

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



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Luke 14.12-14: [Jesus said:] *"The next time you put on a dinner, don't just invite your friends and family and rich neighbors, the kind of people who will return the favor. Invite some people who never get invited out, the misfits from the wrong side of the tracks. You'll be—and experience—a blessing."*

Dear brothers & sisters in Christ,

I pray that you're surviving this stifling summer heat! It's been a scorcher, yet we've had a wonderful turnout for some recent events, especially the outing at Water Golf on City Island, and the Food Truck Streetside Bistro event on our lawn. Thank You to Rebecca Weaver and Jacque Mikkelsen respectively for organizing the events. Be sure to check out the pictures on our Facebook page!

August has a few more events which you can take part and be a blessing to others at the same time. We'll have Vacation Bible School (VBS) here at the church from 6-8 pm, August 1-5 (Mon-Fri). This year's theme is *Food Truck Party – On a Roll With God!* It will be a great chance to help kids learn about God and have some fun. Youth from preschool to 5th grade are invited. No pre-registration is required.

On Saturday afternoon, August 13, we'll head to a fruitbelt farmworkers labor camp near Gardners, PA, to share food, games, and a few prayers with migrant workers who come to South Central Pennsylvania each year to work in the orchards. It promises to be a wonderful experience.

To sign up, go to <https://bit.ly.Fruitbelt>, or contact Suzie Schubert or me.

Jesus reminds us frequently about the importance of hospitality, especially to those who can't return the favor. Giving to others while expecting nothing in return is one of the surest ways to receive the Holy Spirit. So look around for chances to *"invite some people who never get invited out, the misfits from the wrong side of the tracks."* As Jesus says, *"You'll be – and experience – a blessing."*

Finally, before summer ends, don't forget to spend time with family, friends, and other loved ones. We all need rest and relaxation. You can't truly be a blessing to others when you're exhausted physically, emotionally, or spiritually. So take some time to be with others, and especially with God, who is often found in the least likely places and among the least likely people.

May the Lord bless you and your loved ones. It is a privilege to be with all of you on our journey of discipleship with Jesus.

Faithfully,
Pastor George

There were no pastoral acts since the last newsletter.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

AUGUST 1-5 VBS 6-8:00 PM

AUGUST 7, 14, 21, 28 - SUMMER WORSHIP ON THE LAWN @ 9:30 AM

AUGUST 13 - VISIT TO FRUITBELT FARMWORKERS CAMP

AUGUST 17 - TRINITY'S TABLE 4-6:00 PM

AUGUST 21 - SUNDAE NIGHT (ON THE LAWN) 4:00



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Stewardship of Your Whole Life

Before you read further, stop and list the top five things you value most in life? Then rank them by importance. Go!

All done?

If you're like most people, your top-five list includes family, health, time, God, friends, job, home or community. Does money even show up? For many of us, it doesn't, and yet most of church talk about "stewardship" involves how we use our gifts of money.

Yes, we are "stewards," or caretakers of the material wealth with which God has blessed us, but we are also responsible for nourishing and cherishing all the OTHER blessings that God has put into our lives. That goes especially for the things we value most.

Now refer back to your top-five list. For each, consider these questions:

- Why is this item in the top five?
- How well am I caring for this?
- Am I treating it as one of the most valuable items in my life? Why or why not?
- How could I care even more for this item?
- How would God want me to care for this, and why?
- How would my life change if I really cherished and nourished this gift?

When we are good stewards of all the blessings and opportunities God gives us, we open our lives to the full joy and potential that God intends for us. How can you be a better steward of what God has given you?

Rob Blezard

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Sunday Morning Worship at Trinity – *Where all are counted and everyone counts.*

This chart appears to be just about numbers, but it's really about people – family and friends – who care about each other and come together Sunday mornings to worship God and share a time of peace and fellowship, in which we renew our strength and find love and comfort in our community of faith. ***Come and be counted where everyone counts!***

Visit to Fruitbelt Farmworkers Camp



On August 13th from 3-5:00 pm, we will be going to a camp located in Gardners, PA and should expect about 40 workers. We plan to provide the workers with food, water-melon, ice cream, and cold drinks. We also plan to bring folding tables, folding chairs and dry goods. If anyone would like to donate hats, (sun protection) and light jackets/sweatshirts, please drop them off in the church office by Friday morning, August 12. It is recommended that we bring a few games, such as dominos, chess, bingo, and cornhole. For more details, and/or to sign up for this worthy cause, please contact Susan Schubert at susan.schubert214@gmail.com or go to <https://bit.ly.Fruitbelt>. You may also sign up by using the QRCode listed here.



