

TRINITY TIDINGS

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TRANSITIONS

June is typically a month full of transitions. Students graduate and make plans for their future and couples plan weddings. You may be anticipating a transition in your own life that seems filled with excitement and anxiety all at the same time.

At Trinity, we are in an unusual time of transition. Over this past year, we welcomed Melissa Jacoby as Minister of Music, and this month we are welcoming a new Parish Administrator, Deborah Schue. As a congregation, we have experienced God's presence and answers to prayer in bringing us these wonderful new hires who are ready to bring their unique God-given gifts, energy, spirituality, and new ideas to the fabric of our lives together.

In the midst of all this energy and excitement, we realize that this summer will be a challenging time as your new church staff learns to work together. Thank you in advance for your prayers, encouragement, and patience with us! And just in case you wonder, it is always good to hear the words: "How can I help you, pastor?"

Even though we are excited to welcome new staff, we are also preparing to send Vanessa Storlie off to internship. This is a significant milestone for Vanessa as she moves ahead in her process of candidacy for pastoral ministry. It has been a delight these past years to celebrate her growth, to share ministry with her, and to know that we have had a role to play in her development.

You might be wondering how ministry will proceed without the familiar sight of Vanessa in the office and on Sunday mornings. Obviously, God always provides for our needs, often in surprising ways and through what may be right in front of us. Perhaps you will consider how you can be God's answer to the ministry needs before us. The continuation of some of our ministries will depend on you, and if you are willing to help out or try something new. In the coming weeks, I will be asking folks to step forward to help out in our confirmation classes, to help or lead our outreach and social ministries, or to be a part of our sound and video ministries. Is God pulling on your own heart? Let's talk and pray together.

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*"You will receive power
when the Holy Spirit
comes upon you,
and you will be my
witnesses..."
~Acts 1:8 NRSV*

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TRANSITIONS (CONT.)

And, of course, if you have ideas, please do not hesitate to share them with me.

At Trinity, we fully trust in the power of God to raise up leaders and helpers for the this ministry we are privileged to share together. You may feel fully ready right now, or you may need a time of preparation and waiting on God to receive the enabling that the Holy Spirit will most certainly bring.

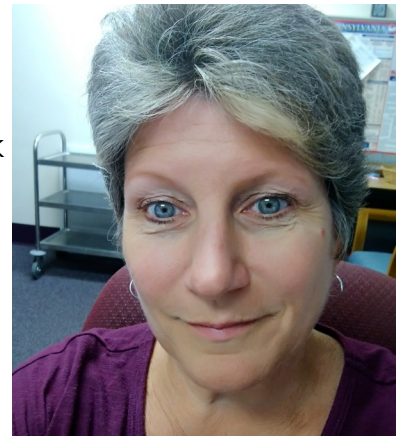
As we move forward in the coming months, let us be inspired by this quote from Jennifer Kaalund: "There is no power without a season of preparation, without a period of waiting. May we be empowered to do the work of the Lord as we are reminded, that this promised gift of God's presence will always be worth the wait."

Pastor Karen Durbin

WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISH ADMINISTRATOR!

God is certainly hearing and answering the prayers being lifted up at Trinity on Main! We are excited to welcome yet another amazing individual to the church staff. Debbie Schue will begin serving as the new Parish Administrator at Trinity in mid-June. She will have two weeks to work beside Vanessa to learn the ropes at Trinity before Vanessa departs for her internship in Easton.

Fortunately, however, Debbie already has extensive experience in administrative support... 35+ years total with approximately 33 of those in three different church offices! She has even worked with a very specific database program that we use here at Trinity, so we feel extremely blessed that she already has such a vast knowledge base coming in. Her resume is impressive with all that she has done in her previous positions, and we are confident that she will be up to speed in no time!



