

THE TELL

February 2026

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

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I am writing this column with sadness. I had hoped to be your interim until the new pastor arrives (hopefully, soon). However, I have told the council that I am no longer able to continue in my role as interim with you. My last Sunday will be Easter Sunday, April 5th.

Please know the only reason for this decision is my health has been a challenge for me. As many of you know, I recently had to have a pacemaker inserted. I still have other issues which make attending to my pastoral duties to be more difficult.

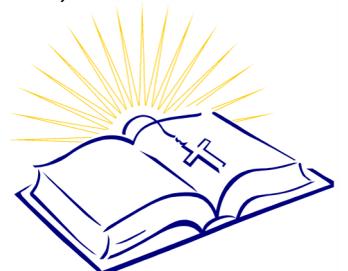
When I was growing up, one of my childhood heroes was Mickey Mantle. I watched Mickey continue to decline during his playing days to the point he was no longer the star he once had been. He knew it was time to retire from the game. It was the right decision.

Now, I don't in anyway consider myself to be "a star." Still, I realize that I have declined to the point that I can no longer do justice to my work at Trinity or to myself. The decision to step down has not been easy, but I believe it is the right decision.

I am very thankful for the opportunity I have had to serve Trinity. You are a committed congregation who faithfully serves in a variety of ways. Trinity is a wonderful faith community with a lot of great programs. Your service to God's kingdom provides a witness of what it means to live out our faith in Christ.

Blessings as you continue the ministry we share in God's kingdom,

Pastor Mike



Music at Trinity Lent & Easter 2026

As we enter the season of Lent and journey toward the joy of Easter, a heartfelt thank you to all who provided special music during the Time after Epiphany—our soloists, instrumentalists, handbell ringers, and choir members—culminating in the choir's *Days of Elijah* and the congregation's *Farewell to Alleluia*.

Sing the Postlude

All are invited to stay and sing the postlude! During Lent, every postlude is a congregational hymn. Copies of the music are available at the piano—pick one up and join in.

Music Notes in the Bulletin

Each week the bulletin includes descriptions of the prelude, offertory, anthem, and postlude—how they connect to the themes and readings of the day. We hope these notes offer a richer, deeper connection to the music being offered in worship.

Did You Know?

The word “voluntary” means an organ solo played before, during, or after a church service. Come a few minutes early to enjoy the voluntary—sometimes played on the piano. A complete listing of all the music for the service, including tune names for hymnal selections, can be found at the beginning of the bulletin.

Children's Anthems

Children and youth are invited to sing two anthems this spring: *Little Gray Donkey* on Palm Sunday and *Early Easter Morning* on Easter Sunday. Rehearsals are before and after service on March 22 and March 29. A YouTube video and sheet music are available for practice at home, so it is perfectly fine to only make the Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday morning rehearsal. Please spread the word to families with children and youth!

Arthur Berg, Music Director
trinitylemoynemusic@gmail.com



Instrumentalists Wanted!

If you play an instrument, we would love to have you play in worship—in any capacity! Whether it's piano, flute, violin, guitar, brass, woodwinds, or anything else, please reach out.

LENTEN MIDWEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

TRINITY - FEBRUARY 26 @ 7
 GRACE - MARCH 5 @ 7
 TRINITY - MARCH 12 @ 7
 GRACE - MARCH 19 @ 7
 TRINITY - MARCH 26 @ 7

Meals 5:30 to 6:30 before service @ Trinity



MARCH 29

Meals at Trinity
Served 5:30 - 6:30

March 12/ Soups and Sandwiches
 March 26/ Ham, Potatoes and Vegetable

YOUR 2026 TRINITY COUNCIL COMMITTEES & MEMBERS

Evangelism/Outreach Stephanie Threnhauser
 Fellowship Laurie Ellis
 Property Ed Conrad
 Christian Education John Perry
 Worship & Music Andrea Leach
 Finance Committee Mary Karl
 Personnel Committee Colleen Hiltl
 Congregational/Staff Support Mary Karl
 Stewardship Andy McCarty
 Youth Ministry Rebecca Weaver
 Social Ministry Stephanie Threnhauser
 Child Protection John Perry

2026 Council Officers

President: Mary Karl Treasurer: Bob Threnhauser
 Vice President: John Perry Secretary: Colleen Hiltl



MILITARY CORNER

We would like to recognize the following US Military Members:

GARRETT EASTIN & ELIJAH SIEGL

If you or a family member are on active duty, National Guard, or Reserve status, please let the church office know.



