastor Jonathan!

We will begin the month of June with **Lansdale Day** and hope that you will stop by our booth as we share God's love on Main Street! If you're able to we'd love to have you volunteer at our booth as we meet our neighbors in the community.

In June, we will also welcome back, for the first time since COVID, our **Preschool Summer Camp!** We will have two weeks of classes for students, and as of this publishing, we still have room. If you have a child or know someone who might be interested, please check out page 13 for more info.

From June 24-28, we will be hosting **Vacation Bible School!** This year's theme is based on Psalm 56:3, which speaks to us about trusting God when we are afraid. It is going to be a great week at Camp Firelight!

The end of June also sees the departure of a crew from Trinity who will volunteer with the **Appalachia Service Project** (ASP) from June 29 to July 6. While we don't yet know where the team is headed, we will certainly keep them in prayer as they make a difference in the lives of many families.

Beginning on July 1st, we will welcome back Emily Brands as our part-time Organist/Collaborative Pianist. Many of you know Emily from her previous time at Trinity, and we all got to hear her during Holy Week this year.

We will not be slowing down in July as we host the "**Heart, Hands, and Voices**" **Music Camp** for the second time from July 8 to 11. I'm grateful that we will be welcoming back Dr. Michael Burkhardt for the week. Join us on July 11th at 7 pm for a special presentation with our youth!

Our youth will be heading out for the **ELCA Youth Gathering** on July 13th for an amazing week of service, worship, learning, and adventure in New Orleans. This will be the first national gathering post-pandemic, and from my years as a volunteer on staff, it is a life-changing experience!

While it feels like August is a long way off in some ways, we hope that you save the date for our **Block Party** at the Pavilion on Sunday, August 25. This will be a great time for us to enjoy fellowship and invite neighbors for dinner, games, a fire, and s'mores.

As August begins to wind down, we will bless all those who will be returning to school with the backpacks and electronic devices in all our worship services August 24/25.

Friends, we are incredibly blessed at Trinity, and I am so thankful to partner alongside you as your Lead Pastor! Trinity is making a difference in the lives of so many, and I can't wait to when we gather in September to hear stories of impact from these few months and as we look forward to where God's story is leading us into the future!

Thank you for your part in the ministry that is Trinity Lutheran Church!

~In God's Abundant Love,  
Pastor Fritz



While you are enjoying the summer look for God around you. Share a photo or video to [tlc@trinitylansdale.com](mailto:tlc@trinitylansdale.com) and we will share on social media and maybe you will win a certificate for ice cream in September!





**REGISTER NOW FOR SUMMER MUSIC CAMP!**

Register now, <https://forms.gle/oMirSYbPTi84s5BZ6>. Camp is for children in grades 2 through 8 with optional extended day care until 5:00 pm. Children will sing, play drums, handbells, and Orff instruments and conclude the week with a closing presentation for parents and friends on Thursday evening at 7:00 pm.

**MOTHER'S DAY CHOIR**

Do you and your mom or daughter enjoy singing? Come alone (or bring your mom or grandmother, too!) to be a part of this one time choir. All ages welcome! We will rehearse on Sunday, April 28 from 12:00-12:45 pm, and we will sing in worship on Mother's Day, May 12, at the 10:45 am service. We will sing "My Mother's Love" by Tom Shelton. Watch Christy and Elizabeth Johannesson singing it here. [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1K\\_4iouSfcu6edhqeivF-Blf-nlqkA9hj-/view?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1K_4iouSfcu6edhqeivF-Blf-nlqkA9hj-/view?usp=drive_link)

*Joyful Choristers (3rd-6th grades) and LifeSong Singers (7th-12th grades) choirs along with their parents enjoyed the fantastic weekend trip.*



**Youth Choir Trip to Baltimore**

In the 9 years I have been singing in the choir here at Trinity, I've attended 2 previous choir trips - one to Washington, D.C. and the other to NYC & Connecticut. On Friday, April 12, 2024, Joyful Choristers and LifeSong Singers joined together to go on a trip to Baltimore to sing in one of the biggest cathedrals in the area and to sing at St. John's Lutheran of Sweet Air in Phoenix, MD.



One of my favorite parts of these trips is traveling together on the bus which gives us time to bond with each other before the eventful weekend. Our first stop Saturday morning was Federal Hill Park where we would have 45 minutes to get some energy out before we headed to the cathedral. When we arrived at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen, it didn't look that special until I walked in. The moment I saw the sanctuary, I was blown away! It was the coolest place I have ever seen and it gave me chills knowing that humans could make something so amazing. Then, we met up with a tour guide who showed us around and told us about the history. Our choirs sang in this big, empty cathedral and the acoustics were amazing.

Next, we all hopped back onto the bus and we broke up into two groups. I went with the walking group where we went on a scavenger hunt and learned about interesting places in the area. The other group visited

Fort McHenry, the birthplace of our national anthem, "The Star Spangled Banner". We finished the night at Medieval Times which entertained us with jousting and other tricks while we ate dinner with our hands.

The next day we woke up even earlier so we could make it to St. John's on time. We got to spend some time with their church's choir and practiced our songs. We performed four songs in total. We ended worship with all three choirs, spread around the sanctuary so the congregation could sing along to "Nurtured by the Spirit" which is my favorite song of this trip.

Finally, we hopped on the bus saying goodbye to Baltimore, but making sure to keep our memories with us!



■ Bobby Sperring



# Shared Leadership



Trinity celebrated our **Shared Leadership Team (SLT)** during worship on March 17. Leadership at Trinity is shared within this team that includes clergy, Hub team leaders, council, and staff directors.

## 2024 Church Council



Left to right: Bill Shimer, Pastor Fritz, Curt Deardorff, Dave Freudig, Sandy Cottrell, Pastor Jonathan, Susan Pashos, Julie Kinzel, Jamie Price and Mike Voichick.

The first gathering of the new Church Council was on February 27. We elected 2024 church officers:

- Bill Shimer, *President*
- Julie Kinzel, *Vice President*
- Sandy Cottrell, *Secretary*
- Jamie Price, appointed Treasurer

Council would like to thank Dianne Kalb for her dedicated continued support as the council's recording secretary.

## TLC Finance Update

**Sunday May 5, 9:45-10:30 am, Social Hall**

Join us for this informal presentation of first quarter 2024 results. There will be time allocated to Questions & Answers.