Debbie Schue

What is not listed on her resume is the category of "other duties as assigned." She told me that at one of her previous churches, a duck happened to walk in the building one day, and the pastor asked her to gather bugs to feed the duck! And she did!! I don't think we get a lot of ducks through our doors here at Trinity, but it's good to know that's she's willing to do whatever it takes to welcome ALL of God's creatures into His church!

Debbie enjoys working with and interacting with people. She is down to earth and very approachable (as I quickly discovered in our phone interview!). When asked what she'd like the people at Trinity to know about her, she said that she is always willing to help wherever needed, so never hesitate to ask. So true... see duck story above.

Debbie and her husband, Terry, have been married for over 35 years, and they have two adult daughters, Sarah and Stephanie.

We look forward to having Debbie join us in the next few weeks! There will be an opportunity for you to meet her at a future Sunday service... keep watch for an announcement of that date. In the meantime, if you happen to call or stop by the church when she is there, be sure to introduce yourself and welcome her to the Trinity family!

Written by Stacey Zeller

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY FOR THE UKRAINIAN REFUGEES BEING HOUSED IN NAPLES, ITALY!

Many thanks to those of you who helped David and Renee and I fill a suitcase with supplies for the Ukrainian Refugees being housed at a convent close to Naples, Italy. Our daughter-in-law, Catherine, has connected with this convent and has been helping them with meals and supplies. The suitcase we brought was full to overflowing with clothing for children and mothers, diapers, sanitary products, toothbrushes, and pull-ups. We were also able to donate some euros for the convent to use for some ongoing expenses. Please enjoy these photos of the people who were blessed by your generosity, and hold them in your prayers.

The nun in white is Sister Vergine. (She is Catherine's favorite.) She is so kind and the children follow her everywhere and say "thank you Sister Vergine, I love you!" And she says, "sì sì I love you too child" 😊 The gentleman in the white shirt and sunglasses is Antonio, the hairdresser who connected Catherine to this convent.

There are two teenagers in these photos (we aren't allowed to show their faces). The young boy on the right arrived the first time Catherine was there. He and his mother took a bus from the northeastern Italian border. They speak a bit of Italian. Mariupol is their home.



The nun in black has helped to set up Italian lessons for everyone. She is very friendly. Catherine speaks English to her, at her request, to further her English. :)

Catherine reports that "Sweet Sister Vergine and her 'teenagers' as she calls them are free of attitude from what I've seen. Very sweet. The young lady on the left is quite shy so she typically hangs out with the little children when I am there, wrangling in the courtyard or playroom."

Here is an entire trunk full of supplies including what we sent!

Three of bags are from a local Ukrainian Catherine met on Facebook, as well as a box of food. The green bag is a bunch of a baby supplies that Catherine donated, along with a ton of diapers.

Catherine turned the cash we gave into euros and added some money from a few other friends. It was 200€ total! The original plan was to give the children a fun outing to the Naples zoo but the war in Ukraine has not slowed down and they are going to be there for a while. So they decided to give the money to Mother Superior and she can give it to Ukrainians to go grocery shopping. Sister Vergine said they love to walk to the local grocer and buy things themselves. It helps them feel normal.

Thank you for helping! Your gifts have made a difference.

Pastor Karen



HONORING OUR GRADUATES!

On Sunday morning, June 12, we will be honoring our graduates at both worship services.
We have five of them this year.



Cai Reisinger

Cai is graduating from Cumberland Valley High School. He has enlisted in the US Army as a Combat Medic and leaves on June 21st for basic training.