Please consider using the QR code to make a donation to Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church. Your support aids our efforts to share the love of Christ with others.
 Thank you!

This Month's Schedules



Circle Lydia

(Sally Conrad, Donna White, Stephanie Threnhauser, Jennie Hande, Andrea Leach, Laurie Ellis, Lori Sisco, Lisa McCarty, Mary Karl, Colleen Hittl)



1 Charolette Karl
8 Sydney Weaver
15 Theresa Brennan
22 Ava Stackpole
29 Sally Conrad



1 Bob Threnhauser
8 Theresa Brennan
15 Ed Conrad
22 Lisa Webster
29 Nick Siegl (Palm Sunday)



Bread Schedule

1 Jennie Hande
8 Stephanie Threnhauser
15 Cathy Krause
22 Lori Sisco
29 Mary Ann Howe



Carol Cawthern
Mary Ann Howe
Cathy Krause
Sally Conrad

Money Counters

1 TBA
8 Bones and Bev Saurman
15 Tom and Sherrin Gentzel
22 Jim and Mary Karl, Colleen Hittl
29 Linda Moffet, Carol Cawthern, John Stewart



Coffee Hour

1 Rebecca & Sydney Weaver
8 Mary Ann & Don Howe/
Connie & Jim Kirkley
15 Theresa Brennen and
Carol Cawthern
22 Lisa & John Heycock and
Cathy Krause
29 Melissa & Brandon Maze and
Bev Saurman



This Month's Flowers

1 Ron Sims
8 Lori Sisco
15 John Stewart
22
29 Rebecca Weaver (Palm Sunday)



TRINITY'S TABLE

**This month it is on
Wednesday the 18th.**
Thank you to everyone who
continues to donate items for
Trinity's Table.

Items needed: Toothpaste,
shampoo, soap, feminine
products, and diapers



**Any member requiring emergency pastoral care should contact
Pastor Mike Seifried at 717-579-9023.**

If he cannot be reached, please contact Mary Karl, Council President, at 717-433-0877

PRAYER REQUESTS

Family of Laura Doyle	Member
Jim Kirkley	Member
Sherrin Gentzel	Member
Paul Hoffman	
Beatrice Hamilton	Friend of Karen Haag
Family of Bobbi Mitchell	Friend of John Perry
John & Barbara Stewart	Members
Laurie Ellis	Member
Clara Kohler	Member
Gerry & Sara Jane Crawford	Members



Congregational Meeting



The **Congregational Meeting** held on February 8, 2026 was well attended. Thank you to all the committee leaders and members who do the work for the church and keep it going. A special thanks to the Fellowship Committee who once again put out some pretty tasty food!

Circle Lydia News Upcoming Events

We are the Ushers for the month of March
 We will be supplying the Lenten Meal on March 26
 If anyone has a service project that they would like to see done please contact Sally Conrad or call the church office
 We welcome new members to join us to do God's work



BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

- 1 - Bob Threnhauser III
- 2 - John Stewart
- 4 - John Perry
- 5 - Krystle Sacavage
- 7 - Sarah Threnhauser
- 10 - Stephanie Threnhauser
- 11 - Scott Cropper, Jim Marshall
- 12 - Ed Conrad
- 16 - Thomas Dinsmore
- 17 - Jacob Roesch
- 18 - Jim Kirkley
- 20 - Zachary Marshall
- 27 - Leona Fickel
- 28 - David Binkley
- 29 - Joanne Souders, Bridgette Beck



Thank you to
 Andrea Leach
 for the new
 Epiphany
 Banner.