## Shared Leadership Innovations

Your Shared Leadership Team has been brainstorming ways to do more to bring about the Kingdom of God here in our community, as well as ways to deepen our relationships with each other. Thanks to everyone who responded to our recent survey! Based on your input, we will be exploring three new ideas in the coming months:

**Dinner Church** combines a potluck, and communal meal with a worship service. This is based on the early Christian practice of sharing meals while discussing faith and life, blending the spiritual with the social and deepening our relationships with God and each other. Our first Dinner Church service is on May 5, with more to follow! (Contact: Connor, [cwatson@trinitylansdale.com](mailto:cwatson@trinitylansdale.com) or Pastor Steiner, [jsteiner@trinitylansdale.com](mailto:jsteiner@trinitylansdale.com))

**TLC Block Party** is a community event where we invite our neighbors in Lansdale and surrounding communities to join us for an outdoor gathering featuring food, live music and fun. More info about this August event is forthcoming! (Contact: Vicki, [vseal@trinitylansdale.com](mailto:vseal@trinitylansdale.com), or Kim Wreath)

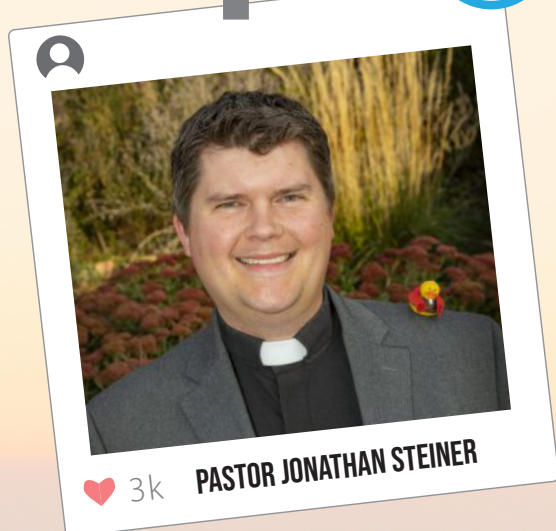
**After School Care/Music Program** responds to a shortage in after-school care in our community by providing an after-school experience for elementary school students that will also enrich their musical lives with music groups and classes. This idea is still in the design phase, so stay tuned for more information as it develops! (Contact: Andrea, [abaxter@trinitylansdale.com](mailto:abaxter@trinitylansdale.com), Anne Mohr or Pastor Steiner, [jsteiner@trinitylansdale.com](mailto:jsteiner@trinitylansdale.com)).

We look forward to your engagement and support in these new programs!

■ John Wittenbraker



# Staff Snapshot



## **FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE:**

Micah 6:8 "You are to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with your God."

**FAVORITE FOOD:** Good BBQ

**FAVORITE MOVIE:** Star Wars: A New Hope

**FAVORITE THING TO DO:** Hiking, playing videogames, spending time with other people

**EARLY BIRD OR NIGHT OWL:** Night owl, for sure!

## **FAVORITE PART OF YOUR JOB:**

Getting to know you, and helping us all to know God's love

**ASK ME ABOUT...** Rubber ducks

## **WHAT ARE YOU PASSIONATE ABOUT?**

Luther's Catechism. There's so much for us to learn and use!

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

Skydiving, more than once

## **LAST BOOK YOU READ:**

For work, *Kingdom Come* by Reggie McNeal. Personally, *Dune* by Frank Herbert.

## **WHAT'S THE BIGGEST MISCONCEPTION PEOPLE HAVE ABOUT YOUR JOB:**

That pastors should always lead prayer. Anyone can talk with God, and God always listens to all of us.

**FIRST JOB:** Delivering furniture. Please don't put a sofa bed upstairs when you have a spiral staircase.

## **MET ANYONE FAMOUS:**

My dad worked for NASA, so I've met a few astronauts.

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 CANDY BAR:** Reese's Peanut Butter Eggs/Trees/Pumpkins. Whatever the seasonal one is!

**FAVORITE SPORTS TEAM:** Pittsburgh Steelers and Baltimore Orioles

**FAVORITE SONG/BAND FAVORITE SINGER:** Billy Joel

**FAVORITE SONG:** *Everlong* by the Foo Fighters is my all-time favorite song. But *Canticle of the Turning* might be my favorite hymn.

**PASTOR JONATHAN STEINER**, Associate Pastor  
*I would love to talk with you about Faith Formation. God's love and blessings are abundant, and I am amazed when we discover the depth of our faith. I'm also passionate about making connections, between people, ministries, and the wider church. You can reach me at [jsteiner@trinitylansdale.com](mailto:jsteiner@trinitylansdale.com), or call the church office.*



**See page 18 for Pastor Jonathan Steiner's Installation invitation!  
Save the Date, Sunday, May 19, 2:00 pm!**



# GENEROSITY COMMITTEE UPDATE

Trinity's Generosity Team would like to share with the congregation recent information about giving to general mission\*.

- Total Offerings in the first three months totaled 8.5% over 2024 Budget.
- Additional commitments in the first three months of 2024 reinforced the annual campaign during the end of last year:
  - 209 family units submitted estimates of giving (EoG) for 2024. This is a 7% increase from the prior year. The total amount increased 9% (to \$768,900). We expect these numbers to further increase as new submissions are received and new members join the church.
  - The average amount of estimate increased 2%; an impressive statement of generosity.
  - 123 family units increased the estimates, 76 families maintained their level.
  - 52 families submitted who had never or had not in 2023. 38 family units have not submitted.

Trinity also has disciples who choose not to submit an EoG but give regularly to the Church's general mission. In 2023,

150 family units comprised this category (totaling \$416,200 in giving).

Trinity is truly blessed to have such a solid foundation of approximately 350 individuals and families who consistently provide the financial support that enables Trinity's ministries. Must we all continue to work to increase giving? Absolutely! We want to be able to support the levels of ministry that God is calling us to do.

Trinity's generosity team is researching stewardship practices taking place in other churches. We also are listening to the congregation! We encourage constructive suggestions. Please contact anyone of us or email [graeffbill@gmail.com](mailto:graeffbill@gmail.com).

Let us all work together to grow our ministries!

### Trinity's Generosity Team

Tim Bonitz, Craig Dietterick, Bill Graeff, Chris Johnson, Betty and Chip Kern, Dave Kratz, Pastor Fowler

\* The term 'Giving to General Mission' refers to traditional offerings (placed in our baskets, electronic giving, and giving on-line) that support the church's operating budget. So, no bequests or gifts to special funds for special purposes are included in this category.