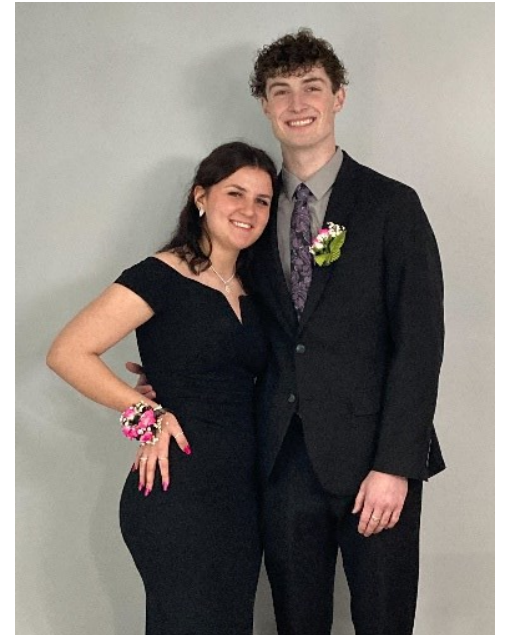
Kelsey Eckerd

Kelsey graduated from Penn State University Main Campus. She is applying to Physician Assistant programs to start in 2023. She is currently working at a physical therapy clinic.



TJ Moyer

TJ is graduating from Red Land High School. He will be starting classes at HACC in the fall and ultimately going on to law school to become an attorney.



Brenna Silvio

Brenna is graduating from Red Land High School. She is attending HACC in the fall for nursing.

**PICTURE
UNAVAILABLE**

Landen Warner

Landen is graduating from Boiling Springs High School. He will be attending Penn State Main Campus this fall.

***Congratulations to
all of our graduates
from your Trinity
Church family. We
will be praying for
you!***



CONFIRMATION

Confirmation begins this summer with a retreat day on Sunday, August 7, right after the 10:15 AM worship service. Would you like to be a mentor or help out with this next group of young people? Let Pastor Karen know.

SYNOD ASSEMBLY

Please hold our Synod in prayer as we gather for Synod Assembly. This year's event will be held virtually on Friday evening, June 3, at 7 pm, and Saturday, June 4, at 8 am. You are welcome to join our Trinity delegates in Fellowship Hall to view the event.

UPCOMING SUNDAY EVENTS

- June 5 – Reception following 10:15 worship in honor of Rev. Philip Lynch's 65th anniversary of ordination
- June 12 – Graduates recognized at both worship services
- June 26 – Vanessa Storlie's last Sunday on staff at Trinity. We will be praying for her in both worship services. A reception for her will be held between services, 9-10 am.
- June 26 – Community Meal on the lawn at Trinity beginning at 5 pm, sponsored by the Mechanicsburg Area Churches.

CONCERT ON THE LAWN – JULY 15

Join us for our annual band concert on the lawn. Once again, the Greater Harrisburg Concert Band will be with us for a concert at 7 pm. Bring your friends and neighbors, lawn chairs or blankets for this wonderful event. In the event of rain, the concert will be held indoors. Free ice cream and water will be available. A free-will offering will be received! Don't forget to invite your friends and like and share this event on [Facebook!](#)



MEN'S BREAKFAST

Men's Breakfast continues over the summer months. Join our men at 8 am at CC's Kitchen, 710 W Main Street, Mechanicsburg, on the 4th Thursday morning of each month. David Durbin leads the men in a lively discussion each month.

UPCOMING DATES:



MARCH COUNCIL RECAP

- Easter tulips and daffodils are available for purchase again this year.
- There will not be a fourth Sunday fellowship hour in March, but the Palm Sunday Brunch will return this year.
- According to the 2021 Parochial Report, in-person worship attendance averaged 38 people per week, and online attendance averaged 70 people per week.

APRIL COUNCIL RECAP

- A community dinner will be held on the lawn at Trinity on June 26.
- Church Music Sunday with a Tea following will be May 15.
- Trinity will not reserve spots at the 2022 Jubilee Day, but we will rent spots for attendees.

MAY COUNCIL RECAP

- Sunday, June 5 – Reverend Philip Lynch will be recognized for the 65th anniversary of his ordination.
- Sunday, August 28 – The 10:15 am service will be held at Koser Park followed by a church picnic.
- The 2021 Audit Committee report indicated that "the finances of Trinity are found to be sound."

