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2024

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WORSHIP

Sundays, 8:30 & 10:45 am

Trinity Alive!

Sundays at 9:45 am
NEW TIME

Livestream

Sundays at 8:30 am



CHRISTIAN CARE

Harvest Home Food Drive
October 5 & 6

Grief Support Group
November 12

Thanksgiving Basket Collection
November 3



FAITH FORMATION

Sunday School Kick Off
September 8

Youth Groups
Begin in September!



FELLOWSHIP

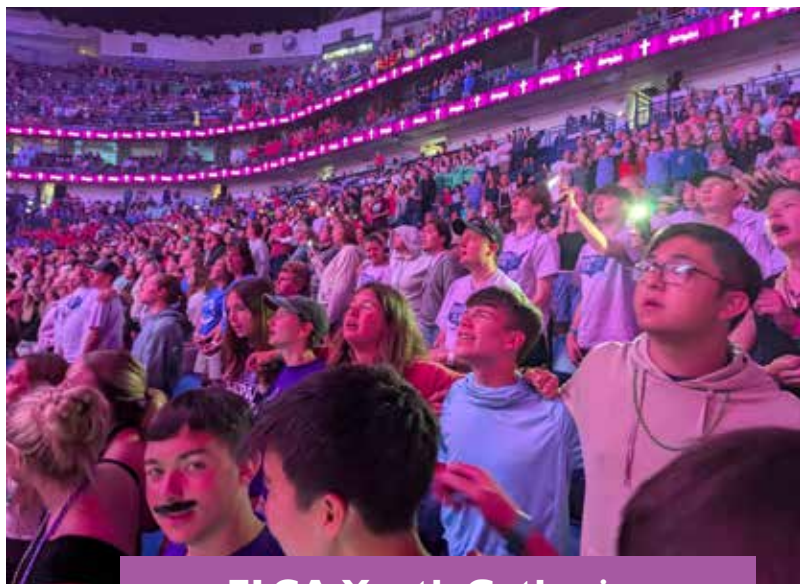
Pumpkinfest
October 26, 6:00 pm

Cars, Coffee & Conversation
September 21, 8:30 am

Bus Trip: Playhouse Christmas
November 12

We are the CHURCH

Summer was buzzing with activity here at Trinity! We welcomed so many youth and families for Vacation Bible School and Music Camp, and saw both youth and adults serving with the Appalachia Service Project and at the ELCA Youth Gathering. We also had some exciting new events, like the Summer Block Party and the Dedication of the Loft Youth Center.



ELCA Youth Gathering



Vacation Bible School



Music Camp

God's gift of music changes lives this summer at Trinity Music Camp, Hearts, Hands and Voices. Look on page 4.





Dear Trinity Disciples,
As we leave the heat of summer and turn to cooler days, I am incredibly grateful, humbled, and proud of all that has happened in our congregation over the past couple of months. As you read this edition of the *Lansdale Lutheran*, join me in giving thanks to God for all the ways that God has been at work through our congregation.

From recaps of VBS, Music Camp, ASP, the Youth Gathering, the Loft Dedication, Block Party, and so much more--thanks be to God!!

At the same time, I am encouraged and hopeful about what will come over the next few months at Trinity. I give thanks for the restart of Sunday School, youth groups, Bible Studies, choirs, our interfaith Thanksgiving Service, the installation of a new Bishop, and the first fall of having two called pastors since 2015. As I look ahead in these last four months of 2024, I am reminded of the opening words of chapter 3 of 1 John. In 1 John 3:1-2, we read, "See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Dear friends, now we are children of God, **and what we will be has not yet been made known.**"

These words were first penned by the author in the first century and were written to the Church so that their joy would "be full" (1:4). They would avoid sin (2:1), be aware of false teachers (2:26) and know God and God's love revealed in Jesus (5:13). This letter was written with the understanding that Christ could return at any moment and that God's people should be ready, be alert, and while they have yet to know God fully they will when God returns in glory. The Church was in a place of transition and discernment, and the author was encouraging the Church to recognize the days they were living in.

At Trinity, we find ourselves in the same place as the early church. We are in a place of discernment and are still not what we will be. We eagerly await God's return in fullness and are not yet complete as the people of God. The work of the Strategic Design Team Task Force and Congregational Council is discerning where God is calling us into the future, knowing that we are not yet what we will be as a community, as a congregation, and as God's people.

Martin Luther, in his *Defense and Explanation of All the Articles*, put it this way:

"This life therefore is not righteousness, but growth in righteousness, not health, but healing, not being but becoming, not rest but exercise. **We are not yet what we shall be**, but we are growing toward it, the process is not yet finished, but it is going on, this is not the end, but it is the road. All does not yet gleam in glory, but all is being purified."

As we look toward where God guides us as a congregation, we must recognize that growing as beloved children of God is not yet finished. This process won't be completed until Christ returns, and in the meantime, we are promised the presence of the Holy Spirit, who guides and inspires us. That does not mean that the process is without speed bumps, sand traps, or valleys, which I know we will

encounter, but as long as we keep our eyes on the cross and on Jesus Christ, who is the perfecter of our faith, we will not be led astray as God has promised to be with us every step of the way.

Each morning, as I begin my day, I pray for our community, the staff, and the congregation. If there is anything that I can pray for, please let me know. It is an honor to serve and partner with you in ministry.

~Pastor Fritz



Sermon Series: The After Party

Have you ever wondered how you can engage in politics in a way that reflects Jesus? It's so tempting to focus on (or even argue about!) what policy, party, or candidate is most Christian. But we've got our priorities backwards. The real question for us is

"How do I relate to others — including those I might disagree with — so that I better reflect Jesus?"

This Fall at Trinity we will use Curtis Change and Nancy French's book "The After Party: Toward Better Christian Politics." Each week, we will hear the Gospel and explore how we can reorient our heart and mind toward a Christ-centered identity in 2024 and beyond. This series starts September 7/8.



This year we have three opportunities to use our hands on God's Work Our Hands Sunday to help our neighbors.

SATURDAY:

- **Adopt-A-Highway** — Help clean the roadway near Valley Forge. Saturday, 8:00 am, Outside door #18

SUNDAY

- **Flood Buckets** — Pick up a bucket in Hyson Hall and fill and return with list of items needed for families suffering through a flood.
- **Snack Bags for the North Penn Boys & Girls Club** — Help fill bags for the local Boys & Girls Club or donate individually packaged items needed: pretzels, chips, popcorn, fruit cups, pudding, fruit snacks, goldfish and Rice Krispie treats! (No nuts, please!) Dum Dum lollipops are always an added treat! Gift cards to the Dollar Tree are also welcome for crafting supplies! Please bring your donations to the lobby by September 15.