## Trinity's Generosity List

"And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may share abundantly in every good work." 2 Corinthians 9:8

Some of you may recall Trinity's Wishing Well. First introduced around 1995, the Wishing Well was a posted list of projects seeking funding within our congregation. The variety of projects included small scholarship items, sponsorships, outreach needs, purchases to support ministries, and modest building projects. Trinity disciples who donated had the option of being recognized in the next report.

In late 2023 Council approved the proposal to restore this method of matching donors with unfunded needs. We will re-brand this initiative as Trinity's Generosity List, which will list priorities that are needed at Trinity to equip and provide ministries the resources needed to share God's love.

Trinity's Generosity team will regularly post a list of such needs in the Weekly. The Generosity team will review the suggested needs for suitability, will post, and will also connect willing donors with these needs. Donors need not commit to the full amount but may choose to fund a portion of a project's cost.

For more information or to support a request, please contact Craig Dietterick at [cadreg105@verizon.net](mailto:cadreg105@verizon.net) or at 215-272-0722.

The first project for our Generosity List is the purchase of two new altar candles for our chapel. The cost of two candles with refillable containers is \$505.

## Matching Challenge Gift

A Trinity family has offered to make an anonymous matching grant gift for April, May, and June 2024. The budgeted level of offering (envelope, cash, and electronic giving) for these three months is \$264,000. The donor family has offered to give a 100% match for every dollar given in offering in the general mission of Trinity that is over the \$264,000 figure. The match will be paid up to a total of \$25,000 after the end of July. To help us reach the budget goal and above to receive this gift, please mark all gifts as "general fund." Thank you to this anonymous family for living out a spirit of generosity!





## Our very own Mark Staples' Faith Journey Through the Years

Have you ever looked around the worshipping congregation and thought about all the life experiences and stories that could be told? I have found it interesting to learn stories of our fellow disciples. For instance, the careers they have pursued, their childhood experiences, and more about their faith journeys. I know I can learn from the challenges some have faced and others currently being traversed.



Mark Staples and I have been 'church friends'. I admire his wit and envy his unique ability to communicate. We have often sparred about the Lafayette (Mark) vs. Lehigh (Bill) rivalry. Mark and Lynn Staples have a genuine and incredible commitment of service to God's Kingdom. Mark was Trinity's Council Co-President from 1995 – 1999, a pivotal time for our congregation. I wanted to learn more so I recently met with him in person and again on-line.

Mark grew up in Melrose, MA. He attended The Lawrence Academy, then Lafayette College. He attended a Congregational Church while young. Both of Mark's parents became ill when he was in his freshman year. This time was highly challenging for him. It was during his Lafayette years that he met Lynn. Lynn and her family lived in the Lehigh Valley. Mark became active in the Lutheran church that Lynn's family attended. It is touching to hear Mark honor Lynn and tell of her 'heart of gold'.

When he was in sixth grade he knew he wanted to be a writer/journalist. Mark worked for the Call-Chronicle Newspapers in Allentown. From 1973 through 1986 he was an editor for *The Lutheran*.

During his service within the national church, Mark visited sixteen countries and more than thirty states. His visits to Asia and Africa profoundly impacted him as he witnessed the lessons of believing 'neighbors' in these places.

Mark has recently written a book, *Neighbors Revisited: A Church Journalist's Life Lessons Learned from People of Other Cultures*, which is now available on Kindle Direct Publishing.

Mark will share much more information about his and Lynn's journey in an Adult Forum on Sunday, June 2nd. Please plan to attend to learn more about these devoted disciples. In addition to hearing how neighbors in distant regions shaped Mark's faith journey, he will also share the impacts Trinity disciples have had on his journey!

■ Bill Graeff



## Dinner Church

**May 5, 5:30 pm, Hyson Hall** We will provide the entree, and you are invited to bring a side dish or dessert to share. Centered on the holy meal, we will worship, pray, and eat together! Please contact Pr. Jonathan Steiner, [steiner@trinitylansdale.com](mailto:steiner@trinitylansdale.com), if you would like to know more.



## SYNOD Lutheran Night at the Phillies!

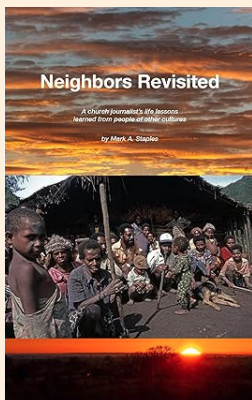
**May 31, 2024, 6:40 pm**  
**Citizens Bank Park**

The Phillies will host the Cardinals. Save the date and start spreading the word so we have a significant Lutheran presence at the game. Hurry – seating is limited! Email [srea@sepa.org](mailto:srea@sepa.org) for details.



## 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](mailto:dsmith@trinitylansdale.com) or call 215-368-1710 for more information.



Trinity member Mark Staples has written a new book! It is called *Neighbors Revisited*. The book explores life lessons learned while on assignment as a photojournalist to six countries in Africa and Asia in the 1980s, places many folks have not visited, and thus it is an historical memoir. Lots of photos thanks to the archives of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, our parent denomination. Get it from the Kindle Store by entering Neighbors Revisited. A paperback version is in the works.





# FELLOWSHIP



Trinity is hosting a booth at Lansdale Day. Trinity is looking for volunteers to host our booth (bring your smile) as well as behind the scenes action of setting-up and breaking down the booth. Please review the signup genius link to see where you might join in the fun! If you would like to learn more about organizing and coordinating this event, please contact Vicki Seal at [vseal@trinitylansdale.com](mailto:vseal@trinitylansdale.com). Thank you!

**LANSDALE DAY:** June 1, 10 am-4 pm  
<https://tinyurl.com/3yr5uuvh>

## CARS, COFFEE & CONVERSATION

HOST: Trinity Lutheran Church, Lansdale PA

Partnering with St. Luke's, Zieglerville, St. Matthew's, Woodlyn & Immanuel, Norwood



**May 4, 8:30-10:30 am** An invitation to show your car or come join us for coffee and conversation! No pre-registration is required. Car owners and guests enjoy a cup of coffee, snacks and the opportunity to show and/or chat about cars. This event is open to all makes, models and faiths! There will be an additional opportunity to privately share a prayer request or a specific need. (Cars – use last entrance to parking lot off of Columbia Ave - cars will park in the first lot on the same side as the red pavilion) For info contact: Vicki Seal at [vseal@trinitylansdale.com](mailto:vseal@trinitylansdale.com) or 215-368-1710. Trinity has joined the partnership with Immanuel, Norwood, St. Matthew's, Woodlyn and St. Luke's, Zieglerville. Upcoming events visit websites: [trinitylansdale.com](http://trinitylansdale.com) and [immanuelnorwood.org](http://immanuelnorwood.org) and [stmatthewlutheranwodn.org](http://stmatthewlutheranwodn.org).