FROM THE MINISTER OF MUSIC:

Hymn Sing On The Spot

HYMN SING ON THE SPOT (COMING TO A SERVICE NEAR YOU ~ SUMMER 2022)

Do you have a favorite hymn? During worship in July and August, the prelude will be **your** opportunity to request any hymn for us to sing together as a congregation. At each service we'll take two or three requests, singing one verse of each hymn. You can offer your suggestion at the beginning of the service ("on the spot") or if you'd like to tell us in advance, you can click and submit the hymn title(s) on this [form](#). You can also write your favorite title(s) on the "Hymn Sing On The Spot" sheet on the bulletin board next to the choir room. As Psalm 95 says, "*O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!*"

HIGHLIGHT ON HYMNS ~ COME, JOIN THE DANCE OF TRINITY (ELW 412)



Our hymnal contains tunes and texts of God's people across centuries, cultures and traditions of our faith. When we sing, listen or perform in worship, we are uniting in praise to our enduring Creator and connecting with believers through the ages. Some hymns have evolved from ancient chants, with texts added later. Some artists were gifted with skills to write both lyrics *and* music for their works. Yet other hymns were poems first and the music followed later, often written by completely different people and sometimes years or even generations apart from one another. Other hymns were recognized as familiar melodies in their day, sacred or secular, and writers composed lyrics to fit the music. And that's the case with the Hymn of the Day we'll be singing on June 12 (Holy Trinity Sunday): *Come, Join the Dance of Trinity*. Using the tune Kingsford, a traditional English folk

melody, composer Richard Leach wrote this hymn text as an imaginative, multi-sensory celebration of the Trinity. The four stanzas describe clear roles of each member of the Trinity while also pointing out how the three persons intertwine - or "dance" - together. Composed in 2001 (revised 2002) for Trinity Church on the Green, New Haven, CT, "*Come, Join the Dance of Trinity*" was the winning entry in the Church's 250th anniversary hymn search and was included in our hymnal, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, in 2006. Richard Leach (b. 1953) holds a Master of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary and was first inspired to write hymn texts when he took a course at Yale Divinity School in 1987. Since then, he has composed more than 200 hymns texts.

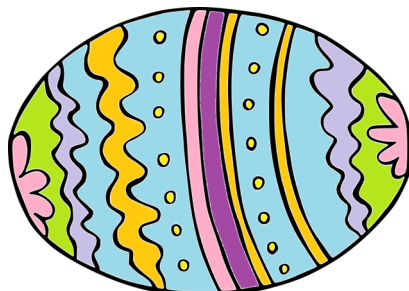
Thiessen, Anneli Loepp. (July 2020). History of Hymns: '*Come, Join the Dance of Trinity*.' Retrieved from www.umcdiscipleship.org.

***Come, join the dance of Trinity,
before all worlds began—
the interweaving of the Three,
the Father, Spirit, Son.
The universe of space and time
did not arise by chance,
but as the Three, in hope and love,
made room within their dance.***

***~ Richard Leach, from
"Come Join the Dance of Trinity"***

GOOD FRIDAY PRAYER WALK AND EASTER EGG HUNT

Thank you to everyone who attended and helped with the Good Friday Prayer Walk and Easter Egg Hunt! Even the Easter Bunny showed up! Check out the pictures from the event! You can also find more photos on the website by clicking [here](#).



Beginning of Prayer Walk



Easter Bunny!!

FIND US ONLINE!

At least once a week, we will post an event or invitation on Facebook. When you see our post, leave a positive comment and hit the "like" and share buttons. Your "likes" and "shares" help us get the word out about the good things happening at Trinity to all of your friends too.

