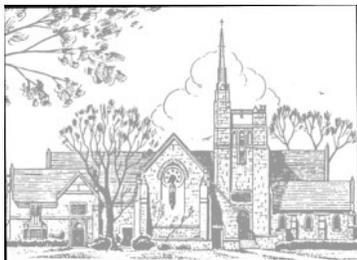


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John 21.15: *When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs."*

Dear brothers & sisters in Christ,

Alleluia, Christ is risen! Happy Easter to all as we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord. Recently my wife Donna began watching a TV series titled **Call the Midwife**. It's about a group of midwives in 1950s London who live with an eccentric community of nuns who are nurses. The show is not one I would have thought of watching, but we both find it be a moving, funny, and colorful look at all sorts of social issues. And faith plays a prominent role in the series.

That show, along with some recent conversations, has me thinking about *Social Ministry*. Have you ever heard of that term before? Many have not, or if they have, they assume that it means socializing with other people, or with using social media for ministry. While those things are important, neither of them reflects the meaning of Social Ministry.

Social Ministry involves ministries designed to meet the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of the people Jesus referred to as "the least of these." Some examples include those who are poor, homeless, hungry, sick, orphaned, widowed, handicapped, or outcast.

Jesus spent much of his time caring for the least of these, and we as Christians -- disciples of Christ -- are called to do the same. In John 21, the risen Christ has breakfast with his followers, and he asks Peter three times if Peter loves him. Three times Peter says yes. And three times Jesus then tells Peter to feed and care for his lambs/sheep.

Peter and all of us who love the Lord are called to care for those who Christ cared for, and Jesus especially cared for those in need. Here at Trinity, we have several social ministries already in action, including Trinity's Table and Circle Lydia. Yet there are other opportunities for us to lovingly help our neighbors in need, meeting them wherever they are.

If you would like to learn more about Social Ministry or have an idea about what we might do, please contact me at TLCLpastor@gmail.com. I'd love to talk with you about this essential part of our Christian faith.

May the Lord bless you and your loved ones this Easter season. Thank you for your faithfulness. It is a privilege to be on the journey of discipleship with all of you.

Faithfully,

Pastor George

There were no pastoral Acts since our last newsletter.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- May 8 - Mothers Day
- May 13 - Lutheran Camping Night with Harrisburg Senators
- May 15 - Church Music Sunday
- May 18 - Trinity's Table 4-6pm
- May 30 - Memorial Day



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Offering Plates: Based upon a recommendation from our COVID Task Force, Council approved having ushers resume passing offering plates during worship. We will continue to have an offering plate available at the rear of the sanctuary for those who prefer to drop off their contribution. If you prefer, you can also contribute online using the tithe.ly QR code shown here.



New Covid Guidelines: After receiving new guidelines from our Bishop and the lowered incidence of COVID in Cumberland County, the church council approved the following Covid guidelines for Trinity:

- Masks are optional for worship and other activities. Those who prefer to wear masks remain welcome in their health choices.
- The balcony/overflow area in the Sanctuary will remain a masked only area during worship.
- We will continue offering online worship for those with health concerns, those traveling, etc.
- Masks remain required for anyone preparing food in the kitchen but are not necessary for those attending meals or other fellowship gatherings.
- Anyone with COVID-19 symptoms, a positive test or exposure to someone with COVID-19 should refrain from participating in group activities if possible and must wear a mask if they do participate in group activities.
- The COVID Task Force has been reestablished to monitor any updates on COVID that might affect the local area. The Task Force will provide advise and recommendations to Council.

Fruitbelt Farmworker Christian Ministry (FFCM)



is an inter-denominational ministry serving the spiritual, social, and physical needs of migrant and seasonal farmworkers in south central Pennsylvania, a population of roughly 2,500 workers in over 400 camps each year. Pastor Christian Aguilar, the FFCM's Executive Di-

rector, visited us on Sunday, April 3, and offered a brief "temple talk" before worship about this ministry and how to support its important mission. We are coordinating to set up a visit to one of the more than 400 camps for migrant farmworkers in Cumberland, Adams, and Franklin Counties. Details to come!