## Veterans Ministry

### WHO WE ARE:

The Veterans Ministry is a group of Military Veterans to include Active Duty, Reserves, and National Guard. Spouses of this group of heroes are also encouraged to participate.

### WHAT WE DO:

The Veterans Ministry works with the federal Veterans Administration to monitor issues affecting all Veterans nationally, PA Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, the Montgomery County Department of Veterans Affairs, and other community veterans' and faith-based groups. This Ministry strengthens church-community relationships to help veterans stay connected. We maintain a directory of both current and memorialized veterans of Trinity Lutheran Church dating from World War I. We ensure current veterans are properly recognized within Trinity Lutheran Church and the community on Veterans Day. On Memorial Day, "Wreaths Across America" and other opportunities we ensure those veterans who have completed God's earthly mission are remembered by members of Trinity Lutheran Church and the community.

### WHEN/ WHERE WE MEET:

The Veterans Ministry meets monthly on the second Thursday at 1500 HRS (3:00 PM) in Room 122 of Trinity Lutheran Church.

### HOW WE SERVE:

During monthly meetings we discuss life experiences, veteran's issues, planning of special events, and current events within the military services. We discuss and seek the ways in which veterans can help other veterans and help resolve challenges veterans face in the local area. Oftentimes only another veteran or spouse of a veteran can relate to and understand what another Veteran has to share. We provide one another plus any and all other veterans with hope, encouragement, and camaraderie through a Christian environment.

### CONTACT:

For more information contact the church office at (215) 368-1710 or [www.trinitylansdale.com/contact](http://www.trinitylansdale.com/contact).





## Help Grow the Trinity FEAST Garden



The Trinity FEAST Garden helps meet the still growing hunger needs in the Lansdale area. More weekly tenders are needed to help the Garden be highly productive and feed as many as possible.

Beginning May 19, Tenders are needed to keep the beds watered when there is insufficient rain, remove weeds and harvest the produce when it matures. The Garden has 3 rows. Tenders sign up to take care of 1 or more rows for a week. A family or group may tend together.

More information and instructions are provided by Head Gardner, Susan Delp at [npteacher@verizon.net](mailto:npteacher@verizon.net) or Tom Mellon at [tamellonjr@gmail.com](mailto:tamellonjr@gmail.com) or 215-990-8762. A SignupGenius will be setup for scheduling.



### Thank you!!

The Outreach Ministry Team would like to thank the congregation for their overwhelming generosity.

In March and April **635 pounds of collected food** was donated to the United Lutheran Seminary's Food Pantry for grateful Seminarians and their families.

This was in addition to the **3277 pounds collected** for Bunny Boxes!

*Thanks to Connor Watson for delivering two of the three loads to the Seminary.*

## Expanded Refugee Ministry

We are excited to announce that a new committee has been formed as a breakout from the Outreach Committee. This will be known as the Refugee Committee and speaks to Trinity's long history of supporting refugees newly arrived at our shores.

Our refugee support has been inclusive of persons needing support from Hungary (our own Saci), Viet Nam, Iran, Sudan, the Congo, and of course more recently from Afghanistan. Our Afghani refugees now number 21, with 8 relatives of our Alemi family arriving soon. This new family is initially and importantly supported through the Nationalities Service Center, which provides initial housing, basic household goods, and the required documentation of SS cards, ID cards and health screenings. They will be settling here in Lansdale close to family members



Their goal and ours is always independence. We are proud that our current refugees are employed, have formed their own supportive community and are contributing members of the Lansdale community. Our support for them now is for the unforeseen occurrences that happen in every life, unexpected illness, unforeseen expenses, car accidents, etc. This committee will have its own designated budget, fundraising efforts, and members providing transportation, school registration, employment support and referrals, and other basic needs until a level of independence is achieved.

With this ongoing commitment, we are prepared to financially and emotionally support new arrivals from other world trouble spots, be it Ukraine, or Haiti. You may see other information about our refugee efforts, and we always welcome and depend on Trinity support. We invite you to join this endeavor of welcome whether short or long term. Look for our continued updates!

An important part of this ongoing outreach is to fully understand the "why" of this endeavor. The Bible is clear that our service should be to the "least of these" as Jesus tells us our service to them is also to Him. His commandment is to "love one another as I have loved you." The story of the Good Samaritan may resonate with you or perhaps this quote can be motivating for you, as for us!

"Not all of us can do great things...But we can do small things with great love." Author Mother Teresa.

Linda Williams and Karen Wright, Co-coordinators, [lkw334@hotmail.com](mailto:lkw334@hotmail.com) and [wright.karen1969@gmail.com](mailto:wright.karen1969@gmail.com).





The Lansdale Code Blue Shelter is climbing out of the longest, yet most successful Code Blue season since 2009. It was a challenging season, with many new changes and unusual situations.

On December 18, 2023, the County's threshold for declaring Code Blue changed from 20° to 32°. To us, that meant more openings. Our season began on November 12, 2023, and because of the change in criteria for declarations and late low temperatures this year, ended on April 7, 2024. Numbers-wise it broke all records since the ministry's conception 15 years ago; people-wise it proved that there is still compassion and understanding in our community.

We want to lift up this season's "numbers":

- The Code Blue ministry's **15th season** in the North Penn region
- **86 Code Blue declarations** (more than any season since December 16, 2009)
- **1,371 cots slept in** (more than any season since 2009)
- **5/26** minimum/maximum guests per night
- **967** shifts filled by an **INCREDIBLE** army of volunteers!!!
- **2,367.5** volunteer hours (intake/overnight/breakfast shifts)
- **94** unique volunteers (intake/overnight/breakfast shifts and meal providers)
- **3,428** sheets & blankets laundered by Clemens Uniforms of Lansdale
- **70** breakfasts provided by Chef Chipper of AAA Catering
- **98** unique guests

Then the people. We housed an average of 16 men per night. This year saw atypical occurrences of men showing up to our Shelter in cars and trucks. In previous years, most, if not all, men showed up on foot. This shows us the shift in the dynamics of the folks on the street. Many of the men had jobs but could not afford the normal expenses of everyday life. We saw a good number of men better themselves with housing, career advances, and positive involvement in our community.

