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There are many things in this world that divide people, and too many things in the church that divide Christians. It is often surprising to see how mean people can be to one another, even God's own people – those who live in the love of Jesus Christ!

But it isn't all like this. There is a group of people from churches in downtown Mechanicsburg who work together to demonstrate the love of Christ to our neighbors and one another. At our last planning meeting for the October 16th Community Meal, we talked about the following quote and how it reflects why we are doing what we are doing: "Jesus' desire for his believers to be one came from the knowledge that our unity would be a powerful witness to God's love. When believers, who are all different, can live in harmony, people take notice. With all the things that can divide us, our ability to be united through the differences is what will draw others to us – because they want to know why we are behaving in a way that unites rather than divides." (from "Together We Can" by Kelli Jordan)

We are churches from several denominations, churches of varying and differences in theology. But we come together four times a year to put together a yummy meal for our neighborhood, to serve and laugh and hang out with anyone who comes. We don't highlight our differences, we highlight our unity in Christ and our desire to bless others.

As Jesus was preparing his disciples for the day he would leave them and return to the Father, he told them this: "Let me give you a new command: Love one another. In the same way I loved you, you love one another. This is how everyone will recognize that you are my disciples—when they see the love you have for each other" (John 13:34-35, The Message).

May the love of Christ draw us together and toward others,



Pastor Karen Durbin



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How Can I Grow in My Faith?

In October and November, the Snax & Study group is looking at several of Jesus' parables from the unique perspective of New Testament Scholar Dr. Amy-Jill Levine. We are using her book and DVD series, "Short Stories of Jesus." All are welcome to join us. If you are able to provide the "snax" from time to time, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway. The October schedule is listed below.

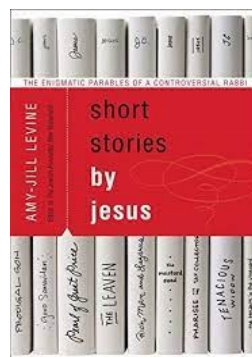
(lesson descriptions from leader's guide of book)

Oct 16 - "The Good Samaritan" (Luke 10:25-37) - We will discover how the narrative frame interprets the story, and be challenged to think concretely about what loving an enemy looks like in today's world.

Oct 30 - "The Mustard Seed" (Mark 4:30-32, Matthew 13:31-32, Luke 13:18-19) - We will consider how a range of images enhances our understanding of Jesus' teaching, and how to discern when faithfulness to God and God's kingdom involves taking direct action and when it involves patient trust in God's action.

Nov 13 - “The Widow and the Judge” (Luke 18:1-8) - We will examine biblical images in stories of widows, and consider what can be gained when rejecting stereotypes in favor of viewing and engaging with people as individuals.

Nov 20 - The Enthronement Psalms - On Christ the King Sunday, let's focus on the reign of God. The enthronement Psalms (90 - 108) give voice that there is a millennia of us connected to the promise and hope that God will ultimately reconcile God's people and reclaim his creation.



Volunteers are needed to bring snack for our Snax n Study time! Sign up on the sheet that is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway if you are able to provide snack for a week. Thank you!

Nurturing of God's Gift of Faith

How Can I Grow in My Faith, cont'd...

Study the Bible

A new Bible Study is beginning on Thursdays at 11 am, beginning October 6. Bring your Bible and join us as we read and discuss the Gospel According to Matthew.

Daily Devotions

Commit to daily devotions using a resource you have at home or try new one. There are many devotionals you might consider. You can read through a book of the Bible, use a Bible app, or ask Pastor Karen for some suggestions. You might also use the resource we have available at the church called "Christ in Our Home."

*Here is what Pattie Sheaffer shared about "Christ in Our Home" just this past month:
Pastor:*

I just finished my daily devotions (being retired I don't have a bedtime) and wanted to tell you how much I love reading from the Christ in Our Home booklet. I like to follow the daily posts by following up the suggested Bible verses. Thank you I'm so glad you suggested it!

- Pattie

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Join a great group of our men who meet on the 4th Thursday of each morning at 8 am, at CC's Kitchen, 710 W Main Street, Mechanicsburg. David Durbin leads this time of fellowship and lively discussion. The next breakfast is on October 27.



UPCOMING DATES:

October 27
November 24

**Don't forget to check
your mailboxes in the
hallway outside the
elevator when you are
here!**

happy
FALL
y'all

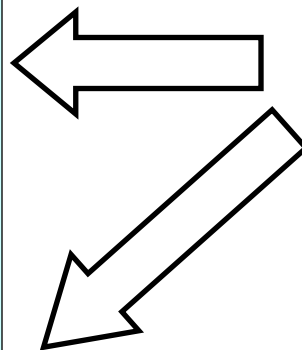


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How Can I Worship Regularly?

Come for Worship every Sunday

Join us Sundays at 8 am or 10:15 am. Holy Communion is offered on the first, third, and all festival Sundays. You are also welcome to participate by singing in the choir, playing hand bells, and being a lector or assisting minister. Children are welcome to participate in worship as junior ushers, acolytes, and for children's messages. Contact Pastor Karen to ask questions or to volunteer by email pastorkjd@gmail.com or by calling the church office and leaving a message at 717-766-2662.