Sunday Coffee Hour The hours are 9-11 (before and after church). If you would like to host a coffee hour, please contact Carol at (717) 343-2118.

Mutual Ministry Committee Begins Work

The Mutual Ministry Committee wants to thank all those who participated in the Congregational Survey during the congregational meeting on Feb. 20. We received 22 responses on the 4x6 cards. On the positive side, 14 responded that they were very pleased with Pastor George and Donna, especially his sermons and leadership. "New pastor is the right fit for Trinity", "a welcome addition to the church", "sermons are excellent and very relevant." Several people expressed their gratitude to everyone who stepped up and kept Trinity going throughout the pandemic through virtual services, virtual Vacation Bible School, ZOOM, puppet shows and the Route 66 curriculum. Several people were also grateful for the return to in-person Sunday school for both adults and children and Thursday bible study. Several commented on the sense of family here at Trinity and are grateful for the return of coffee hour and other fellowship activities so that we can continue to grow closer together. Lastly, several expressed gratitude that we have maintained our outreach, especially Trinity's Table.

A number of people expressed concerns about the conflict and loss of members over the issue of masks. Several felt we should have followed the Synod guidance but failed to do so. Several responses indicated that we need to rebuild our music program, including the choir and bells. "We used to have a robust vibrant music program." Several others commented that we need to increase attendance. Several also expressed a desire to return to traditional communion. **The Mutual Ministry Committee** will be working with Church Council, Pastor George and the various committees to address the concerns that were expressed in the survey.

You're invited to the 2022 Trinity Lutheran Church Picnic

When: Sunday, June 5 at 4:00 pm

Where: Lemoyne Memorial Park
(lower Hummel Ave)

Trinity will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, ice cream and strawberries. Please bring your favorite dish and/or games to share!



In the event of bad weather, we will move the picnic to Fellowship Hall.

WORSHIP & MUSIC

Hello Trinity,

It is hard to believe that we are in the Easter season already! I want to thank the choir and everyone who participated in the Lent, Holy Week and Easter services to make this time so special and help to deepen our connection with the risen Jesus. As we continue to celebrate the beauty of the Easter season, the choir is getting ready for **Church Music Sunday**, which will happen on May 15. I would like to extend an invitation to the congregation to consider participating in this wonderful service of music. All ages are welcome to sing or play an instrumental selection. Please contact me if you have any questions or if you are interested in participating.



In addition, the choir is getting ready for the great feast of Pentecost, which will occur on June 5. The choir is currently rehearsing on Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm and Sunday mornings before the service at 8:45am. All are welcome and encouraged to join this wonderful ministry! You do not need to read music or have any prior experience to join choir. I thank you all for your support and encouragement, and I hope you have a blessed Easter season!

Yours in Christ,

Theresa Polheber, Director of Music

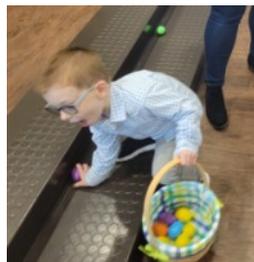
Worship Schedule (all Sunday services begin at 9:30 am. Thursday evening services begin at 7:00 pm)

- April 28/May 1: Third Sunday of Easter
- May 5/8: Fourth Sunday of Easter (Mother's Day)
- May 12/15: Fifth Sunday of Easter (Church Music Sunday)
- May 19/22: Sixth Sunday of Easter
- May 29: Seventh Sunday of Easter (supply: Pastor Reed)
- **June 2/5: Pentecost with Holy Baptism**

Thank you to everyone who helped with our Holy Week and Easter services! So many of you offered your time and talents, and our worship services were deeply meaningful. May you be abundantly blessed by the Lord as you have been a blessing to others! Pastor George

Outdoor Worship services will begin on Sunday, June 12 at 9:30 am. Bring your folding chairs and blankets. We are working to have the service live-streamed into the Fellowship Hall for those who are not able to worship outdoors. Details to come!