WORSHIP

Making a Musical Impact Through Camp

God's gift of music changes lives!

Music can transform someone's mood from sorrow to joy as if by magic. Music can soothe, heal, uplift and inspire like nothing else.

If a transformative music experience is great, even greater is the opportunity to give the gift of music to children so that they can at once experience the joy of music and learn to develop skills that allow them to continue making music.

Transformation is what happened during our week of Music Camp - Hearts, Hands and Voices - offered here from July 8-11 in partnership with St. John's United Church of Christ. Our incredible clinician, Dr. Michael Burkhardt and a fabulous staff of teachers and shepherds, provided an experience that was impactful in so many ways!

Children shared in the joy of leading worship each day, playing drums, handbells, and Orff Instruments (xylophones and rhythm instruments). They learned that the Psalms are a means of expressing emotions, whether through spoken words or in song. Children created prayer petitions that allowed them to express their own emotions, and they learned song refrains that serve as a tool for communicating with God.

While it was evident that God was at work each day during camp, the proof of the positive impact on campers came directly from their mouths.

“**Music Camp was amazing and it made me feel special.** Camper Gabby Holstein

The moral of the camp: music is beautiful!”
Camper Lily Holstein, Gabby's sister



Luke Voichick loved playing all the different instruments and appreciated game time as well. Finally, Declan and Brogan Nast both agreed that they had so much fun, they can't wait to go again next year!

Thank you to all who donated, led, taught, cooked, and served in any way! You touched the lives of children and helped to give them the gift of music that is so life-shaping!

Mark your calendars! Music Camp 2025 will take place from July 7-10, 2025.



Music Empowers Me

Jennylis Munoz, a 9th-grade young woman in the Trenton Children's Chorus, feels that music can empower people. For her, this means singing and loving music that makes a difference, music with deep feelings and a message that resonates. All of this empowers her.

Following a Showcase Performance of children, ages 6 through 18, Trudy Phillips and I had the opportunity to chat with Jennylis for an hour to learn about her three-year experience with the Trenton Children's Chorus. Her love of singing and her beaming smile burst through our conversation. Although we learned about her choir friendships, available and accessible teachers, and the thrill of working with professional musicians, we learned about her future plans and next steps. She surprised us by saying that she wanted to major in clinical psychology, while we were expecting a major in music. As a psychologist, she could help others, and her passion for empowering music could be part of that therapy. Jennylis likes to help people and considers herself entrepreneurial with an interest in business and a love of music.

Earlier in the day, Trudy and I saw evidence of her quietly helping a young man refocus his attention on the teacher's instructions. Hence, we were not surprised by her interest in mentoring and her leadership in helping others. Playing drums with these 5th graders also enables her to be one of their group.

It is no wonder that she and her choir members smile from ear to ear, as we have observed from their performances in concert. They not only empower fellow students but audiences as well.

■ *Joe Devlin and Trudy Phillips*



The Trenton Children's Chorus is the beneficiary of our Justice Through Music initiative at Trinity. Contact Joe Devlin, jtdevlin728@gmail.com for more information.



Adults Vocal Ensembles

Potluck Kick-Off

Thursday, August 29, 6:00 pm
All are Welcome!

Daybreak

Wednesdays, 7:30 pm

Rehearsals begin September 4.

This ensemble serves as the weekly musical leadership for the 8:30 am service. Daybreak consists of both singers and instrumentalists. Singers, percussionists, and guitarists can participate in this ensemble and are encouraged to join.

Trinity Choir

Thursdays, 7:45 pm

Rehearsals begin September 5.

This choir is our adult choir which typically leads worship each Sunday at the 10:45 am service. All singers, regardless of musical ability, are welcome to participate!

Handbells

Trintinnabulators

Thursdays, 6:45 pm

Rehearsals begin in September.

This is an intermediate handbell choir that will lead in worship approximately once every four-six weeks. Director Tracey Calvaresi



Children & Youth

Come and be a part of a vibrant children's music program. Weekly rehearsals begin in early September.

Musikers in the Making

Preschool children with their parent/guardian

Thursdays, 12:30-1:00 pm – begins September 12

This weekly 30-minute class will offer singing, movement, and instrument exploration to help children explore music in a playful environment. Parents/caregivers learn and play along with the child as a way of modeling for the child, but also so that singing/reinforcement can happen at home throughout the week.



Cherub Choir

Grades K, 1st & 2nd

Wednesdays, 5:30-6:15 pm - begins September 4

Choir rehearsals will focus on introducing children to the joy of music through singing, playing instruments, and moving. This choir will lead in worship one time each month.



Joyful Choristers

Grades 3rd-6th

Wednesdays, 6:30-7:15 pm - begins September 4

Singers will continue to build their musical and vocal skills while learning about their role as worship leaders. This group will lead in worship approximately one time each month.

Lifesong Singers

Grades 7th-12th

Sundays, 9:45 am - begins September 15

These teens will develop choral singing skills as they learn music of varying styles and will lead in worship approximately one time each month.



Worship Opportunities in the Fall!

September 8 Healing will be offered at all services

September 15 Give thanks for opportunities to serve as we celebrate God's Work Our Hands

September 22 Blessing of Teachers, Aides, and Volunteers who go into the schools

September 28, 5:30 pm Dinner Church—Bring a dish to share and join us for an intimate time of worship around tables. We'll begin in the Chapel and move to Hyson Hall.

September 29 ELCA Youth Gathering Recap. Join us as our youth have an opportunity to lead in worship and share some of what they experienced in New Orleans.

October 6 Give thanks for the bounty we receive and bring food items to share with others as we celebrate Harvest Home. First Bibles will be received at 10:45. Bring your pets to a special Blessing of the Animals at 1:00 pm in the Pavilion.

October 13 Generosity Sunday

October 20 St. John's Chancel Choir and Trinity Choir join forces to lead at the 8:30 am service.

October 27 Reformation celebrated at all services. Confirmation will take place during the 10:45 am service.

Christmas Eve Services

1:00 pm | 3:00 pm
6:00 pm | 9:00 pm



Gently-Used Musical Instrument Drive Gives New Opportunities to Eager Students September 15-October 4

Trinity's Racial Justice and Justice Through Music ministries are seeking gently used musical instruments in support of Musicopia's donation drive. Musicopia is a non-profit organization that repairs and refurbishes

musical instruments for use by the children of the Philadelphia public schools. These donations will give children, who lack the resources to purchase or rent one of their own, the opportunity to learn and play an instrument. This statewide initiative has collected over 6,000 instruments and operated in the Philadelphia region since 2002. Instruments accepted: brass/wind, guitar, keyboard, strings, percussion, full drum sets (adults), electronic keyboards. Not accepted: large instruments like pianos, console organs, accordions, toy drum sets, and sheet music. Instruments can be dropped off September 15 through October 4 prior to worship services or during weekly business hours.