The Shelter wants to give a sincere thank you to many people for the opportunity to allow us to give warmth and shelter to those in need. In particular: Trinity Lutheran Church, staff and volunteers; Chef Chipper of AAA Catering, having 70 breakfasts ready for us at 6:00 am; Clemens Uniforms, who

laundered all of our sheets and blankets; The Lansdale Police Department, who were ALWAYS there if and when we needed them; and lastly but not least the 92 volunteers, who without them, would not have made this season the success it was.

To become involved with this ministry, please contact them at [codeblue@trinitylansdale.com](mailto:codeblue@trinitylansdale.com).



Volunteers that helped clean up after the 2023/24 season. Left to right: Bob West, Leslie Johnson, Don Gallagher, Tom Bowers, Tom & Joan Nawrocki. Not shown: Mark Lanan and Tiffany Donato.

## New Disciples



Trinity Lutheran Church along with the Fellowship Hub welcomed new Disciples on March 17th! From left to right: Gus and Cindy Rotelle, and Patricia Pinkston, and friend Melissa Miller. Not pictured: Richard and Sandy Schrader.






**Vacation Bible School**  
**JUNE 24-28, 2024**  
**Kids PreK-6th grade**  
**Register Online**



This year Trinity will be sending two crews to West Virginia to help with the Appalachia Service Project. The goal is for teens and chaperones to work together to make homeowner's houses safer, warmer and drier. This trip will be a good bonding experience for the group as well as a Lutheran promise to provide service for those in need. We're sending some repeat attendees along with some newcomers for an experience they'll always remember.



What do you do when you're afraid? Do you trust in God? This year's Vacation Bible School focuses on just that-trusting in God.

At Camp Firelight kids will learn through Bible storytelling who else had a trusting relationship with God. Campers will also participate in recreation, science experiments, learn new music, have a daily snack and create a craft.

We'll kick off VBS on Sunday, June 23 at 6:00 pm by the campfire to make s'mores and sing camp songs. Then our daily schedule will run from June 24-28 starting at 9 am and ending at noon. We're looking for all kids aged pre-k and potty trained to grade 6. We're also looking for many volunteers to help VBS run as smoothly as possible. Please consider volunteering.

To register a child and/or sign up to volunteer, click here: <https://vbspro.events/p/ecbe24>

# Youth Groups

## 3rd-12th Grade students

We are fortunate at Trinity to have 3 Youth Groups - Kids Rock, CHAOS and Teen Troupe for our kids in grades 3-12 to have as an outlet to build relationships, have fun, provide service and see God's work firsthand.

Two of our leaders have volunteered their time over the years to leading the CHAOS group once a month with well thought out activities for grades 5 and 6. But their time as leaders is coming to a close. We would like to thank Becky Geremia and Lynn Lentz for their devotion to Trinity's youth and for setting an example of how to run organized CHAOS. **THANK YOU for your service and dedication!**




**YARD SALE**

**May 4**  
**8 am-1 pm**

**Reserve your \$25 table**

**COMMUNITY YARD SALE**  
**May 4, 8:00 am-1:00 pm**

The cost is \$25 per parking space and \$10 for a table. To reserve your spot, please email Amy at [ahawthorne@trinitylansdale.com](mailto:ahawthorne@trinitylansdale.com). Please reserve your spot by April 28.



For youth programming please contact Amy Hawthorne at [ahawthorne@trinitylansdale.com](mailto:ahawthorne@trinitylansdale.com)





# Summer BLOCK Party

**AUGUST 25, 5:00-8:00 PM**

Who's up for a Summer Block Party? You are. Awesome. Trinity will be hosting its first Summer Block Party on Tuesday, August 22 from 6-9 pm. Come out for food, fellowship, and fun with the pastors and meet some of your fellow parishioners. We'll have water fun and other activities for all generations. Save the date.



## Updates to Trinity's Confirmation Ministry beginning 2024-2025

Our Confirmation Ministry Team has been working diligently to reimagine Confirmation Ministry for future participants, and we are excited to share that we are officially moving ahead with a curriculum change and time change!

We will be moving into using FaithInkubators' Head to the Heart Confirmation curriculum. This curriculum promises to be more engaging and participatory for our Confirmation students, which encourages us to also begin meeting more frequently. Beginning with the 2024-25 programming year (September 2024-May 2025), Confirmation Ministry will be meeting twice a month on every other Sunday evening, opposite of Teen Troupe. Exact timing will be announced this upcoming summer, and we're excited to begin this journey together of trying something new and re-imagining ministry together!

### **Do you have a rising 8th grader in your family?**

Ask them to join us in Confirmation Ministry beginning 2024-2025! For more information, contact the church office at 215-368-1710. Parents of current Confirmation students, including those parents of rising 10th graders, can expect more information this summer.



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

Trinity Preschool is almost to the end of our year together. This year has been full of learning and fun. The last week of school is only 4 short weeks away. We have had so much to reflect on and to look forward to as the school year comes to a close.



This past March Trinity Preschool partnered with the Bean Bag Program to help stop hunger, so children can focus, learn and succeed. Our goal was to collect 100 boxes of cereal and we ended up collecting 113! 100% of donations received were shared with the children participating in the Bean Bag Program who live in the Souderton, Quakertown, and North Penn school districts. The generosity and kindness that the Trinity Preschool families shown was awe inspiring.

Teacher Appreciation Week this year is the week of May 6-10th. Make sure to thank a teacher!

After a few years of not having a summer camp, Trinity Preschool is bringing it back this summer. We are offering a two-week summer camp that you can register for 1 or both weeks. Trinity Preschool Summer Camp is for ages 4 and 5 years old. Campers will partake in games, stories, crafts and waterplay. Please contact Tammy Ferro at 267-498-5911 or [tferro@trinitylansdale.com](mailto:tferro@trinitylansdale.com).



## Trinity Preschool Summer Camp

GAMES, STORIES, CRAFTS, WATER PLAY  
for ages 4 and 5 years old

REGISTRATION  
PER WEEK  
**\$175**

**REGISTER TODAY!**

WEEK 1: JUNE 3-7  
WEEK 2: JUNE 10-14  
9:30 AM-1:00 PM





Thanks to members of the Adult Forum Team, as well as others who have expressed interest, we invite you to a three-week program on **“Civil Conversations: Skills for Discussing Disagreement.”** Join us in Adult Forum on **June 9, 16, and 23**, at 9:45 am, in room 125/127 as we discuss Biblical foundations of civil discourse, skills & tips for engaging in thought-provoking and civil conversations with others, and an opportunity to put the “work” into “action” together!