Sundae Night on Sunday Night:

Join us for a sundae night on Sunday night, August 21 at 4:00 pm. Bring your lawn chairs and join us on the lawn for ice cream and all the fixin's to make a scrumptious sundae!

WORSHIP & MUSIC

Worship Schedule (Sunday services begin at 9:30 am. Thursday services begin at 7:00 pm.)

- August 4/7: Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
- August 11/14: Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
- August 18/21: Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
- August 25/28: Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost



New Member Welcome: On Sunday, July 17th, we welcomed five people who have officially become members of our congregation since the start of this year. Geoff Hiltl, Kelly Frear, Gabe Frear, Jennifer Painter, and Jordan Painter. We rejoice in our new brothers and sisters in Christ, and we are thankful for them and for the wonderful refreshments shared after the service.



Outdoor Worship services continue Sunday mornings at 9:30 am. Please bring your own chair or blanket and enjoy Worship on the Lawn. We will resume indoor worship sometime in September.

Communion Elements are available in the church office for those still communing at home. You can either pick up or we will drop off. Gluten-free is available.

Home Communion Team: We are considering re-establishing a team to assist in delivering communion to our homebound members. Training would be available. We have brand new communion kits which would be prepared by the altar guild for blessing each month. If you are interested in being a part of this ministry, please contact Pastor George at TLCLpastor@gmail.com.

Audio-Visual Upgrade: Council has approved an upgrade of the A/V system used for our online worship. The upgrade will be provided by K&S Music and is expected to be installed by the end of Summer. More to come!

Pets at Worship: At its June 21 meeting, Council decided that service dogs and emotional support animals are welcome at outdoor worship as long as they are under proper control and located at the outside periphery of the worship area. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

Note from the Music Director: Hello Trinity, Summer is speeding by and Fall is fast approaching. We have been enjoying outdoor Worship, and I encourage everyone who is able to attend. We will resume adult choir practice on September 7th at 7:00 pm in the choir room. In addition, we will begin handbell rehearsals at 6:30 pm in the church. If you have any questions, please let me know. I'm looking forward to hearing from you and beginning our new choir season. Yours in Jesus, Theresa Polheber, Music Director

YOUR HELP NEEDED FOR WORSHIP LEADERS

We need your help in worship. It takes a number of volunteers to make worship run smoothly. Over the past two years, as worship was modified, worship did not require the same number of volunteers. Since we have resumed rail communion on a weekly basis, we need more individuals or families to sign up to be assisting ministers, acolytes, (yes, adults can be acolytes), readers, ushers, and greeters. If you are interested in taking on one of these roles, please contact the church office. If you need some training or a refresher course, contact the coordinator to find out what you need to know!

Assisting Ministers, Ushers, Acolytes & Readers: Don & Mary Ann Howe @ tfs2425@verizon.net.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & YOUTH

Weekly Bible Study with Pastor George continues every Thursday at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall, followed by Worship at 7 in the Library with communion. Please join us as we learn about and practice our Christian faith.

Christian Education Committee: In order to work with youth at Trinity, we need to have your clearances on file. If you haven't done your clearances within the last 5 years, below is the procedure to follow:

Step 1: Get your Pennsylvania State Police Record Check (Free for volunteers)

Link: <https://www.dhs.pa.gov/KeepKidsSafe/Clearances/Pages/Criminal-Background-Check.aspx>

Step 2: Get your PA Child Abuse History Certification (Free for volunteers)

Link: <https://www.dhs.pa.gov/KeepKidsSafe/Clearances/Pages/PA-Child-Abuse-History-Clearance.aspx>

Step 3: EITHER Get your FBI Fingerprints done OR If you have lived in PA for the last 10 consecutive years, fill out the Disclosure Form.

Link: <https://www.dhs.pa.gov/KeepKidsSafe/Clearances/Pages/FBI-Fingerprinting.aspx>

Step 4: Complete the training for mandated reporters.

Here are a couple of links for options: <https://www.reportabusepa.pitt.edu/>

<https://www.ilookout.org/login>

Here is the full list of approved trainings: https://www.dhs.pa.gov/KeepKidsSafe/Documents/Mandated_Reporters-Approved_Providers_June282022.pdf

Circle Lydia will be distributing school supplies to the congregation and community on Sunday, Aug. 14th from 12-1:00 pm on the lawn. They will also be serving frozen novelties at this time! If you would like to donate school supplies, please contact a member of Circle Lydia for more details.

