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*From the
Pastor*



As most of you know, April 5, 2026, will be my last Sunday with you. I leave you with these thoughts.

I really have enjoyed my time serving as your interim pastor since November, 2024. When I joined in March of that year, I had only thought of just being a member. However, as interim, I was able to get to know you folks better.

As I became “more one of you,” I found you to be a very supportive congregation. This was evident in many ways, but particularly during my two hospitalizations. Yet, I also have to say I always felt we worked well together during my entire year and a half as interim. It was a great year and a half for me.

I am pleased that you are very close to calling a new pastor. I believe they will have a wonderful congregation to be a part of.

Blessings and all my best to Trinity Lutheran Church,

Pastor Mike

TO MY FRIENDS AT TRINITY: Thanks so much for the wonderful reception and the gift of the watch this past Sunday. I truly treasure the time I had serving as your interim.

Blessings, Pastor Mike



**come to Easter Service
at 9:30am
and celebrate
our risen Lord!**

Music at Trinity April 2026

We had a musically rich season of Lent. Our choir offered preludes and anthems throughout March—*Unto the Hills*, *Be Thou My Vision*, *God So Loved the World*, and *Open My Eyes*—while our handbell choir brought us *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say* and *Wondrous Love* at the offertory. Ed Conrad blessed us with a lovely vocal prelude of *Fill My Cup, Lord*, and Ed and Rebecca shared a moving duet of *Hymn of Promise*—a fitting selection for that Sunday's theme of life hidden within death. Thank you to everyone who shared their musical talents during this Lenten season.

A special thank-you to Colleen, Ed, Heather, and all who contributed to the midweek Holden Evening Prayer services held at Trinity. Those musical services enriched our Lenten journey. On Palm Sunday, Jeanne Yovicich sang Jean-Baptiste Fauré's classic *The Palms (Les Rameaux)* before the prelude, the combined youth and adult choir then offered *Little Gray Donkey* as the prelude, followed by the adult choir singing *And Can It Be?* as we began our journey into Holy Week.

Holy Week & Easter

On Maundy Thursday (April 2), the choir offers *Bring Us Home* and *In Remembrance*, with Heather joining on flute. Good Friday's Tenebrae service draws us into solemn darkness. Then on Easter morning (April 5), we burst into celebration with the choir's *Rejoice!* and *Redeemer*—Christ is risen indeed! The youth will also sing *Early Easter Morning*, with piano accompaniment by Kenny Weaver and handbell accompaniment by Ed Conrad, Linda Moffet, and Jeanne Yovicich. Jeanne will also sing one of her favorite hymns—*Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain* at the beginning of the service.

Festive music is planned through the rest of the month during this Easter season: *Come Away to the Skies* and *Touch That Soothes and Heals* (April 12), *Stay with Us* and *I Will Arise and Go to Jesus* with handbells (April 19), and *The King of Love, My Shepherd Is* and *Always in Your Presence* (April 26). I hope you'll join us each week as we continue to celebrate the resurrection through song.

Looking Ahead

Mark your calendars for **Music Sunday on May 17!** We are looking forward to a wonderful celebration of music in worship that day. More details to come.

Soli Deo Gloria!

Arthur Berg, Music Director
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Dear Trinity Family,
We are so grateful for the incredible love and support you've shown our family during this difficult time. Your prayers, calls, texts, cards, visits and continued support have meant more to us than words can express. Thank you to everyone who played a part in the memorial service; whether baking, serving, singing or attending, Laura would have been honored! We are blessed to be part of such a wonderful congregation!

The Doyle Family

LOOKING AHEAD

Keep watching your emails for information of the pastoral candidate! We will have a "Meet and Greet" on Saturday, April 25 from 2-4 pm. Then on Sunday, April 26 the pastor will conduct our service. After which we will have a congregational meeting for a vote on the pastor.

Strawberry Festival Picnic. June 14 after the joint service in Memorial Park with Grace UM.