Welcome, Emily!



After two years of searching, we welcome Emily Brands to serve as our Organist! If Emily looks familiar to you, it's because she served as Trinity's Associate Director for Music from 2018 through 2022. In her new role, Emily will be leading us in worship each Sunday, playing for Saturday evening worship services once per month, and she will serve as Trinity Choir's accompanist. Please welcome Emily when you have a chance!



Installation of Pastor Jonathan

I want to give a tremendous "thank you" to everyone who helped celebrate my installation on May 19th. That Sunday afternoon was a wonderful celebration for our shared work together here at Trinity.

There are some particular people I'd like to thank, starting with the Call Committee members who spent their time in the discernment process.

Through their work, we initially

discovered the Holy Spirit bringing us together. In the Hospitality team, we were fed and welcomed into community together after the worship. By the musicians and worship leaders, our praises and thanksgivings to God filled the sanctuary.

Together as the community of Trinity, we proclaim the love of Jesus Christ and live out that Gospel promise. I am filled with gratitude that we celebrated together, and filled with excitement as I look ahead to how the Holy Spirit will continue to lead us!

■ Pastor Jonathan Steiner



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

Trinity's introduction of the Generosity List has taken place. The first project for our list is the purchase of two new altar candles for our chapel. One donation has been made; \$375 remains to be donated so the candles can be procured and installed. Several other needs have been identified: New carpet tiles, office lighting upgrades to reduce electricity usage, and table and chair replacements. More info will follow for these and how disciples can help.

Some of you 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 an upcoming report.

This list has been re-branded as the Trinity's Generosity List, as it has become another means by which disciples connect resources with our mission of serving Christ.

Trinity's Generosity team will regularly post a list of such needs. 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 Dieterick at cadreg105@verizon.net or at 215-272-0722.

Once again Trinity has demonstrated that it is a generous congregation!

Trinity's financial budget for 2024 was presented at the annual meeting in February and it forecasted expenses exceeding income by \$158,530.

Our congregation is able to support a short-term deficit such as this due to money reserves in our general fund. But just like our household budgets, we cannot continue in a deficit state indefinitely. Balance must be achieved between giving and expense levels.

In early April, an anonymous family committed a match challenge for offering levels during the months of April, May, and June. It worked this way: If the general offering budget for these three months of \$264,000 was exceeded, the donor family would match the excess, up to \$25,000.

It is with delight and gratitude to announce that the maximum match was achieved! Actual offering was \$322,771 or 22% above.

Generous giving of treasure by MANY Trinity disciples has shone forth again! Since the accounting of these results was completed in July, the match gift of \$25,000 was received and will be credited in July, providing a strong start to the second half of this year. This level of offering will help to reduce Trinity's 2024 deficit.

These results will help toward balancing our budget. Trinity's ministries are both within and outside of four walls, and well beyond. We are grateful for your purpose-driven giving of treasure, and time and talent.

Trinity's Generosity Team: Tim Bonitz, Craig Dieterick, Pastor Fritz, Bill Graeff, Chris Johnson, Betty and Chip Kern, and David Kratz



Working Together – Asking God for Guidance Along the Way

In a Minute Mission on August 10-11, Bill Shimer, Council President reminded us of the many blessings, challenges and changes Trinity has experienced over the last five years. We have called two new pastors; re-energized our worship, faith formation and music programming; and have created new ministries to bring the Kingdom of God here on earth!

Although we are a vibrant church, our post pandemic challenges are a reality. We have fewer people worshipping and engaging in our ministries and our reduced numbers have resulted in an operating budget that consistently exceeds our income, leaving us with a systemic deficit.

While further actions are being taken to encourage income, earlier this year the Council commissioned the Strategic Design Task Force* (SDTF) to make recommendations regarding the staffing design of our church, address both emerging and evolving needs and the financial pressures we are experiencing. To assist the SDTF we have retained LEAD, a non-profit organization who has worked with other larger Lutheran churches to address these issues and concerns. On August 16-18 ELCA Deacon Peggy Hahn, Executive Director of LEAD, visited Trinity and spent time meeting with our staff, Council and SDTF to learn about our congregation and staff organization. LEAD will provide recommendations for our consideration.

As we move forward in this journey together, let us do so knowing that our good and gracious God will be with us and guide us through this important work.

*The task force includes Karen Bergey, Past Council President; Pastor Fritz Fowler, Lead Pastor; Bill Graeff, Generosity Committee; Cassie Pickens Jewell, HR Committee; Larry Ramsey-Macomber, Finance Committee; Bill Shimer, Council President; and John Wittenbraker, HR Committee.

For questions or a copy of the FAQ contact Bill Graeff: graeff.bill@gmail.com.



PUMPKIN FEST

ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2024
FROM 6:00 - 7:30 PM RAIN DATE: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

Come and see the Jack-O'-Lanterns and the Trunk or Treat displays!



TRUNK or Treat

Dress up and walk around the Trunk-Or-Treat and get some goodies!

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REGISTER YOUR CARVED PUMPKIN

Participate by adding your carved or decorated pumpkin to the display or decorate your car for the Trunk or Treat. Perfect for families!
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SCAN HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER YOUR PUMPKIN



HUNTERDON HILLS PLAYHOUSE BUS TRIP!

November 12, 10:00 am - 4:30 pm

This enthusiastic group is planning a holiday bus trip to the Hunterdon Hills Playhouse to enjoy a great meal and a wonderful show: "A Playhouse Christmas" (a variety show). Cost: \$140 per person. Includes bus, dinner, show, gratuity for servers and bus driver and excludes beverages. Register with the link below by October 6 or contact Vicki Seal or Jeanette Garges for details. The trip is sponsored by Trinity Seniors but anyone can attend.

<https://trinitylansdale.com/events/hunterdon-hill-playhouse/>

CARS, COFFEE & CONVERSATION

HOST: Trinity Lutheran Church, Lansdale PA

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



SATURDAY, September 21, 2024
8:30 am—10:30 am



TRINITY SENIORS LUNCHEON

September 24, 12 noon, Hyson Hall

Menu: Chicken, mashed potatoes, vegetable, salad, and dessert. The program, beginning at 1:00 pm, will be Music by Tom Smith on the accordion. Cost is \$15.00, payable at the door when you arrive. RSVP at 215-368-1710, between 9:00 am and 2:00 pm by Thursday, September 19, before noon. If it is necessary to cancel your reservation, please notify Dot Underkoffler at 215-723-9263 or rdunder@comcast.net. Our Seniors events are for anyone 55 or older. You are welcome – and bring a friend!