Water Golf at City Island

Our youth enjoyed a fun evening on July 20th at City Island Water Golf. Thank you to Rebecca Weaver for setting up this fun-filled event. We look forward to more fun events in the future!



Food Truck Streetside Bistro

Food Truck Night: We had a great turn-out on July 24th with many neighborhood friends and also a BIG congregational participation. Thank you Mad Dash, Halls Ice Cream and Taco House for daring the heat and supplying us with yummy food! A heartfelt THANK YOU to those who jumped in to help set up, serve and clean up. We could not have accomplished what we did without each and every one of you! Please let us know your thoughts and suggestions on how we can make next year's event even better. Thanks be to God! Blessings to all of you, Jacque Mikkelsen



Altar Guild News

A big **THANK YOU** to all who keep the altar looking nice! For our outdoor worship, the altar set up should look like this:

The next three groups, please familiarize yourself with this look as you will be setting up outside.

If we have to be inside because of bad weather it will basically be the same set up..

The large flagon should have the wine and the smaller one, the grape juice.

Both the wine and the grape juice are in the refrigerator in the office.

Also, the communion tray with empty cups in them can be put on the table with the offering plates.

Please put out the tray with the individual communion (maybe ten of each) that we have been using during covid.

The tables should already be put out by the wonderful people who set up the service.

Thanks again! If you have any questions call me! Andrea Leach 717-512-7710

The next two groups are:

AUGUST 2022 Group4

Carol Cawthern
 Laura Doyle
 Mary Ann Howe
 Cathy Krause

SEPTEMBER 2022 Group5

Rebecca Weaver
 Bev Saurman
 Linda Moffet
 Jeannie Yovicich



Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church Income & Expenses June 2022		
Income		
Offerings		9,005
Expenses		
General Fund		9,908
Building Operations		2,867
Worship & Music		2,464
Christian Ed		0
Committee's		128
<u>Benevolence Giving</u>		<u>889</u>
Total Expenses		16,256
Net Income in June		-7,251
Build up Trinity Giving		670
Endowment interest		12,703

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS
PRAYERS are asked for *Charlene McCurdy, Sandy Wells, Liz Roach* and any others who were recently hospitalized, as well as our homebound members and those battling long-term illness. If you know of any members needing pastoral care, please contact Pastor George at 717.884.5700.

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| Sam Leach | Family of Larry Hill |
| Sandy Wells | Regina Wolfhope |
| Jim Marshall | Karen Haag |
| Tom & Charlene McCurdy | Terri Fry |
| Joanne Souders | Leona Fickel |
| Laurie Perry | Jeanne Yovicich |
| Gerry & Sara Jane Crawford | Liz Roach |
| All victims of gun violence | |



HELP THE CENTRAL PA FOOD BANK

The Central PA Food Bank provides healthy food to thousands of local children and their families. Please consider making a contribution to support their work. Every \$1 donated helps to provide six (6) meals. Council has voted to match contributions up to \$300 total, so your donation will have a huge impact! Please be sure to put "Central PA Food Bank" on the memo line of your check or outside of your envelope.

<https://www.facebook.com/Lemoyne Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church>

Church Wi-Fi Access
 Network: Fellowship Hall
 Password: Re3-7555



Please contact the Church Office at (717) 763-7555 if you have any changes/updates to you:

- Mailing address
- Cell/Home Phone Numbers
- Email
- Children going to college (Address!!)
- Adult children information!
- Other!



Happy Birthday!

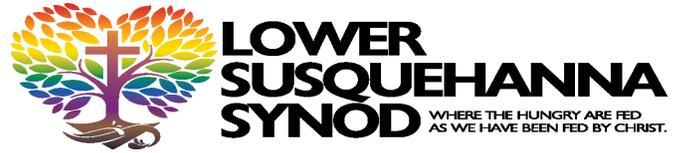


August 1 - Dennis Null
 2 - Terry Kiner, Judy Allen
 3 - Lisa Heycock, Michael Greenfield
 4 - Catherine Hershey
 7 - Dennis McGee, Matthew Wagner
 11 - Dorothy Bomberger
 15 - Sybil Williams, Jakira Crawley
 16 - Duane McKenney, Janice McGee
 17 - Barbara Beam
 19 - Andrea Leach, Margaret Walters
 21 - George Leach
 22 - Sherrin Gentzel
 24 - George Ringer, Marion Wetherell
 25 - David Saurman
 28 - Mark Shuey
 29 - Brooke Webster