Reconnection Breakfast - Saturday, July 18 at 9:00 am at Trinity

Our Spring Craft Fair is on Saturday, May 16, 2026 from 10 am-2pm! We will need lots of volunteers to help direct shoppers on the day of during the event, help vendors find their spots and possibly help them unload/carry if able-bodied before and after the event. If you are available the Friday evening before (4-7 pm) we will have a few indoor vendors setting up early that could use help as well! We will likely set up tables and decorate after church the Sunday before (May 10) if you can/are able to help then as well. For any questions and to sign up to volunteer, please see Colleen Hiltl. Thank you!



CITIZENS WITH THE SAINTS

April 20, 2026



A Day in the Capitol as Church Together

We're delighted to welcome Rev. Amy Reumann, Senior Director of ELCA Witness in Society, as our keynote speaker.

Workshops:

www.lutheranadvocacypa.org/about/citizens-with-the-saints/citizens-with-the-saints-workshops/

Speakers:

www.lutheranadvocacypa.org/about/citizens-with-the-saints/citizens-with-the-saints-speakers/

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.

The day takes place at Trinity Lutheran Church in Camp Hill and Pennsylvania State Capitol and includes:

- Continental breakfast beginning at 8:15 a.m.
 - Learning sessions and policy updates on issues from hunger, housing and health care to AI, data centers and immigration, plus training for civic engagement and bold public witness
 - Exhibits to that showcase resources and opportunities to connect with the church in PA and nationally
 - Lunch
 - Worship
 - Transportation to and from the Capitol
- Legislative visits arranged by LAMPa
- Group photo in the Capitol Rotunda

Registration is OPEN!



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.

This Month's Schedules



Don Howe
Mary Ann Howe
John Stewart
Tom Gentzel
Mel Stackpole



2 Charolette Karl
5 Ava Stackpole
12 Theresa Brennan
19 Sally Conrad
26 Lisa McCarty



2 Susie Schubert
(Maundy Thursday)
3 Sally Conrad
(Good Friday)
5 Mary Karl
12 Lisa McCarty
19 Tom Gentzel
26 Ed Conrad



Bread Schedule

5 Easter/Continuous
Communion with wafers
12 Donna White
19 Sally Conrad
26 Jennie Hande



Rebecca Weaver
Bev Saurman
Linda Moffet
Jeannie Yovicich
Theresa Brennan

Money Counters

5 Don and Mary Ann Howe
12 Don and Mary Ann Howe
19 Bones and Bev Saurman
26 Tom and Sherrin Gentzel



Coffee Hour

5 EASTER
12 Lisa & John Heycock and
Carol Cawthern
19 Mary Karl and Colleen Hiltl
26 Cathy Krause and
Carol Cawthern



This Month's Flowers

5 EASTER
12 Brandon & Melissa Maze
19 Sally and Ed Conrad
26 Brandon & Melissa Maze



TRINITY'S TABLE

**This month it is on
Wednesday the 15th.**
Thank you to everyone who
continues to donate items for
Trinity's Table.

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

BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

3 - Keith Quigley
8 - Donna Seigl
10 - Linda Moffet
17 - Edward Moffet
22 - Cathy Krause



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.*

Easter Stewardship: Living as Resurrection People

Easter morning is the heart of our faith—the proclamation that death does not have the final word, that hope rises, and that God’s love is stronger than anything we face. The empty tomb is not only a promise for eternity; it is an invitation for how we live today.

Stewardship, at its core, is a response to that invitation.

Because Christ is risen, we are freed from fear. We are no longer bound by scarcity or anxiety, but instead called to live with open hands and generous hearts. Everything we have—our time, our abilities, our resources—is a gift from God, entrusted to us not to hold tightly, but to share joyfully.


Easter reminds us that God brings life out of what seems empty. Just as the tomb was transformed into a place of new life, so too can our offerings—no matter how small they seem—become part of God’s ongoing work in the world. A kind word, a helping hand, a financial gift, a willingness to serve—these are all ways we participate in the resurrection story.

As a church, we are Easter people. That means we don’t give out of obligation, but out of gratitude. We don’t serve out of duty, but out of joy. We don’t look at what we lack, but at the abundance God has already provided.