They'll know we are Christians by our love. In a time of turbulence in our nation and around the world — with consequences that threaten our neighbors, our democracy and our common home — what does it mean to show up as church together for the sake of the world God loves?

Join us on Monday, April 20, for a day of learning, community-building, inspiration, and advocacy. Gather with advocates from across the Commonwealth to be grounded in our faith and equipped to act together on issues that make a

difference to the wellbeing of all. For decades, this has been known as Lutheran Day in the Capitol. This year we are leaning into a call to equip all disciples to act for justice and peace — building more welcoming communities and a more resilient Commonwealth.

CITIZENS WITH THE SAINTS

April 20, 2026



A Day in the Capitol as Church Together

We will learn from each other about what is working in our communities, including lessons from the church around the country. We will learn from legal and policy experts about what to expect in 2026 and how we can be prepared to act. We will learn from peace builders about progress in Pennsylvania and how we can both model a vision for a better future and support and encourage leaders who are building bridges now to help us get there together.

Registration is open!

Early Bird Rate – \$55 – Closes at 5 p.m. on **March 20**.

Registration Rate – \$60 – Closes at 5 p.m. on **April 13**. *Registrations after this date may not be guaranteed a boxed lunch.*

Please join us on June 5-7, 2026 for **Camp Dragonfly at Camp Hebron**.

Hospice of Central PA offers this special weekend camp for children, ages 6-15, who are grieving the death of a loved one. Camp Dragonfly offers a safe environment where children can openly express their feelings and have fun.

Facilitated by trained bereavement counselors and volunteers, Camp Dragonfly is made possible through the generosity of the McCormick Foundation. It is free of charge for all participants, but campers and camp volunteers must apply in advance.

For more information please call 717-732-1000. For questions regarding camper applications, please contact bereavementinfo@hospiceofcentralpa.org. For questions regarding volunteer applications, please contact volunteers@hospiceofcentralpa.org.

- Teen Track (ages 13-15)
- Group Sessions to Help Children Learn Healthy Ways to Cope with Loss
- Adult Buddies Provide Companionship, Support and Supervision
- Horsemanship Program!
- Fun Camp Activities (It's okay to smile or laugh when you are grieving.)
- Parent/guardian session (Sunday) to learn about childhood grief

To request more information, www.hospiceofcentralpa.org/camp-dragonfly/

To view the 2026 camper application, www.hospiceofcentralpa.org/camp-dragonfly/

Applications will start being accepted on January 1, 2026.

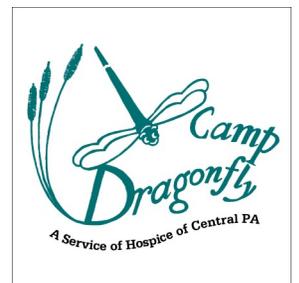
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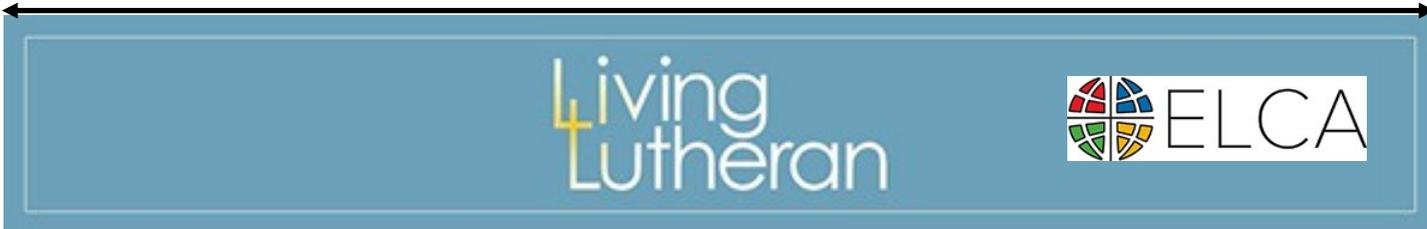
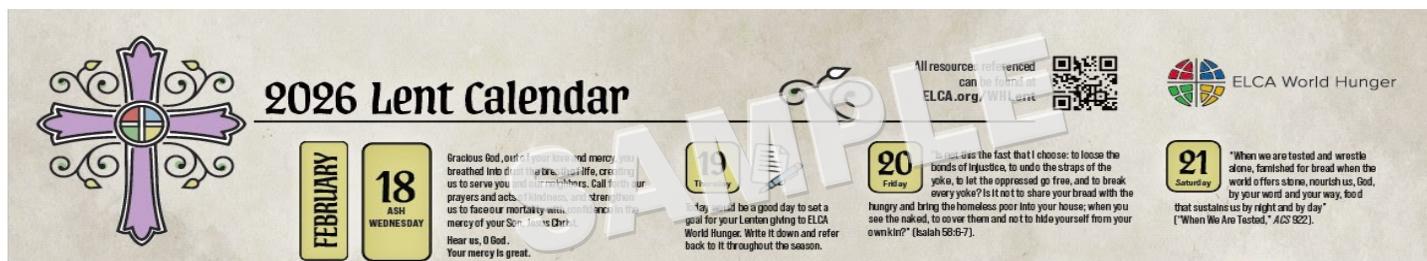