YOUR 2022 TRINITY COUNCIL COMMITTEES & MEMBERS

Evangelism/Social Media: Jacque Mikkelsen
 Fellowship: Andrea Snedaker
 Property Co-Chair: Ed Conrad
 Christian Education: Sherrin Gentzel
 Worship & Music: Colleen Hiltl
 Finance Committee: Mary Karl
 Personnel Committee: Mary Karl
 Mutual Ministry: John Perry
 Stewardship: Nick Siegl
 Youth Ministry: Rebecca Weaver
 Social Ministry: **VACANT**
 Treasurer: Bob Threnhauser

ELCA and Synod



News from the ELCA & Lower Susquehanna Synod (LSS)

ELCA Fund for Leaders

Twenty-five years ago, our church's leaders took a bold step and invested in the future by creating the ELCA Fund for Leaders (FFL). Since then, FFL has been providing scholarships for talented and passionate seminary students. In honor of the 25th anniversary of FFL, the ELCA is hosting the first-ever Day of Giving on August 16. All gifts to FFL will be matched dollar for dollar until \$25,000 is reached.

We will help celebrate by lifting up this important ministry in our congregation on Sunday, Aug. 14 during worship and through other communications in the first few weeks of August. Freeing our future pastors and deacons from the burden of student debt remains one of the most important tasks before us as a church.

To learn more, go to <https://community.elca.org/fundforleaders> or contact Pastor George at TLCLpastor@gmail.com

Building a Culture of Generosity

One of our greatest challenges for ministry today is our need to encourage a spirit of hope, gratitude, and generosity. As many congregations struggle and worry about their future, we invite you to discover new possibilities for ministry and mission together. Our call to share what God has already given us, also opens possibilities to make our ministries more vital and more sustainable in the future.

The program launches on August 17; however, the time to prepare is now! To learn more or to register, go to: <https://www.lss-elca.org/building-a-culture-of-generosity/>

Soul Care: Community Spiritual Formation with Rev. Dr. Gary Neal Hansen

Begins September 2022 and continues through September 2023; Cost is \$450

Christ calls us into a resurrected life filled with grace, hope and love. As the Lower Susquehanna Synod, we are grounded in a loving relationship with God and one another. Many of us feel spiritually tired and drained, longing for connection with God and one another. As baptized children of God, we are called to care for one another.

Because of his commitment to life-changing spiritual practices and prayer, we are partnering with The Rev. Dr. Gary Neal Hansen, author of *Kneeling with Giants*, for an intentional season of soul care. Beginning late September, we will gather in-person and online for days of spiritual retreat and refreshment. This invitation is for anyone desiring to grow deeper in their relationship with God.

To learn more or to register, go to <https://www.lss-elca.org/spiritual-wellness/soul-care/>

August 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p>1</p> <p><i>Vacation Bible School 6-8:00 pm</i></p>	<p>2</p> <p><i>Vacation Bible School 6-8:00 pm</i></p>	<p>3</p> <p><i>Vacation Bible School 6-8:00 pm</i></p>	<p>4</p> <p><i>Vacation Bible School 6-8:00 pm</i> <i>(No Bible Study)</i> <i>Worship) 7:00 pm - Library</i></p>	<p>5</p> <p><i>Vacation Bible School 6-8:00 pm</i></p>	<p>6</p>
<p>7</p> <p><i>9:30 am - Worship on the lawn</i></p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p><i>Bible Study 6:00 pm - Fellowship Hall</i> <i>Worship 7:00 pm - Library</i></p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p><i>Fruitbelt Farmworkers Camp Visit 3-5:00 pm</i> <i>Gardners, PA</i></p>
<p>14</p> <p><i>9:30 am - Worship on the lawn</i></p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p><i>Trinity's Table 4-6:00 pm</i></p>	<p>18</p> <p><i>Bible Study 6:00 pm - Fellowship Hall</i> <i>Worship 7:00 pm - Library</i></p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>21</p> <p><i>9:30 am - Worship on the lawn</i> <i>Sundae Night - 4:00 pm</i> <i>(on the lawn)</i></p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p><i>Bible Study 6:00 pm - Fellowship Hall</i> <i>Worship 7:00 pm - Library</i></p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28</p> <p><i>9:30 am - Worship on the lawn</i></p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>			