ALTAR Flowers: We are placing flowers on the altar each week. If you have placed altar flowers in the past, or would like to begin placing altar flowers, please contact the church office. We can make sure that your name remains on the week you have previously requested or get new donations set up with the week of your choice. Flowers can be placed in honor or memory of someone you love. Flowers remain at \$25 per week. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex and/or you may also call the office to reserve your date.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & YOUTH

Weekly Bible Study with Pastor George continues every Thursday at 6 pm, followed by Worship at 7 with communion. Please join us as we learn more about our Christian faith.

Sunday School - In January 2022 we began to meet face-to-face for Faith Formation/Sunday School. Thank you for joining us. It is so good to see your smiles again! Coming up:

- The last spring Sunday School session will be May 22, after Church.
- We'll honor graduates in June. Please let us know if there is a graduate in your family.
- Information will soon be coming about Vacation Bible School.
- Miss Know-it-all has been visiting Church once a month. Look for her or her puppet friends to pop up now and then through the summer.

Melissa Hughes is taking over as Chairperson of the Christian Education Committee. It's been a pleasure serving as Chairperson and working with this truly awesome committee. I will still be on the committee, doing puppet shows, teaching, and who knows what else. Linda Moffet

Youth Group - Trinity is excited to announce the rebirth of its **Youth Group!** This will be a great way to bring our youth (and families) together on a more regular basis! We are continuing to form what this group will look like, but we are starting with targeted events in the community and will look forward to opportunities to use our facilities in the future!

The first event is Friday, May 13th. The Harrisburg Senators will be hosting Lutheran Camping night. The game starts at 7 pm and tickets are selling fast! There is a section reserved and ticket prices are \$13 each. You can access the tickets on the website: [https://www.ticketreturn.com/prod2/signin.asp?UserID=Lutherannight&Password=senators&submit=Continue&Cookies=yes&HoldID=8649Lutheran night tickets](https://www.ticketreturn.com/prod2/signin.asp?UserID=Lutherannight&Password=senators&submit=Continue&Cookies=yes&HoldID=8649Lutheran%20night%20tickets).

If you prefer to call or visit the box office at the stadium, please note the group name (Lutheran Camping Corporation) and Section 202 when ordering to ensure you get proper pricing. Look for more events in the coming months! If you have any questions, please contact Rebecca Weaver.

Happy Birthday!



May 1 - James Marshall
 2 - Cory Marshall
 7 - Eulises Crawley, Shannon Bowers
 8 - John Zobel, Jr., Kurt Moran, Matt Schreffler
 9 - Bennett Beck
 10 - Kyle Jackson, Kimberly Richardson
 16 - Barbara Lyter
 22 - Kelly Cropper, Patti Snover
 25 - Christie Saurman
 26 - Joe Morgan, Andrea Snedaker
 28 - Laura Doyle, Miranda Conrad
 31 - Paul Shuey

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

If you know of any members needing pastoral care, please contact Pastor George or the church office. We also pray for our homebound members and for those battling long-term illness.

Jeanne Yovicich	Gerry & Sara Jane Crawford
Laurie Perry	Tom & Charlene McCurdy
Catherine Hershey	Barbara Stewart
Liz Belinda	Leona Fickel
Barbara Reighard	Lilly
Kelly Cropper	Dorothy Karl
Joan Wagner	Joanne Souders
Family of Ernest Hartzler	Family of Martha Kitzmiller
Family of Dimitrios & Evelyn Ganas	



Graduates: During June, Trinity would like to honor those graduating from high school, college, or other certification programs. Please send the graduate's full name, school, graduation date, and if possible a picture to the church at TLCLemoyne@gmail.com

Fathering.me is a mentor network and online resource center, both designed to accomplish one goal: to give young fathers of unplanned pregnancies everything they need to be an incredible dad. We see how the 1 in 4 US kids growing up without a dad experience the exceptional negative consequences of father absence, and we know a present, engaged, convicted, & compassionate father serves as an anchor for the family. Our vision is to end fatherlessness before it starts, #OneDadAtATime. To learn more, contact Grant Elledge, grant@fathering.me or Pastor George.