A Part of the Community at Lansdale Day!

Trinity volunteers once again enjoyed an awesome day participating in the Annual Lansdale Day Art & Craft Festival on June 1, 2024. This event is hosted each year by the Rotary Club of North Penn. We shared smiles, stickers and laughter with all of Lansdale! Think about volunteering next year!





Fellowship Hub has Something New to Share...

Trinity is excited to share a new ministry partnership with Pennsylvania Recovery Organization (PRO-ACT).

PRO-ACT works to reduce the stigma of addiction, ensure the availability of adequate treatment and recovery support services, and to influence public opinion and policy regarding the value of recovery.

On June 8th Montgomery County Community Recovery Center partnered with Trinity Lutheran to host our first Recovery Celebration. The event included two speakers from the Recovery Community as well as delicious food, resource tables, Karaoke, and outdoor games. It was a well-attended celebration with just under 100 people in attendance including guests from Trinity, people who are in recovery from substance disorder, and their friends and family. We are excited and looking forward to working together in the future and can't wait to see everyone at our next event.

Thank you for your partnership!

Liz Wendt CRS, MS
Montgomery County Community Recovery Center Coordinator



Saturday, September 28, 5:30 pm
Hyson Hall

Breaking bread together is a central aspect of Christian life as a community. Our scriptures are filled with stories of God blessing the people with food, our worship celebrates a holy meal each week, and we often eat together when we gather for other events. Dinner Church is an emerging practice in many communities that incorporates a full meal with worship.

Although there are many ways churches have experimented with Dinner Church, we hope to focus on building relationships with one another. As we host Dinner Church once again on Saturday evening, we hope that you will join us to share conversation and food with one another. We will provide the entree, and we invite you to bring a side dish or dessert to share.

We will incorporate a meal, Holy Communion, prompts for discussion, and more into a chance to worship God in a different way. Come hungry for food, both physical and spiritual, and find that our Lord provides abundantly!

Save the Dates Marriage Recognition Celebration

November 16, 4:00 pm

Couples with 50 years or more of marriage are invited to a luncheon in Hyson Hall and a blessing afterward. This is a time to celebrate you for the love that you have shared in your marriage over the years.



Bus Trip to See Noah at Sight & Sound Theater

April 15, 2025

Join us on a bus trip to Sight & Sound Theater in Lancaster for the day.



God's Plenty Shared by Trinity Garden Volunteers in Hot Summer 2024



Trinity's FEAST Garden helped provide 150+ nutritious meals each week. In May Denny Smith and the Monday Morning Crew readied the garden setup. Head Gardener Susan Delp, assisted by Amy Rosborough and Deb Neves weeded and planted the raised garden beds. By June fresh tomatoes, peppers, squash, carrots, kale, and basil, as well as donated corn on the cob were added to the 150+ weekly meals provided to area food-challenged families. Rising food, fuel, and necessities prices had shrunk their budget for nutritious meals.

Tenders watered the garden on extensive hot and dry days this summer, pulling encroaching weeds, and harvesting the vegetables when they matured. Those faithfully tending include: Susan Delp, Deb Neves, Amy Rosborough, Kathy Benford, Marian Olson, Donna Hegge, Susan Pashos and Tom Mellon. Many thanks to all who helped in any way.

■ Tom Mellon

Trinity's Grief Support Group

November 12-December 17, 7:00 - 8:00 pm, In-Person or Zoom

In 2021, Trinity initiated a Grief Support Group knowing that many people were dealing with the loss of loved ones. Our goal is to provide support and care as you go through the journey of grief. There are two six week sessions each year, one in the spring and one in the fall. The sessions are held either via Zoom or in-person at Trinity for an hour a week, typically on a Tuesday. We are looking forward to starting a six week session. Please call the church office, 215-368-1710, if you would like to be included in our group. We hope that our support will help you to deal with the difficulty of loss.

Harvest Home Food Drive

Once again, we will celebrate the Harvest season, sharing our bountiful blessings by collecting food donations – this year on **October 5 and 6**.

The Harvest Home tradition dates to antiquity in the British Isles and found its way into many church traditions over the years. Today for some, the tradition may seem dated because we live in less rural neighborhoods than before, and fewer farms exist now.

However, we still drive by farms throughout Montgomery County, for which the harvest season is crucial to their survival as they diligently work to put vegetables like corn on the cob on our dinner tables. Who doesn't enjoy a visit to Merrymead or Freddy Hill? Harvest Home is a way of pausing to remember what farmers do for us!

So, we too join with farmers in the harvest season by collecting non-perishables in a "harvest of goods" to share with others in need. Beginning in September, but especially on the October dates, please donate non-perishable by placing them in the white bins labeled "Harvest Home" in the lobby. From 11:00 am to 1:00 pm on October 6 you may also drop off your donations at the Circle Drive.

The donations will be given to Manna on Main Street, the Keystone Opportunity Center and the food pantry at United Lutheran Seminary. The following items are always needed: **soups, canned meats and fruits, rice, canned vegetables, tomato products, cookie mix, beans, pasta items, spices, breakfast items, dessert items. Other requested items include juices, peanut butter, jelly and salad dressings.**

Monetary donations to Harvest Home are always welcome. Use our website trinitylansdale.com or drop off or mail a donation to Trinity. Make sure you indicate "Harvest Home" on your envelope. Thank you for your generosity!

■ Mark Staples, Outreach Ministry Team

Therapy Dog

Sundays 9:30-10:45 am, lobby

We're delighted to welcome a certified therapy dog, Penny, with her handler Kim Morse. This furry friend will be in the lobby to bring comfort, smiles, and unconditional love to everyone. Join us for this heartwarming opportunity to connect and unwind!



Health Ministries Re-Engaged!

Health Ministries launched in the Fall of 2023 and has been growing in many ways to serve the congregation. The team consists of church members that are compassionate, understanding and giving with backgrounds in nursing, pediatric medicine, mental health, pharmacy, long term care, hospice and social work. Together we have provided the following to our congregation:

- **Monthly Blood Pressure Screening:** Held on the third Sunday of each month in Room 122.
- **Educational Materials:** Information available on vaccines, flu/cold guidelines, and heart health.
- **Healing Services Participation:** Involved in healing services.
- **CPR Certification:** Trinity staff completed CPR certification on June 14, 2024.
- **Nursing Services:** Team leader Diane Wieland provided nursing support for VBS (June 24-28) and Music Camp (July 8-11).
- **In-Home Visits:** Team members have begun visiting church members at home, as assigned by the Pastors.
- **First Aid Kits:** Checked and prepared First Aid Kits for Appalachia Service Project Mission trip and future church events.
- **Security Collaboration:** Worked with the Security Team to address urgent issues during church services.
- **New This Summer!** Trinity now offers Therapy Dog Services. Meet our furry friend Penny in the Lobby for comfort, smiles, and unconditional love. Come and pet her!