Find us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/TLCMech>

Don't forget to visit Trinity on Main's website for information about current events and the weekly worship videos.
<https://www.trinity-on-main.org/>

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EMERGENCIES & HOSPITALIZATIONS

We want to know when you or someone close to you needs pastoral care. Please contact Pastor Karen or the church office using the contact information above in the event of a newly diagnosed disease, hospitalization, or rehabilitation. Due to HIPAA regulations, this is the only method we have to know of your need. You may also contact Pastor Karen if you are in the midst of a life transition: a birth, a death, a move, a job loss/change, an empty nest, retirement, etc. or are experiencing a spiritual, physical, emotional, or financial crisis.

SYNOD NEWS

The Lower Susquehanna Synod has an on-line newsletter that provides information about what is going on around the SYNOD! Just go to the LSS website: <http://www.lss-elca.org/>

MECHANICSBURG AREA CHURCHES INVITE YOU TO OUR

COMMUNITY DINNER

on the lawn



**SUNDAY, JUNE 26th
AT 5:00 PM**

JOIN US AT
TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

132 EAST MAIN STREET, MECHANICSBURG

FOR DINNER & MUSIC (FREE OF CHARGE)

COMMUNITY DINNER JUNE 26 AT 5 PM

Join us out on the lawn to share a time of food, fellowship, and music with our downtown neighbors. The food includes pulled pork and smoked chicken by "Official BBQ, LLC." which is owned and operated by our very own Aaron Warner! Volunteers will be needed to help set-up tables and chairs under the tent beginning at 3:30 pm on Sunday, June 26. Please let Pastor Karen or Vanessa know if you are interested in volunteering! This event is sponsored by the Mechanicsburg Area Churches.

SO LONG...FAREWELL...UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN...

As you receive this Tidings, the third that I've prepared, we are just over one month away from my last day (June 30, 2022) on staff here at Trinity. On August 1, I will begin my culminating seminary internship at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Easton, PA - just two short blocks from the Crayola Experience in downtown Easton.

In many ways, it is hard to believe that it is already time for me to go off to internship and yet, I know in my heart and spirit, and many of you probably do too, that it is time for me to move on to a different context to continue my pastoral formation. The past five years have been an incredibly formational time in my life and for that I must say, "Thank you people of Trinity." You have provided me with opportunities to preach and teach, to extend and receive grace, to care for and be present with you and your families in times of need, and to gently push you (and myself) a bit past our comfort zones as we reached out to our downtown neighbors in new and exciting ways all amid a global pandemic. I am grateful to each of you for your prayers, support, and encouragement during my time in seminary and as I continue to pursue God's calling. It is my prayer for you, people of Trinity, that you continue to seek and follow the Holy Spirit as she continues to call each of us into new and exciting situations and places in our lives, may you

step forth boldly knowing that the Holy Spirit guides each of your steps! I am also grateful to Pastor Karen for the wisdom, knowledge, and experience that she has shared with me over the last five years and the grace she has shown me.

Zip-A-Dee-Doo-Dah!!

Vanessa Storlie
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UPDATED INFORMATION?

Help us be good stewards by providing the church office with updated information for your household such as:

- Email address
- Cell Phone/Home Phone
- Mailing Address

Current information for our young adult members is especially helpful as they go off into the world!



02 Jane Strine
02 Stella Strine
03 Aiden Smith
05 Ernie Ober
11 Rachel Moats
18 Lynn Lemanski
24 Tracy Sechrist
25 Leslie Hocker
26 Stacey Zeller



02 Colin Reisinger
08 Kay Miller
15 Deb Warner
17 Preston Warner
22 Alice Park
26 Alan Williamson
26 Brandon Lemanski
29 Russ Umholtz
29 Verlyn Hays
29 Jonah Wagenheim
30 Mike Hartman



02 Joyce Hafer
03 Tom Shaw
12 Pattie Sheaffer
13 Adam Hocker
15 Sam Reisinger
18 Brian Remmey
18 Sharon Stevens
22 Charlotte Lynch
22 Beverly Thomsen
25 Anita Moats
27 Mike Peterson
28 Alice Metka
30 Jan Lynch

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**Is your birthday
missing? Please let us
know so we can update
our database!**