While this will be a three-part program in June, there are plans in the works to have a longer “workshop” style event in the early Fall with the same material.

Understanding that our society is in a place surrounded by passionate conversation on various topics in the modern day, Trinity wishes to extend this opportunity for individuals to come together and learn best practices and Biblical roots for engaging in these conversations in ways that are fruitful for the participants of the discussion. Regardless of your political views, you are welcome to learn how God invites us to address disagreement in a community. We will NOT be addressing election or political issues, but we will equip you to have conversations rooted in love for one another, led by the Holy Spirit.

We hope you’ll join us on June 9, 16, and 23 during Adult Forum for this exciting program!



**BIG NEWS!** Adult Forum is continuing through the summer months this year! You can expect Adult Forum programming to occur in June, July, and August this year, though it may look slightly different than it does during the ordinary “programming year,” which encompasses September through May.

We anticipate holding sessions on ELCA Social Statements, our very own Mark Staples’ wonderful new book *Neighbors Revisited*, conversation around the television series *The Chosen*, and more! We look forward to engaging in these wonderful learning and growing conversations that enable us to more fully realize our faith and how it carries into our “day-to-day” lives; not just the time we spend in church on Sundays!

Are you or someone you know interested in planning Adult Forum? Are you someone who enjoys collaborating with a team, sharing ideas, and working to bring them to fruition? We’d love to have you join us! Contact Connor Watson for more information.

## Adult Forum Update: From the Ground Up

The Lenten Season provided the perfect opportunity for discussions surrounding Care of ALL of God’s creation, hence the Adult Forum Series, “From the Ground Up,” featuring speakers such as Brigidda Bell (Moravian Seminary), Dr. Chuck Coe (Villanova University), and The Rev. Dr. Nelson Rivera (United Lutheran Seminary). We also were thrilled to have a conversation surrounding actions we can take to Care for Creation, as well as learning a great deal about watersheds from our very own Trudy Phillips!

Thank you to all who attended the sessions. Your feedback is ALWAYS appreciated. Have ideas that you’d like to see in Adult Forum? Wonderful! Please get in touch with Connor Watson to share!

## “Thank You” for Field Education from Seminarian



Dear Trinity Family,  
You may recall back in August it was announced that I would be completing my

Field Education Requirement for seminary & candidacy at Trinity. This role was separate from my staff role, as it focused more on worship leadership and observation. The experience has been life-giving and

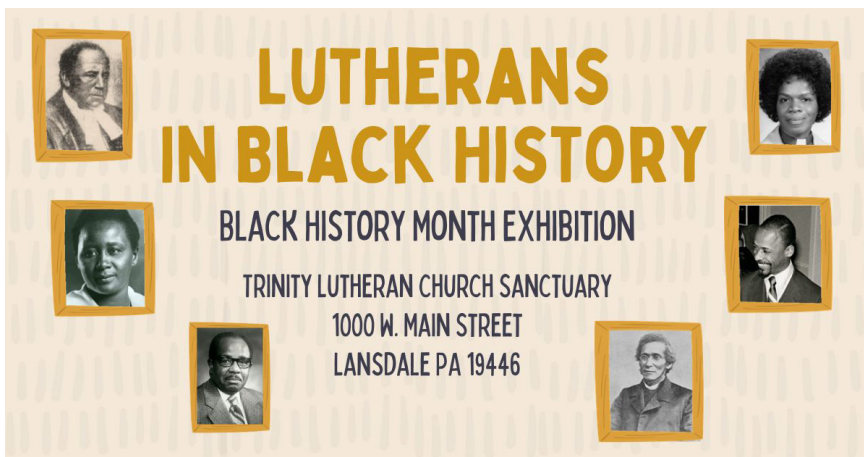
helpful in my ongoing discernment process, and it comes to an end on May 5th. I thank you for your continued support of my path through seminary and candidacy, and a special “thanks” to those who were generous enough to complete evaluation forms on my preaching and my teaching. I’d be remiss to not extend a heartfelt thanks to Pastor Fritz, who so graciously mentored and supervised me in my field education requirements.

While my Field Education role comes to an end, I remain on staff in my position of Coordinator of Faith Formation for Young Adults & Adults. I appreciate the opportunity to do ministry with you all; it is a great honor and privilege for me. Here’s to continued work, growth, and relationship-building!

Blessings Abound!

Seminarian Connor Watson,  
*Field Education Student (2023-2024)*





Thanks to those of you who expressed appreciation for the Lutheran Black History Display sponsored at Trinity during Black History Month. If you did not have a chance to review the windowsill display closely, it will be part of a binder available for perusal in the church lobby very soon. For those wishing to see the display online, from the Trinity Lansdale home page, click on the Social Justice Icon, then the Racial Justice Icon and scroll to the display.

The Racial Justice Ministry Team has plans to expand the display to include additional significant leaders for next February and will be making the display available to other congregations as well.

The display received great publicity this year both from the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod and Living Lutheran magazine, which posted it on their platform. Background for the display was made possible through research being accomplished on Black Lutheran History by Black scholars and volunteers working to continue the work of the late Dr. Richard N. Stewart, a one-time United Lutheran Seminary professor.



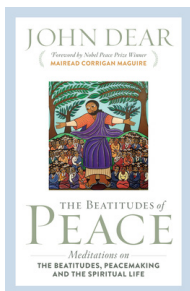
## Young Adult Ministry Update

Young Adult Ministry is still being built up, and we are on a roll! In early February, a Young Adults dinner was hosted at the Pastor's house, wherein we gathered to share a meal together, get to know each other, and, of course, have plenty of laughs together! Thank You to Pastor Fritz and Trevor for being wonderful hosts and welcoming the Young Adults into their lovely home!

Some of us also gathered after the Good Friday evening service to discuss our faith, how Holy Week affects us, our experiences growing up in different ministry contexts, and what we found life-giving in the worship practices at Trinity. We give thanks to God for the ability to connect with one another and share deep, meaningful conversations with one another (while still having fun!).

The next Young Adults event will take place **Friday, May 3rd at 7:00 pm** when we gather to go bowling at Our Town Alley in East Norriton. Young Adults ages 21-35 are welcome to join in on Trinity's Young Adults Ministry, and one need not be a member of Trinity to join us! For more information about Young Adults Ministry, contact Connor Watson.

## Lenten Book Study: The Beatitudes of Peace by John Dear



On Wednesday evenings beginning February 21st through March 20th, a group of us joined on the journey of learning more about the Beatitudes as outlined in the Gospel according to St. Matthew, and how Catholic priest, Father John Dear, felt we should be living out these remarkable teachings.