Upcoming fall opportunities are:

- CPR Recertification in November
- Fall Classes on vaccines and respiratory disease.
- First Aid Certification Courses and Balance Classes given by Jefferson Lansdale Hospital
- Expansion in Visitation coordinated by the Pastors.

A Trinity member mentioned she has Health Ministry volunteer coming to visit and how appreciative she is of the check-ins!



The annual tradition continues of Manna on Main Street collecting food items for our community's Thanksgiving Baskets Appeal. Food-insecure families in our community look forward to receiving a basket so they can celebrate our national

holiday. Once again Manna is asking Trinity disciples to donate boxes of instant mashed potatoes and quick bread mixes or muffin mixes. Manna is hoping that we can supply them with **350 boxes of each** item as the need continues to be great.

You can drop off your donations by placing them in the large white box in the Lobby starting October 19. We will also host a **Drive-Thru** collection on the circle drive at the rear of the church on **Sunday, November 3 from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm**. Monetary donations made out to Manna on Main Street are also welcome. Checks can be placed in the offering baskets, dropped off at the drive-thru, or mailed to the church office.

The last day to drop off items is Tuesday, November 5 so that Manna has time to make sure they have enough of what they need to assemble the baskets. If you have any questions, please contact Lorraine Crosson at 267-640-6568 or anyone on the Outreach Ministry Team. Thank you for helping to ensure that all our neighbors have a Happy Thanksgiving!

School Volunteers

Looking for a ministry where the investment is small but the rewards are great? We are looking for volunteers to make a difference in the lives of young children at Inglewood & Hatfield Elementary Schools this fall. You can choose the day and time and will be placed in classroom for 2 to 2 ½ hours a week where the children need a little extra support and loving guidance while learning. Please email Linda Scheckenbach at lscheck@yahoo.com if you are interested in learning more about this valuable program.

A Successful Kids Summer Food Bag Program

This summer Trinity teamed up with the Bean Bag Food Program (BBFP) to collect shelf stable food for children in our neighborhoods who have limited access to nutritious meals. During the school year the BBFP provides weekly bags of food to children in our community who face food insecurity on the weekends. The program has been in existence since 2016 and in the fall of 2023 expanded into the North Penn School District. Hatfield and Oak Park were initially identified as schools which would benefit most from the program. A third North Penn elementary school will be added this fall. Their mission is to stop hunger so kids can focus, learn and succeed when they return to school on Monday morning.

Thanks to the generosity of Trinity members, we collected over 27 overflowing bags of food this summer in addition to several cases of food used in the bags. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed! These bags were hand-delivered to NP children who participated in the BBFP last year, helping to supplement their food until the school year begins.

Thanks to Kim Wreath for all the help she gave me this summer with this initiative. Again, thanks to all the Trinity disciples who helped feed some of our neighborhood children this summer. If you would like more information about Bean Bag please reach out to either Kim or me through the church office.

■ Tamera Hatton



Overcoming Fear Through Faith: A Look Back at Trinity's Vacation Bible School

What do you do when you're afraid? At Trinity's Vacation Bible School (VBS), the answer is simple: put your trust in God. This year's VBS theme, "Camp Firelight: A Summer Adventure with God," centered around Psalm 56:3, "Whenever I'm afraid, I will put my trust in You." This theme resonated deeply with both the children and the staff.

Amy Hawthorne, who directed VBS for the first time this year, admitted feeling a mix of excitement and apprehension. "As my first time directing VBS, I was definitely on edge," she shared. "I had heard the stories of VBS's past and how amazing they were, so the bar was set high." This year, 158 enthusiastic participants registered for the event, which ran from June 24-28. The age range of the attendees spanned from Pre-kindergarten (age 4) to 6th grade (age 11). Notably, Pre-kindergarten was a new addition this year, and it was heartwarming to see our youngest attendees engaging in activities alongside the older kids. The program also included accommodations for children with special needs, affirming Trinity's commitment to inclusivity— "All Are Welcome."

The event saw the dedicated efforts of over 60 volunteers, whose contributions ranged from planning and teaching to managing the various activities. This collective effort mirrored the teamwork seen at any well-organized camp. Each day, the children rotated through seven engaging stations: crafting, music, Bible storytelling, reflection, science, snack time, and recreation. The craft and recreation stations were particularly noteworthy, as they were designed and led by two of Trinity's Teen Troupe youth, fostering a sense of leadership and creativity among our teens.

One of the highlights of the week was the cross-generational collaboration. It was inspiring to witness participants ranging from ages 4 to 29+ coming together to learn about God's word and experience God's love and presence. This blend of ages and experiences fostered a vibrant and supportive environment.

Amy recounted a touching moment that demonstrated God's work during VBS. On the first day, a young child was reluctant to leave her mom, despite her older sister's attempts to comfort her. With some encouragement to try the science station, the child had so much fun that she was eager to stay with her group for the rest of the day.



Later, another child arrived from swim practice, hesitant to part from her dad. After observing the activities and meeting the first child, she was comforted by the words, "I was afraid at first, but I'm not anymore." This led to a budding friendship between the two girls, who found joy in each other's company throughout the week.

Another highlight was the community service project supporting the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP). Participants contributed toys, crafts, games, and stuffed animals, resulting in a collection of 400 items for children unable to attend camp due to illness. This project was a lesson in generosity and empathy, reinforcing the value of giving back.

Overall, this year's VBS was a resounding success. The positive outcomes include: increased church attendance from VBS families, parents seeking baptisms for their children, and requests for Bibles and first communions. The hope is that each participant carries the lesson learned throughout the school year: when faced with fear, they can put their trust in God and find reassurance in their faith.

If you're interested in joining us for an amazing experience next summer, please reach out to Amy Hawthorne to learn more about how you can be a part of VBS.



It's Time for Fellowship & Fun in Youth Group

What is a Youth Group? It's a chance for kids of similar ages to come together for fun activities, games, and discussions about faith and current events. This year, we're expanding our youth groups to include younger participants. Here's what's new:

Kids Rock: 1st - 3rd graders. This group will meet on the 3rd Sunday of each month (except April) from 10:45-11:45 am in the Loft.

CHAOS: 4th - 6th graders. This group will meet monthly on designated Friday nights from 6:30-8:00 pm in the Loft.