02 Brian Schmick
03 Deb Hartman
05 Logan Hartman
06 Karen Reisinger
06 Daniel Burkhard
07 Ingrid Roy
07 Aaron Warner
10 Gina Witmer
12 Tyler Anderson
12 Gavin Smith
13 Karen Durbin
22 Cash Williams
22 John Wallace
27 Tim Zielonis
27 Bill Devore
28 Bob Park
29 Catie Wise

June Lessons

June 5, 2022

Acts 2:1-21
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Romans 8:14-17
John 14:8-17, 25-27

June 12, 2022

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31
Psalm 8
Romans 5:1-5
John 16:12-15

June 19, 2022

Isaiah 65:1-9
Psalm 22:19-28
Galatians 3:23-29
Luke 8:26-39

June 26, 2022

1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21
Psalm 16
Galatians 5:1, 13-25
Luke 9:51-62

July Lessons

July 3, 2022

Isaiah 66:10-14
Psalm 66:1-9
Galatians 6:7-16
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

July 10, 2022

Deuteronomy 30:9-14
Psalm 25:1-10
Colossians 1:1-14
Luke 10:25-37

July 17, 2022

Genesis 18:1-10a
Psalm 15
Colossians 1:15-28
Luke 10:38-42

July 24, 2022

Genesis 18:20-32
Psalm 138
Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]
Luke 11:1-13

July 31, 2022

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23
Psalm 49:1-12
Colossians 3:1-11
Luke 12:13-21

August Lessons

August 7, 2022

Genesis 15:1-6
Psalm 33:12-22
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
Luke 12:32-40

August 14, 2022

Jeremiah 23:23-29
Psalm 82
Hebrews 11:29-12:2
Luke 12:49-56

August 21, 2022

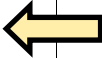
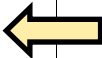

Isaiah 58:9b-14
Psalm 103:1-8
Hebrews 12:18-29
Luke 13:10-14

August 28, 2022

Proverbs 25:6-7
Psalm 112
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16
Luke 14:1, 7-14

**Don't forget to
check your
mailboxes in the
hallway outside the
elevator!**

JUNE 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 7:00 pm Choir practice 7:00 pm Technology Set-up Training in Fellowship Hall	2	3 7:00 pm Synod Assembly	4 8:00 am Synod Assembly
5 Pentecost 8:00 am Worship/ Communion 10:15 am Worship/ Communion 11:30 am Reception for Pastor Lynch	6	7	8	9 7:00 pm Council	10 4:00 pm Trinity's Closet on Main Set-up	11 9:00 - 11:00 am Trinity's Closet on Main
 <div>Bridging the Gap Meeting follows reception</div>						
12 Holy Trinity 8:00 am Worship/ Communion 10:15 am Worship/ Communion	13	14	15	16 Jubilee Day Help in the parking lot beginning at 5 am.	17	18
 <div>Graduate Recognition Sunday at both services</div>						
19 8:00 am Worship/ Communion 10:15 am Worship/ Communion	20 Debbie Schue begins as Parish Administrator	21	22	23 8:00 am Men's Breakfast at CC's Kitchen	24	25
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 <div>5:00 pm Community Dinner on the Lawn</div>						

JULY 2022

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3 8:00 am Worship/ Communion 10:15 am Worship/ Communion	4	5	6	7	8 4:00 pm Trinity's Closet on Main Set- up	9 9:00 - 11:00 am Trinity's Closet on Main
10 8:00 am Worship 10:15 am Worship	11	12	13	14	15 7:00 pm Greater Harrisburg Concert Band on the Lawn	16
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AUGUST 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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7 8:00 am Worship/ Communion 10:15 am Worship/ Communion 11:30 am Confirmation Kickoff Retreat	8	9	10	11 7:00 pm Council	12 4:00 pm Trinity's Closet on Main Set- up	13 9:00 - 11:00 am Trinity's Closet on Main
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