Some weeks were challenging: we were forced to reckon with our own worldly beliefs and sometimes live in a space where we struggled with what to think.

Other weeks were a breeze, and we enjoyed hearing the good news of these remarkable Beatitudes! Every week, we left with a sense of duty to truly live out these Beatitudes in our daily lives not for our own sake, but to live by the command of Jesus Christ to love one another, and to follow in his path of nonviolence toward all.

This book by John Dear was a timely peace leading up to Lent, as we discovered deeper connections to the Beatitudes, how we can implement them in our own lives, and, of course, digging deeper into Jesus' way of nonviolence, which he embodied all the way to the cross on Good Friday. We heard anecdotes about different religious and social leaders leaning into lives of nonviolence, and we discussed how we could adopt their techniques and ambitions.

Thank you to everyone who participated. Look forward to more book studies in the future!



For information about Faith Formation for Young Adults & Adults, contact Connor Watson at [cwatson@trinitylansdale.com](mailto:cwatson@trinitylansdale.com) or call (215) 368-1710.



## Luther Hall Task Force: Dreams and Assessments



The Luther Hall Task Force (LHTF) was formed by Trinity's Congregational Council and confirmed at their meeting on October 26, 2022. The Council approved that congregant Sandy Cottrell would be asked to be the LHTF Convener. The LHTF was charged with determining as follows:

- **The current state of the property** (Luther Hall, Luther Garage, and surrounding property) including identification of deferred maintenance, if applicable
- **The current ministry uses** of Luther Hall, Luther Garage and surrounding property by the Ministry Hubs and Maintenance staff,
- By engaging the ministry Hubs (leadership and Staff Director), establish an **inventory of ministry needs and dreams** for Luther Hall, Luther Garage, and surrounding property.

The LHTF committed to summarize these needs and dreams focusing on potential uses for Trinity's mission into God's kingdom balanced against financial implications. The deliverable to Council was a report summarizing scenarios with observations/considerations for decision making by Council. The report was submitted on September 13, 2023, with a follow-up Council Q&A session on November 10, 2023.

The LHTF divided into two Sub Teams:

- 1. Construction/Subcontracting/Engineering**  
**Sub team #1** made up of Congregational members Gary Hatton, coordinator, Ron Borneman, Jim Cottrell, Larry Ramsey-Macomber, Finance Committee
- 2. Ministry Liaison ("Visions and Dreams")**  
**Sub team #2**, also made up of congregational laity members Sandy Cottrell, coordinator, and Jen Pugles. A staff member, Lisa Corr, Director of Administration, bridged across both sub-teams and staff as well as providing logistic support; a member of the Finance committee was also added to the TF by Council.

To assess ministry uses and visions, HUB leadership, Staff, and Pastors were interviewed as well as several community organizations. Looking to define the future of LH and have decision-making data, cost analyses were established for these scenarios:

- 1. Status Quo**
- 2. Raze LH to a grass plot** merged into the current lawn (leave garage)
- 3. Sell LH** (leave garage)

#### 4. Renovate LH for potential expanded ministries.

Community contractors provided cost estimates for scenarios 2 and 3 (Hartland Restoration, Inc. and Keller Williams, respectively). To assess architectural integrity and potential coding issues to support ministry uses, a contract was signed with Michael O'Rourke AIA with GKO Architects, LLC. Funding for GKO was provided through the Endowment Committee. In addition to scenario costs for renovations they have prepared LH architectural drawings. Discussions of these options follow.

#### **STATUS QUO:**

**Status Quo Option 1:** Cost to do minimal maintenance and keep taxes and utilities as is (currently estimated at ~\$8000.00/yr) is cost neutral as no new revenue or expenses are considered and keeps use for AI Alon and Code Blue on first floor; no expanded upgrades and uses but minimal repairs (eg., sump pump in basement) to avoid further deterioration.

**Status Quo Option 2:** Considering the possible synergy for use of the Deardorff Pavilion and Luther Hall, upgrade costs such as first floor repairs, enhancing first floor powder room and transforming the bathroom into a unisex ADA bathroom and making changes to the kitchen to code were added. (Status Quo Option 2 minimum \$275,000 investment.)

#### **RAZE THE BUILDING:** ("level" LH)

Resulting in an expanded grassed piece of land similar visually to the current Main Street front lawn, which would be aesthetically pleasing to Main St. traffic, keep control of the land, and could serve for future congregational use such as church picnics etc. which represents some ministry value. Estimated costs to raze LH \$84,600 needs to consider Borough permits taking a cost estimate to ~\$89,600, which does not include incremental costs for hypothetical removal of any toxic materials that may be found since LH is such an old building. Obviously razing also conflicts with any expectations for use in conjunction with the Deardorff Pavilion.

#### **PROPERTY RESALE "AS IS":**

Considered as a one-time source of revenue. Market potential assessment was provided, valuing the property as a residence use or as a commercial property (subdivided into apartments). A resale list price of \$674,900 was initially suggested, but subsequently, the impact of the pavilion decreased the property value by ~\$50,000 depending on the impact on commercial applications by the closeness of the Pavilion, impact to parking, etc. It was noted that the pavilion's close proximity to LH would likely prevent a subdivision of the property that is the LH footprint. Regardless of selling or selling for subsequent leasing, it is unknown what Lansdale Borough might impose as restrictions given the property is not truly zoned for professional use, allowed signage, etc. Details are available for further review, but the LHTF had serious reservations that sale of LH would result in lost control of its future uses and compromise the control of the property within the footprint of Trinity on Main St.

#### **RENOVATE LH BASED ON MINISTRY DREAMING:**

Involved HUBs/staff and pastors as well as the additional community outreach that were interviewed and toured LH. Scenarios for ministry use were distinguished by feasibility to financially renovate to meet necessary codes for use. Use by *Bux/Mont Bridge of Hope, Buddy Housing for Family*



*Promise*, and transitional refugee family housing each would require by virtue of overnight use, substantially greater code requirements as well as space (access to third floor), while the *Family Services of Montco*, *Trinity's Giving Store* and partnering with *North Penn Mosque* are more “immediate use scenarios” and add vision for community outreach that may involve LH with a lesser burden on renovation and codes, thus being more easily achieved. It must be concluded that **options to use Luther Hall are real**, but that each ministry scenario requires full confirmation of the potential for revenue (within the constraints of fair market value to maintain Trinity’s non-profit status) and would need to be judged against the costs for renovations necessary to accommodate use and importantly borough codes. The LHTF believes it is possible to stage renovations activities and costs based on ministry uses (initial and “5 yr plan”). **Renovations should align with planned uses.** LHTF suggested that Council consider a two-phased project proposal focused on Trinity’s role of sharing our gifts with others in God’s Kingdom:

**Phase 1 (GKO Scenario B) Near Term<sup>5</sup>**

- Bringing first and second floors to code and standards (Benefits Pavilion uses as well)
- Assume no overnight use on second floor (First floor Code Blue only overnight use)
- Third floor repairs/renovations now would be to maintain structural integrity and to prevent any risks of deterioration but not to support ministry uses.