Teen Troupe: 7th -12th graders. This group will meet every other week starting September 8th, from 6:00-8:30 pm in the Loft. We'll start with dinner and then enjoy our newly designed youth space. Additionally, we'll gather on the first Sunday of each month to worship together at the 8:30 am service. The alternate gatherings will be off site.

For details on meeting times and to register for the new programming year, please visit our website: trinitylansdale.com/youth-groups



Back to Sunday School

Starting **September 8th**, we're excited to kick off the return of Sunday School! This year, we plan to offer three classes:

- Pre-K to 1st grade (Room 202)
- 2nd to 6th grade (Room 207)
- Teen Bible Study (The Loft)

All classes will be upstairs for better security.

Sunday School will run from 10:15 to 10:45 am each week. It will be structured like a mini-VBS, where kids will learn a Bible story and verse, and then engage in a related craft, science activity, game, or other interactive lesson. Each story and verse will be explored over two weeks to provide a deeper understanding before moving on to the next.

If you're interested in helping nurture the faith of our younger congregation, please reach out to Amy Hawthorne.

We're looking for more Sunday School teachers to join our team!

Lofty Aspirations:

A New Youth Space at Trinity

In September 2022, Trinity's Youth Leaders embarked on a bold vision: creating a welcoming space for our youth. Volunteers involved in service projects, fellowship, and faith development were united in their response: they needed a dedicated area for our youth.

Thus, the Loft was conceived.

A Loft Task Force, including Pastor Ric Elliott, Lynn Lentz, Jill Voicheck, Amy Hawthorne, Liz Johannesson, and Ethan Page, worked tirelessly to bring this vision to life. They identified a suitable area in the church, developed a floor plan, and began gathering bids and donations.

With grateful hearts, The Well served Trinity Youth for many decades, and countless memories were created. Now, we give thanks that we have a new area designed to be bright, open, well-ventilated, and secure for grades 1st and up.

Thank you to all who generously supported this project with their prayers and financial donations. A special thank you to Harry Smeyser for serving as the Clerk of the Work, Funk Construction, and Manager of Building and Grounds, Denny Smith, the Loft Youth Space has been a labor of love, culminating in its dedication on August 25th, just under two years from its inception.



Trinity ALIVE!



New Time for Trinity Alive! 9:45 on Sundays

Starting September 8th, Trinity Alive! will begin 5 minutes later, at 9:45 am. This adjustment aims to provide a more memorable start and end time on the quarter hour. We hope to see you at the new time for a family and kid friendly, interactive worship service.



On June 11th, Trinity hosted its inaugural "Pizza with the Pastors" event, offering families of our newly baptized the chance to connect with Pastor Fritz and Pastor Jonathan. The event aims to help newly baptized individuals and their families deepen their faith and celebrate their baptism beyond the initial sacrament. It's also a way for us to build lasting connections as they grow from infancy into adulthood. Our next "Slice of Heaven" event will be **October 23, 5:30-6:30 pm**. For more information, please contact Amy Hawthorne.



For youth programming please contact Amy Hawthorne at ahawthorne@trinitylansdale.com

Caps Off to Our Graduating Seniors of 2024

On May 19th, Trinity honored our 2024 graduating seniors during the 10:45 am service, followed by a luncheon reception in Hyson Hall. This group of students is particularly special due to their close-knit connections. Two of the seniors first met in Trinity's Preschool, while another pair connected in kindergarten and half of the group grew up together in the same neighborhood. However, most of them formed their bonds through Trinity's Sunday School classes, youth groups, and volunteering with the Appalachia Service Project (ASP). Before the recognition service, the students set up display tables to showcase their interests and involvement throughout their years at Trinity. They also selected prayer shawls with colors knitted specifically for them or representing the high school they graduated from or the schools they will attend. Some graduates will continue their academic journeys together, moving on to the same college at Duquesne University while others will start this academic year at Montgomery County Community College, DeSales University, Penn State University, West Virginia University, and the University of Vermont. We at Trinity are incredibly proud of our graduates and wish them success in their future endeavors. Read below to learn a little more about each 2024 graduate.



Phoebe Benner

North Penn High School
 Montgomery County Community College
 — Art, future Kutztown
Achievements: Girl Scouts, Founding member of Boy Scout troop 229G and Janke Scholarship Recipient.
Participation at Trinity: LifeSong Singers, Teen Troupe and Sunday School helper
Trinity Memory: Having fun with the Teen Troupe



Jack Czulada

North Penn High School
 DeSales University — Musical Theater
Achievements: Honor Bar Thespian, MVP Actor Award for role in 17 Again
Participation at Trinity: Acted in Trinity plays/musicals, Sunday School, Confirmed, choir member, Teen Troupe, helped at VBS and ASP.
Trinity Memory: At ASP last year I met all these amazing people in the church, and was able to connect with them on a strong scale while making the world better.



Jacob Geremia

North Penn High School
 Duquesne University — Biochemistry
Achievements: Honor Roll throughout high school
Participation at Trinity: Helped with yard work and fundraising at Trinity. Was part of all youth groups.
Trinity Memory: I really liked playing Manhunt at youth group and I especially liked our Teen Troupe outing to the Doylestown Rock Gym to rock climb.



Jillian Hawthorne

North Penn High School
Duquesne University—Music Education

Achievements: National Honor Society, Distinguished Honor Roll, Concert Master of the NPHS Chamber Strings, President of the Astronomy Club, President/Founder of the Tri-M Honor Society Chapter 9594, Janke Scholarship Recipient

Participation at Trinity: Youth Groups, Confirmation, Lifesong and Trinity Strings. Helped with VBS, Choir Camp and attended ASP.

Trinity Memory: I really liked being a part of all of the music at Trinity and attending ASP.



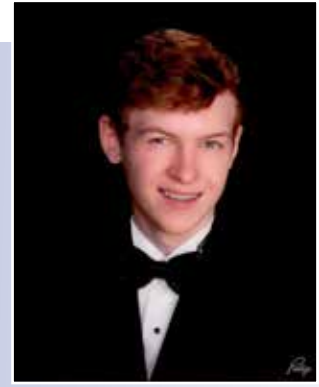
Sam Johnson

North Penn High School
Duquesne University— Liberal Arts

Achievements: District Chorus, Region Chorus, District Orchestra, Montgomery County Honors Orchestra, Outstanding Vocal Achievement Award, Janke Scholarship Recipient

Participation at Trinity: Service projects at church and in the community. Youth Groups, Choral ensembles and played my violin during services.

Trinity Memory: I will miss the community and the friendly people I get to interact with and be with at church, in music, worship, service projects, youth group and much more.