Hospice of Central PA
A program of Choices Healthcare



A daily devotional **Lent calendar** that members can use at home or with small groups to inspire reflection and to support the work of ELCA World Hunger. Also available to download in Spanish.

All resources referenced
can be found at
ELCA.org/WHLent



Set up a free digital membership and get inspirational resources to support your faith journey as we begin the Lenten and Easter seasons:

GOOD NEWS!
The brand new LivingLutheran.org is live!
Create your free member account today.

- Prayer Ventures: Daily prayer prompts and reflections for personal and congregational devotion.
- Lectionary Blog: Weekly reflections and insights grounded in the lectionary to support preaching and study.
- Voices of Faith: Stories, reflections and perspectives from a diverse range of voices across the ELCA.

In this season of spiritual preparation, find space for reflection, repentance and hope: read uplifting stories of God's people living their faith on the new LivingLutheran.org.

Visit livinglutheran.org and sign up for your free digital membership today. You'll get perks like access to exclusive online content, plus the ability to save your favorite articles and subscribe to our weekly email newsletter.



As communities of faith, we are called to accompany one another with care, clarity, and grace. These resources provide information from the ELCA and trusted partners to help congregations navigate legal and pastoral considerations related to immigration and community safety.

Learn more here:
www.lss-elca.org/guidance-for-congregations-on-immigration-enforcement-and-pastoral-care/

MARCH 2026

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
<p>1</p> <p>8:30 Choir</p> <p>9:30 Service</p> <p>10:30 Coffee Hour Faith Formation</p>	2	3	<p>4</p> <p>Handbells 7pm Choir 8pm</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Lenten Service 7 pm @ Grace UMC</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Hummingbird Quilters 10 am</p>	<p>7</p> <p>SET YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD WHEN YOU GO TO BED TONIGHT~!</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Handbells 8:45 9:30 Service 10:30 Coffee Hour Faith Formation</p> 	9	<p>10</p> <p>Hymn Select Mtg 6 pm</p> <p>Worship & Music Mtg 7 pm</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Handbells 7pm Choir 8pm</p>	<p>12</p> <p>5:30 - 6:30 Dinner</p> <p>Lenten Service 7 pm @ Trinity Lutheran</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Hummingbird Quilters 10 am</p>	14
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<p>22</p> <p>9:30 Service</p> <p>10:30 Coffee Hour Faith Formation</p> <p>11 am Confirmation</p>	<p>23</p> <p>TELL DEADLINE</p>	24	<p>25</p> <p>Handbells 7pm Choir 8pm</p>	<p>26</p> <p>5:30 - 6:30 Dinner</p> <p>Lenten Service 7 pm @ Trinity Lutheran</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Hummingbird Quilters 10 am</p>	28
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