**Phase 2 (GKO Scenarios E/F) Longer Term<sup>6</sup>**

- Consider additional ministries (especially third floor and overnight uses) based on successes with Phase 1 ministries and financial limitations/implications.
- When we forget our past we risk dishonoring the dreams that shaped who we are today as a congregation. Surely, God will show us if this is his plan for Trinity.

<sup>1</sup> Analyses were modified as the TF continued their work and considering the building of the Deardorff Pavilion.

<sup>2</sup> All cost estimates are not quotes to do work but are qualitative numbers for decision-making.

<sup>3</sup> Resale value was an estimation on 1/31/2023 and is a date-limited estimate but considered qualitatively relevant for decision making.

<sup>4</sup> To be confirmed housing a family/person for <30 days is considered as temporary housing that requires less stringent compliance to regulations/different regulations.

<sup>5</sup> \$315,000 - \$625,000: RENOVATE THE FIRST AND SECOND FLOORS so both can be used for non-overnight ministries except first floor Code Blue. (Bring both the First and Second Floors of Luther Hall up to code – Third Floor stabilized but left “un-occupied”).

<sup>6</sup> \$1,250,000 to \$1,500,000 (RENOVATE LUTHER HALL SO THAT ALL THREE FLOORS can be leased to a non-profit as a counseling center/used by a non-profit organization. (Bring all three floors of Luther Hall up to code). Overnight use on the 3rd floor would not be possible within the constraints of code etc. and within this cost estimate.

**Town Hall Meeting**

Sunday, May 19, 9:45 am  
Monday, May 20, 7:00 pm, Zoom

Council Secretary and Luther Hall Task Force (LHTF), covener, Sandy Cottrell, Finance Committee member, Larry Ramsey-Macomber, and members of council invite you to a Town Hall Meeting to share the results of the LHTF work, potential options and to answer questions from the congregation as council begins to discern next steps.

**New Maintenance Employees**

Please welcome our two new part-time maintenance employees, Jackie Jones and William Henning.



**Make sure you introduce yourself and say hello!**



**Sponsor a blanket for CWS for Mother's Day. Deadline April 29.**

**MOTHER'S DAY BLANKET APPEAL**

Pick up a form in the lobby or online. Make a tribute to a special woman and help others in disasters through the Church World Services Blanket Appeal. [Click here](https://trinitylansdale.com/mothers-day-appeal/) for online form. [trinitylansdale.com/mothers-day-appeal/](https://trinitylansdale.com/mothers-day-appeal/)



## PASTORAL ACTS

### Deaths

1/20/2024	Janet S. Higgins
2/13/2024	James F. Komerska
3/2/2024	Patricia Anne "Pat" Bruner
3/22/2024	Doris Sibley
3/30/2024	Katherine Johannesson
3/31/2024	Raymond Edwin Walton
4/1/2024	Nancy Helen Vicario
4/2/2024	Marjorie Cunningham
4/3/2024	Ann Catherine Boggs

### Baptisms

3/10/24	Maci Marie Mangos, daughter of Gregory James and Kathleen Ann (Gordon) Mangos
3/10/24	Evan Rens Kash, son of Kristen Nicole Pugliese-Kash and Jason Christopher Kash
3/10/24	Noah Adam Wolfinger, son of Megan Elizabeth Coleman and Eli David Wolfinger
3/31/24	Nora Ruth Smyser, daughter of Matthew Mansfield Smyser and Eleanor Jacquelyn (Smith) Smyser
4/7/24	Adam Francis Farmer-Bigoski son of Francis John Farmer and Stephen Matthew Bigoski

### Weddings

3/25/24	Jackie Jones and Michael Rossi
4/1/24	Aimee Pfeifer and Wayne Buehler

## 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.**

## RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE



**Thursday, June 20**  
1:30-6:30 pm

**Thursday, August 22**  
1:30-6:30 pm

To make an appointment online, please go to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and enter Trinity Lutheran Lansdale.

### CELEBRATING BIRTHS

We would love to hear about the birth of your new bundle of joy! Please call the church office, 215-368-1710, and tell us about the birth of your baby so we can put in the *Weekly*. We often do not find out about births and want to celebrate with you!

## Homebound Birthdays

If you would like to send a birthday card to one of our homebound members, please feel free to drop in the "Birthday Basket" at the receptionist desk in the lobby! Thank you!



### MAY BIRTHDAYS

May 14	Nancy Lease
May 25	Joan Messner

### JUNE BIRTHDAYS

June 9	Alice Hughes
June 15	Gloria Boesch
June 18	Tom Sykes
June 19	John Strobel

### JULY BIRTHDAYS

July 18	Shirley Baddorf
July 27	Sharon Slowe

### AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

August 7	John Zeman
August 18	Al Boorse
August 20	Dottie Worth

## TREASURER'S REPORT - MARCH 2024

Year to Date March 2024	Actual	Budget	Variance
Revenue	426,819	384,331	42,488
Expenses	376,375	399,885	(23,510)
Net Surplus (Deficit)	50,444	(15,554)	65,998

Trinity ended March 2024 year-to-date with a surplus due to increased giving from Easter and Lenten offerings. There continues to be savings in utilities combined with a one-time credit from our property insurance renewal. Other underspend in repairs, printing, and subscriptions are most likely due to timing of the activities that will occur later this year.

## thrivent®

We are proud to share that Trinity received **\$4,572** as of March 31, 2024 from the grant funding through the Thrivent Choice® program. Support Trinity and log on today and designate

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## Daybreak Adult Choir



## Youth Group Activities!!



**Teen Troupe Youth Group (grades 7-12) went to a Lehigh Valley Phantoms hockey game. The Phantoms won and a good time was had by all.**



**In February, Kids Rock and CHAOS Youth Groups teamed up to play some in-house Olympic Winter games.**

## Worship Fun!



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