Tyler Lentz

North Penn High School
West Virginia University— Mechanical Engineering

Achievements: National Technical Honors Society, Distinguished Honor Roll, Janke Scholarship Recipient

Participation at Trinity: Youth Groups, Choir, VBS, Good Friday Noon Drama, Easter Egg Hunt setup, Sunday School, Acolyte, Confirmation and ASP.

Trinity Memory: I will miss the amazing and welcoming community.



Thomas Moore

North Penn High School
Penn State University— Mechanical Engineering

Achievements: National Honor Society, Graduated in the top 10% of my class and was in the Engineering Academy.

Participation at Trinity: Participated in Teen Troupe,

Trinity Memory: Playing Jesus as a baby and my time in Teen Troupe.



Ethan Page

Germantown Academy
University of Vermont— Mechanical Engineering

Achievements: Eagle Scout, earned the Head of School Prize, Graduated with Honors

Participation at Trinity: The Loft Committee, Choirs, Teen Troupe and ASP.

Trinity Memory: The 2023 ASP trip hanging out with friends after the workday.



2024 ELCA Youth Gathering



From July 13-20, 2024, the Holy Spirit was at work in 10 of our Trinity youth as they experienced the first ELCA Youth Gathering since 2018. The 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering was hosted in New Orleans, LA, with the theme “Created to Be,” derived from Psalm 139:14, “I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.” We were reminded of God’s love for us and for the world, and how we are called to share that love freely with our neighbors and siblings. And, perhaps most importantly, that we’re never alone on our journey through life or through our faith.

This is what our youth had to say about the 2024 Youth Gathering:



“My experience strengthened my relationship with God and showed me the value of living a life rooted in faith, service, and love for others.”

“One way the Gathering impacted me was connecting myself more with the people we went with and strengthening friendships.”

“The youth gathering allowed me to be whoever I wanted to be for a week around people who I never met before.”

“Hearing the speakers and their journeys has deepened my understanding of the importance of trusting your journey and your faith in God. Truly a life changing experience and I’m so glad I got the opportunity to be a part of it.”

“The youth gathering showed me how God connects people in so many ways and how similar we are, although we live in different places.”

“The messages from the speakers at Mass Gathering really made me feel connected to God and it was great to experience that with so many people.”



“To quote some lyrics by The Afters (performers at the Gathering) in their song ‘What Home Feels Like,’: There is no place I’d rather be; For the first time in my life, I know what home feels like.”

The Youth Gathering changes lives. The Youth Gathering provides the youth of today—our faith leaders of tomorrow—with a space to feel completely seen, heard, loved, appreciated, celebrated, and welcomed. We learned that we, as children of God and disciples of Jesus, are Created to Be Brave; Created to be Bold; Created to Be Disruptive; and Created to be Disciples.

As we walked away from that place, and left a week of bonding, learning, growing, sharing, laughing, crying, and so much more, it was evident that this Gathering touched lives. And for that, we heartily and boldly thank God.

“I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.”

The ELCA Youth Gathering traditionally occurs every 3 years and is hosted in different cities across the continental United States. The 2027 ELCA Youth Gathering will take place in Minneapolis, MN, from June 28-July 2, 2027.



Confirmation Ministry Revamp for 2024-2025

Our Confirmation Ministry team is excited to announce changes to Confirmation at Trinity beginning with the 2024-2025 programming year! Beginning September 15th, our 1st & 2nd year Confirmation class will meet every other Sunday evening from 6:00-8:00 pm at Trinity, opposite the weeks that Teen Troupe gathers. In addition to changing the times, we’ve also opted to start a new curriculum produced by Faith Incubators called Head to the Heart, which we are excited to implement and begin working with as a group. We know this is an adjustment, and we hope to partner with parents and families, along with the students, as we become accustomed to this new layout and new curriculum.

Our 3rd year Confirmation students will meet on Sunday mornings beginning Sunday, September 8th, for five sessions leading up to their Rite of Affirmation of Baptism service on Sunday, October 27th, at 10:45 am.

We are excited for the year ahead and ask for prayers for our Confirmation students as they continue along their faith journey.

The Confirmation Ministry Team: Chris Johnson, Rebecca Page, Connor Watson, Pastor Jonathan Steiner



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

ASP Appalachia Service Project

This summer, Trinity continued its tradition of sending a group to the Appalachia Service Project (ASP) to work on repairing homes. We were thrilled to be a part of their mission, to “make homes warmer, safer, and drier.” The group of twelve individuals set off in two vans for a hot but wonderful week in the Guyan Valley of West Virginia. On the way, we stayed at Luther Memorial in Blacksburg, VA, who always is a generous host. The first night at the center was spent getting to know the dozens of other groups from across the US, as we sang John Denver’s “Country Roads” and wondered what the week would hold in store for us.

Monday morning we took off as two separate crews, getting to meet two different home owners and the projects we were taking on for the week. One group met an 84-year-old woman named Myrtle, and learned about the room they were renovating. The other group met another woman in her late 50’s and her two young grandsons, and found out about the housing “hug system” of installation that would be installed on her trailer. Throughout the week, both groups built relationships with their homeowners, and the reality of what it is like to love & serve our neighbors as Christians. Despite a different culture, God brought us together with them, and richly blessed all of us in the new relationships.

Within our own group, relationships grew deeper as well. Getting ice cream every night, playing Kubb or Frisbee, sharing in frustrations and joys in the work, and so much more allowed us to genuinely know one another. On the final night, as each person was asked to share with the group at the center how they saw God at work through the week, one of our youth responded,



*“When we left on this trip, I only had one friend.
But now when we go home, I have a whole bunch.”*



On the way back to Lansdale, we were once again blessed to stay at St. Mark’s Lutheran Church in Hagerstown, MD. Finally in a wonderfully air conditioned and dry location, our youth spent the evening (aaaaand much of the night) playing games, writing thank you cards, and watching movies. It was a good time to relax and have fun together after a long week of work.

On behalf of the entire group, thank you to the entire community of Trinity for supporting this trip! This ministry has been important in our history, and continues to be as we grow in relationships with each other and with new neighbors we meet. Next year will be Trinity’s 40th anniversary of the first ASP trip, and we hope that you will consider joining that crew!

Our 2nd Sacrament: Holy Communion



*Lillian Holstein
Brian Bell, and
Mackenzie Stuart
with pastors after
their First Holy
Communion.*

*Dawson and
Harper Taylor
after their First
Holy Communion
with Pastor Fritz.*



At Trinity, we have a long-standing tradition of inviting children in third grade and up to take their first communion. If a younger child expresses interest in communion, it may indicate they are ready to participate. Parents can discuss with a pastor to determine if this is the right time.