This season, consider how the resurrection is calling you to live more fully:

- Where is God inviting you to share your time?
- How might your gifts and talents bring life to others?
- In what ways can your generosity reflect the hope of Easter?

The good news of Easter is not only that Christ lives—but that we are invited to live differently because of it. May our lives be a testimony to the risen Christ, and may our stewardship reflect the boundless grace we have received.



There are 4 months with 5 Sundays in them. Those 5th Sundays are designated as “Sunday Funday”!

We would like some ideas if anyone has them as to what to do. However, right now there are 3 of the Sundays left and the ideas we have so far are:
 May 31: End of School Blast - August 30: End of Summer Blast -
 November 29: Advent Family Event.

These events would take place right after church time. Think about it and join in the fun!

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Family of Jim Kirkley Member
 Laurie Ellis Member
 Sherrin Gentzel Member
 Bonnie Waggoner Friend of Cathy Krause
 Caroline and Lloyd Sheaffer Friends of Lisa and Andy McCarty
 Dave Rhoads Former Member
 John & Barbara Stewart Members
 Gerry & Sara Jane Crawford Members
 Sandy Winters Friend of Jennie H. and Andrea L.
 The Call Committee, Congregation Council, Our Pastoral Candidate
 The Situation in Iran
 All Military Personnel and Families

STILL LOOKING FOR MONEY COUNTERS! If you know your basic math, then this is the job for you! It’s not hard. It’s not time consuming. And it really is an area in the church that needs help. Please consider then let Don Howe know you want to sign up. Don’s phone # is 717-766-6018. Thanks!

Thanks to Melissa Maze the Easter Egg Hunt was a big success.

The eggs were hidden all around the church so the young ones really had to hunt them down!



Looking back...

This year the United States celebrates 250 years in the making.

I was going thru some 'old' stuff and saw that Trinity celebrated the 200th anniversary in style!



TRINITY'S BICENTENNIAL CALENDAR

JANUARY	25	<u>BICENTENNIAL WORSHIP SERVICES:</u> 8:00, 10:45 a.m. <i>Jonas Bronck, Peacemaker</i>
	25	<u>CONGREGATIONAL SUPPER:</u> 6:30 p.m. Mr. Robert G. Crist will speak on "Churches in Cumberland County During the Revolution."
FEBRUARY	22	<u>BICENTENNIAL WORSHIP SERVICES:</u> 8:00, 10:45 a.m. <i>The Muhlenbergs, Patriarchs</i>
MARCH	28	<u>BICENTENNIAL WORSHIP SERVICES:</u> 8:00, 10:45 a.m. <i>Christopher Ludwig, Washington's Friend</i>
APRIL	2	<u>BICENTENNIAL DRAMA:</u>
	24-25	<u>ANTIQUÉ SHOW:</u> Lemoyne Borough Building
	25	<u>BICENTENNIAL WORSHIP SERVICES:</u> 8:00, 10:45 a.m. <i>Sarah Austin, Flag Maker</i>
MAY	1	<u>SPRING HERITAGE TOUR:</u> See other side for details.
	13-15	<u>NICK RUGGIERI ART EXHIBIT:</u> West Shore Plaza
	16	<u>BICENTENNIAL WORSHIP SERVICES:</u> 8:00 a.m. at Trinity, 10:45 a.m. at Peace Church, Trindle & St. Johns Rds. <i>John Staugh, Man With Vision</i>
	28	<u>SCHOOL BAND FESTIVAL:</u> West Shore Stadium
	29	<u>WEST SHORE BICENTENNIAL PARADE:</u>
JUNE	12	<u>BICENTENNIAL BALL:</u> Penn Harris Motor Lodge
	13	<u>BICENTENNIAL COMMUNION SERVICES:</u> 8:00, 10:45 a.m. <i>Regina Hartman, Indian Captive</i>
	26-27	<u>COLLAGE '76:</u>
	27	<u>INTERFAITH RELIGIOUS SERVICE:</u>
OCTOBER		<u>ARTS AND CRAFTS EXHIBIT:</u>

The congregation is encouraged to dress in Revolutionary Period costumes for the Bicentennial Worship Services.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES are printed in script letters

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES are printed in block letters



WORDS OF STRENGTH FROM THE PULPIT

Pastor Fenner gestures broadly as he recounts the strength of "the leaders of Christianity in the early days of our nation." The sermon focused on Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, patriarch of the Lutheran Church in America.