YOUR 2022 TRINITY COUNCIL COMMITTEES & MEMBERS

Evangelism/Social Media: Jacque Mikkelsen
 Fellowship: Andrea Snedaker
 Property Co-Chair: Ed Conrad
 Christian Education: Sherrin Gentzel
 Stewardship: Nick Siegl
 Social Ministry: **VACANT**

Worship & Music: Colleen Hiltl
 Finance Committee: Mary Karl
 Personnel Committee: Mary Karl
 Mutual Ministry: John Perry
 Youth Ministry: Rebecca Weaver
 Treasurer: Bob Threnhauser

The Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania announces **Summer Camp 2022** news! Please pick up a brochure if you're interested in this unique camping experience for your children or grandchildren, or you can get one online at lutherancamping.org/forms/SummerBrochure

Additional 2022 Lutheran Camping Corporation Events

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| • May 7 @ 9am-5pm | Kirchenwald Work Day |
| • May 7 @ 9am-12pm | The Wittel Farm Growing Project Planting Day |
| • May 13 @ 7pm | Lutheran Camping Night with the Harrisburg Senators |
| • May 14 @ 9am-12pm | The Wittel Farm Growing Project Planting Day |
| • May 15 @ 3:30pm-6pm | Summer Camp Kick-Off Worship & Picnic at Kirchenwald |
| • May 21 @ 9am-12pm | The Wittel Farm Growing Project Planting Day |

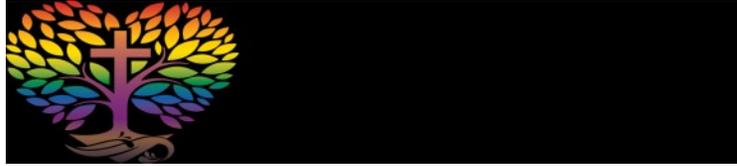


Christian Churches United will be holding its annual Spring Assembly on May 9. If you are interested in attending, please go to www.ccuahbg.org/assembly or contact Susie Schubert susan.schubert214@gmail.com. There is no cost to attend.

Other notes of importance from CCU:

1. If you may know of storage space that Church World Service could use in their gathering of supplies for Afghan refugees, please contact Fatimah Jan, at fjan@cwsglobal.org
2. If you are interested in exploring involvement with Work Release Worship Services, please contact John Wilson, jwilson@ccuahbg.org
3. To assist the Compassion Action Network in general volunteering and Welcome Home kit and other physical item donations, please contact Aisha Mobley, amobley@ccuahbg.org

ELCA and Synod News



2022 Synod Assembly

The 2022 Lower Susquehanna Synod Assembly will be held June 3-4, 2022, remotely by digital means. The theme of the assembly is "Journey with Jesus." This year's Assembly will once again be held all online and will require voting members to use digital devices connected to the internet to access the Zoom video conference meeting and voting software. Please be on the look-out for an Assembly informational Video to be shared during the next few weeks with all voting members. Stay up-to-date on our website: <https://www.iss-elca.org/synod-assembly/>.

Searching for Lost Lutherans: Realities of Mainline Decline May 14, 2022 Edification Day Keynote Presenter

The Rev. Dr. Chris Suehr (he/him), an ELCA ordained minister, draws from his recent dissertation research to address some of the common thoughts and questions about the changing church. Building upon decades of sociological research, ELCA trends, and interviews with former Lower Susquehanna Synod Lutherans, Pastor Chris will address some of the prevalent and worrisome ideas that haunt church leaders. This presentation will not dwell in hopelessness, nor will it drown us with false hopes. Pastor Suehr aims to contribute to the visioning of church leaders and disciples interpreting current contexts.

Please Note: Edification Day is Saturday, May 14 from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm, and it is open to anyone and everyone. If you would like to participate in edification day, please register at <https://www.iss-elca.org/events/2022-edification-day/>

LSS WELCA Day of Renewal

Saturday, May 21, 2022

The Lower Susquehanna Synod Women's organization of the ELCA Day of Renewal is Saturday, May 21, at St. Mark's Lutheran, Harrisburg. The theme is "The Grit and Grace of Justice."