Prior to first communion, children take a class where they explore the significance of our second sacrament and learn how to receive communion. We offer two classes in the fall and two classes in the spring preceding two First Holy Communion Services. Over the past year, Trinity has celebrated Holy Communion with 15 students. This year, we will again offer two opportunities for First Communion: one in the Fall on November 17th, and another in the Spring (date to be announced). If you believe your child is ready to take communion, please contact Amy Hawthorne for class dates and additional information.





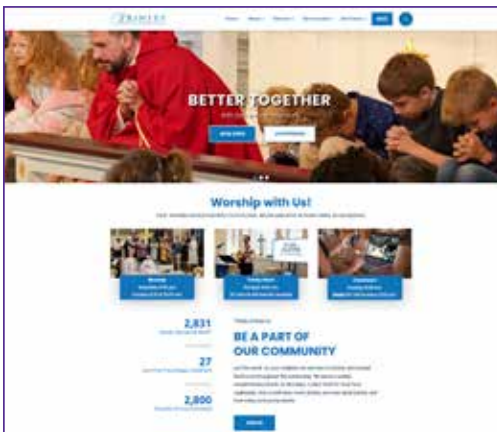
**PreSchool & PreK for ages 3-5
3, 4 & 5 days a week programs**

We are excited for the 2024-2025 school year to begin! We will welcome all of our new and returning students and families on September 11th. September will be filled with excitement as the children begin making new friends and getting acclimated to their new classrooms! Our teachers here at Trinity take pride in creating fun and engaging lessons for their students.

We have a very exciting fall planned for our students here at Trinity Preschool. During the month of October Fire Marshall Rick will come to our school to teach us all about Fire Safety. The children will be able to see a fire truck up close and learn about its different parts. We will have our annual field trip to Merrymead Farm; where families come together and enjoy the day together on the farm. We will end the month with a Halloween Parade. There is so much to look forward to and we can't wait for our new school year to begin!

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. I look forward to another fun filled year here at Trinity Preschool!

Tammy Ferro,
Administrator for Trinity Preschool



New Website Coming Soon!

Trinity is redesigning our website to be more visitor friendly and attractive to the outside community. Look for details in September!

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.



Celebrating the Saints

Trinity has an established Endowment Fund to provide long-term financial strength for our church and supports various ministries that would not necessarily be funded by the general budget. The Endowment Fund offers each of us the means to make a gift of lasting impact. Donations in honor of or in memory of loved ones are welcomed at any time. The Endowment Program Committee is re-initiating the once-a-year general appeal for this fund. This appeal coincides with ALL SAINTS SUNDAY. This day of celebration in the church this year is November 3, 2024. The saints of the Church Triumphant are remembered and honored along with giving thanks to the living saints of God who have had or are having a significant impact on our lives. Your gift of any amount to the Endowment Fund will be recognized. To be published, gifts must be received in the church office by Monday, October 21. Let's use this festival to celebrate ALL THE SAINTS in our lives. To make your gift, pick up a form at the Welcome Desk, and place your gift in an envelope labeled ENDOWMENT FUND and drop off in an offering basket or mail it to the church office. Donations can also be made online. Thank God for all the saints in our lives who have shared the faith with us, and thank you for ensuring that the faith will be passed along to generations of saints yet to come.



You are invited to celebrate the installation of

The Rev. Bryan Penman
as the 6th Bishop of the
Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod

Saturday, September 14, 2024 at 2 p.m.

The Philadelphia Episcopal Cathedral
19 S. 38th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104

Presiding Minister: The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton,
Presiding Bishop, Evangelical Lutheran Church in
America

Preaching: The Rev. Dr. Jennifer L. Phelps

Followed by a light reception & celebration at the
Episcopal Cathedral

Pastors, Deacons and Clergy of all traditions are
invited to vest and should arrive by 1:15 p.m.

Children are welcome in worship and invited to
participate in the Procession and the Children's
Message. The color of the day is red.

PASTORAL ACTS

Deaths

4/30/24 Eric Honert
 5/29/2024 Donald Messner
 6/21/2024 Gloria Echols
 6/24/2024 Wassel Petrus
 6/24/2024 Frederick Ohntrup
 6/26/2024 Dorothy "Dottie" Duke
 6/28/2024 Marilyn J. Taylor
 7/8/2024 John Strobel
 7/13/2024 Shirley Schellinger
 8/9/2024 Judith L. Womer

Baptisms

5/26/2024 Adelina Shay MacWilliams
 daughter of Gina Marie
 [Macchio] MacWilliams and
 Matthew MacWilliams
 7/27/2024 Chester Edward Chatereski
 8/3/2024 Kurtis Joseph Daywalt
 8/18/2024 Harrison John Letizio
 son of Julie [Roberts]
 Letizio and Jonathan Letizio
 8/18/2024 Elliott Josephine Smith
 daughter of Marika Emanuel
 Smith and Thomas Smith
 8/18/2024 Justine Nicole Stahelek
 daughter of Jamie [Reigle]
 Stahelek and Charles
 Stahelek
 8/24/2024 Luca John Almendrales
 son of Brittany [Tramontano]
 Almendrales and Daniel
 Almendrales

Friday Church Hours

Church access after 12:00 pm on
 Fridays will be by appointment only.
 Please call the church office at
 215-368-1710 to make arrangements
 accordingly. Thank you for your
 understanding.

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, October 24
 1:30-6:30 pm

Thursday, December 19
 1:30-6:30 pm

To make an appointment online,
 please go to 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 it 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!



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

September 9 Annette Moss
 September 10 Samuel Cassel

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

November 22 Ruth Weber

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We are proud to share that
 Trinity received **\$8,476** as of
 March 31, 2024 from the grant
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Treasurer's Report – July 2024

Year-to-date July 2024				Full Year 2024 Forecast		
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Full Year Forecast	Full Year Budget	Variance
Revenue	919,428	828,049	91,379	1,500,954	1,450,954	50,000
Expenses	891,813	925,230	(33,417)	1,550,586	1,572,586	(22,000)
Net Surplus (Deficit)	27,615	(97,181)	124,796	(49,632)	(121,632)	72,000

Trinity ended July 2024 Year-to-date with a surplus of \$27,615 due to strong giving and lower expenses than planned. Due to the strong giving and the slight reduction in expenses, Finance Committee is forecasting the 2024 full year deficit to be \$49,632.

Appalachia Service Project Mission Trip



Summer Block Party



It was a wonderful day at Trinity as the church celebrated Pastor Ann Shade's Rite of Ordination on Saturday, May 11. Congratulations to Pastor Shade who will be installed September 29 at St. Michael's Church, Sellersville.



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