Keep watching the newsletters for more on the celebration here at Trinity



This spring, we're excited to announce **the new [ELCA.org](https://www.elca.org)**! If you've visited our website in the past week, you might have noticed our new look and feel, but the improvements don't stop there. You can enjoy these features:

- One place to look: Provides a central location to nurture your faith and discover community.
- **Enhanced search and guided exploration:** Includes pages on [ELCA.org](https://www.elca.org), the ELVA's resource library, congregation profile information, Living Lutheran articles and the ELCA's seeker sited to provide better search results. Navigate our resources, learn about key topics and find communities of support.

Explore [ELCA.org](https://www.elca.org) today and discover more about who we are as a church.

P.S. Check out our [digital toolkit](#) for resources you can share with your congregation, including a poster, PowerPoint slide, and social media templates.



Stay Up To Date on Social Media

The Lower Susquehanna Synod and its ministries have a variety of social media accounts where we regularly post resources for use in your ministry, reminders of upcoming events and deadlines, and photos of ministries within our synod in action.

- The Lower Susquehanna Synod is on **Facebook**, **Instagram** (@lowersusqsynod), and **YouTube**.
- Lower Susquehanna Synod Office for Children, Youth, & Family is on **Facebook** and **Instagram** (@lss.youth).
- NEXT: Lower Susquehanna Synod Young Adult Ministry is on **Facebook** and **Instagram** (@next_lss).
- The ELCA is also on **Facebook** and **Instagram** (@elca).

Summer Camp Open House



Summer Camp
Open House at
Kirchenwald &
Nawakwa

Come join us!!!

- Meet some of the Summer Camp Staff
- Take a tour of camp
- \$10 gift certificate for the camp store to every brand new camper!!

Sunday, April 12

2:00-4:30 pm



Kirchenwald is located on 340 acres of undeveloped timberland, adjacent to 4000 acres of State Game Lands, in Lebanon, Pennsylvania.

Nawakwa is located on 336 acres outside of Arendtsville, in Adams County, Pennsylvania.

For more information, visit www.LutheranCamping.org or call the Camping Office at 717-677-8211.



God's work. Our hands.



September 13, 2026

Mark your calendar for **Sunday, Sept. 13**, when congregations of the ELCA will join together for our annual day of service, "God's work. Our hands."

Living
Lutheran



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.

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Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
<p><i>MARCH 29</i></p> 	<p><i>March 30</i></p>	<p><i>March 31</i></p>	<p>1</p> <p>Handbells 7pm Choir 8pm</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Maundy Thurs Service 7:00 pm</p> 	<p>3</p> <p>Tenebrae Service 7:00 pm</p> 	<p>4</p>
<p>5</p> <p>Choir 8:30 Service 9:30 pm</p> 	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Handbells 7pm Choir 8pm</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Hummingbird Quilters 10 am</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12</p> <p>8:30 Choir 9:30 Service 10:30 Coffee Hour Faith Formation</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Hymn Select Mtg 6 pm Worship & Music Mtg 7 pm</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Trinity's Table Handbells 7pm Choir 8pm</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Hummingbird Quilters 10 am</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19</p> <p>Bell Choir 8:45 9:30 Service 10:30 Coffee Hour Faith Formation</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Council Mtg 7pm</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Handbells 7pm Choir 8pm</p> 	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Hummingbird Quilters 10 am</p> 	<p>25</p> <p>"Meet and Greet" today from 2 - 4 pm. for Pastoral candidate</p>
<p>26</p> <p>Choir 8:30 Service at 9:30 10:30 Coffee Hour Faith Formation</p> <p>Pastoral candidate Preaching today Congregational Meeting after for a vote</p>	<p>27</p> <p>TELL DEADLINE</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Handbells 7pm Choir 8pm</p>	<p>30</p>	<p><i>May 1</i></p>	<p><i>May 2</i></p>