God's work. Our hands." Sunday

Sunday, September 18, 2022

We are a church energized by lively engagement in faith and life. As we continue our tradition of service to our neighbor, we remember the words of Martin Luther, "Our faith is a living, busy, active, mighty thing." With our hands, we will gather on Sunday, September 18, to join in God's work of restoring and reconciling communities in Jesus Christ's name.

If you would like to be part of the planning effort for GWOH Sunday, please contact Pastor George. We will be considering service projects that benefit our community.

TIME TO REGISTER FOR SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMMING

Summer Camp Registration Now Open!

It might just be the best week you ever have! Sign up today for a summer camp program at Kirchenwald or Nawakwa, where there is something for everybody!

For more information or to register, visit the LCC website at: <https://www.lutherancamping.org/kirchenwald/diaconos/>, or contact Kirchenwald Director Zach Weiss, at <https://www.lutherancamping.org/contact/?e=ZW>

Diaconos at Camp Kirchenwald

Register your group for a week of service learning, while residing at, and enjoying all the amenities of Camp Kirchenwald. Your group will travel daily to local service ministry sites and return each evening to camp to enjoy the pool, camp activities, campfires and all the fun and fellowship that camp provides. In fact, this is an ongoing ministry at Kirchenwald that you can register to participate in any week of the summer camping season. To learn more, visit the LCC website at: <https://www.lutherancamping.org/kirchenwald/diaconos/>, or contact Kirchenwald Director Zach Weiss, at <https://www.lutherancamping.org/contact/?e=ZW>

LutheranHANDS Summer Mission Trip to Minnesota

LutheranHANDS is offering a service learning trip to Minnesota from Saturday, July 23-Saturday, July 29, 2022, in cooperation with our Synod Office for Faith Formation and Youth Ministry.

While congregations must secure their own transportation to Minnesota (*some are using their Youth Gathering travel/flights to get to Minneapolis*), ground transportation to and from service venues will be provided in most cases by LutheranHANDS. Lodging and most meals are also included in the trip costs. Registrations have opened, and space is limited. (*There are a few, very limited airline tickets available to Minneapolis. Contact Jesse for details*)

Visit: <https://www.lutheranhands.org/summer-2022-mission-trip/> for more information or to register your group.

Boundless' Celebration and Retreat at Camp Nawakwa

Our celebration is scheduled for Sunday, July 24, beginning at 2:00 PM, at the Upper Camp Pavilion at Camp Nawakwa, and will feature camp activities including pool time, hiking, games, live music, a catered dinner meal, outdoor worship, and an appearance by Bishop Dunlop and other special guests. The 'Boundless' Celebration will borrow from the Gathering theme, and will resemble in some ways a 'Synod Day' at the Youth Gathering. Individuals and groups can register for the celebration only for \$20.

(Watch for event details about our band and speakers coming next week)

Congregations may also opt into the '**Boundless' Retreat** that will allow participants to stay in Upper Camp through Wednesday, July 27, 2022. Monday will be a day of learning, formed around the Boundless theme, while Tuesday will include a day of hands-on service at venues in and around central PA. Congregational groups will travel together with their advisors on Tuesday, to their service venues. Camp activities, fellowship, campfires, and outdoor worship with the camp community will be additional highlights of the week. The **Boundless Retreat** includes the **Boundless Celebration** on Sunday, plus all meals, lodging and activities for the duration of the retreat for \$175/person. Registration opens Tuesday, March 8, 2022, but space is limited. We do encourage youth and young adults to register with their congregational groups and ask that an adult advisor or two accompany each group that registers, much like at any synod-wide youth event.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5 Bible Study - 6pm Fellowship Hall Worship - 7:00 pm Library	6	7
8 <i>Mothers' Day</i> 9am Choir Practice 9-11 Coffee Hour	9	10	11	12 Bible Study - 6pm Fellowship Hall Worship - 7:00 pm Library	13 Lutheran Camping Night with Harrisburg Senators	14
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