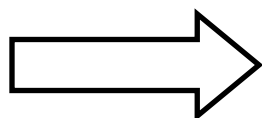


Give a ride to church

We have several people who would like to come for worship but need a ride. Could you help out? Especially for the 8 am worship?

Help out the altar guild once a month.

Contact the church office, Deb Hartman, or Deb George for free training and to get on the schedule.



Sermon Series on the Sacraments

Beginning on Sunday, October 23, Pastor Karen is beginning a 5-week sermon series on the sacraments. In the Lutheran Tradition we acknowledge two sacraments -- Holy Baptism and Holy Communion. Our Triune God promises to be especially present and active through the combination of word, water, oil, bread, and wine in the community of faith. Make a point to be present in Sunday worship as we are reminded about these gifts of grace, learn something new, and join our confirmands who are also learning about Sacraments this fall.

Pray Without Ceasing

Prayer Pause. Stop at noon every day and pray for our congregation. Join others who receive a daily text message reminder. Let us know if you are not on the list and we will gladly add you.

Prayer Team

Add your email to our group of people who pray for specific prayer requests that come to us during the week. This is a powerful way to join with others in bringing our praise and concerns to God.



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How Can I Worship Regularly?, cont'd..

Join Your Trinity Family for These Special Sundays!

Oct 9, 2 pm – The Blessing of the Animals

Express your gratitude to God for the friendship of your dog, cat, chicken, etc. We will pray together, sing a song, and your pet will receive a blessing. This is rain or shine on the west lawn.



Oct 16 – New Member Sunday

Join us at 10:15 worship as we welcome David Durbin as a new member. David is transferring his membership to Trinity Mechanicsburg from Trinity Camp Hill.



Oct 30 – Reformation Sunday & Potluck

Wear red to celebrate the movement of the Holy Spirit in our lives and throughout the history of the church. Sing the rousing "A Mighty Fortress is Our God." Listen to God's good news from Romans and John. Stay for a Reformation Potluck in Fellowship Hall following 10:15 am worship.



**Reformation
Potluck
Sunday, Oct 30**

Following the 10:15 service

**Sign up to bring a main dish, side dish or
dessert on the bulletin board in hallway!**



Nurturing of God's Gift of Faith

How Can I Serve and Enjoy the Company of Others?

Streets of Treats – October 15

Help Pastor Karen and others distribute candy, pretzels, and fruit snax to the children who will march down Main Street from 10 am to 2 pm. You can even wear a costume of your own choosing!



Free Community Meal

Join in the fun at our next community meal on the lawn at Trinity for conversation with our neighbors. The meal will be held on Sunday, October 16, at 5 pm. Hopefully the weather will be wonderful, but even if it is a bit rainy, we will gather under the shelter of a large tent and enjoy the warmth of a yummy meal of chili and chicken corn soup served in bread bowls, apple cider, salad and dessert. We will move indoors if needed.

Clothing Closet

Planning is underway for the next months at Trinity's Closet on Main. Clean out your closets and bring gently used items for cooler weather to the office 10 am – 2 pm Monday through Thursday, or on Sundays. October is "Sweater and Sweatshirt Month." November is "Coat month." In addition to focusing on coats, the carry out lunch will be turkey sandwiches and a cranberry side.

In December, we are hoping to offer small gifts for each person who comes to the closet. Would you be willing to offer something wrapped and special?

If you have questions or would like to volunteer in any way, contact Heather Zielonis.

Blessing Box and New Hope

Donations of non-perishable food and personal care items are always needed, but particularly in high demand right now. Items in particular need are canned vegetables and fruit, pasta, tomato sauce, peanut butter, tuna and tuna helper. Bring your donations to the church during office hours or on Sunday morning.



Music Notes



Our musical ensembles are under way, rehearsing each week and preparing preludes and anthems to glorify God in our worship on Sunday mornings. You can find these musicians gathered in the sanctuary most every Wednesday this time of year, 6:15 p.m. for bell choir and 7:15 p.m. for choir.

New participants are always welcome to join us for the year, a few months or even for just a particular season of the church year (like Advent, Christmas or Easter). See Deb Hartman (bells) or Melissa Jacoby (choir) for more information.

Do you play an instrument or have a favorite sacred song you would like to perform or sing? There are many opportunities through the year to sing or play in our worship services. Leave a note in the church office for the Minister of Music.

Why Do We Sing in Church?

During Sundays this past summer, "Hymn Sing on the Spot" gave folks opportunities to request favorite hymns. I enjoyed learning about the hymns you like best and, in conversations with some of you over those weeks, hearing about the moments and memories that make these tunes and words special to you. [And I wrote down all the hymn titles that were requested through the summer so I can refer back to them the rest of the year.]

That we all relate to hymns and have at least one favorite - or maybe even many - got me thinking about music in worship and the shared experience of singing hymns. Here are some thoughts from a church musician blog I follow (Dr. Adam Lefever Hughes, St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Lancaster): * Singing a text helps us to remember it. The words we sing in hymns

are poems set to music. * Words set to music is a powerful memory tool, one that we use to hand down the Christian story. * By raising our voices collectively in song, we proclaim our faith together. * Singing together is a communal action, in stark contrast to a culture that idolizes the efforts of individual. * When we join our voices together in song, we proclaim God's word of grace to each other and the world. * When we sing, we become the body of Christ. We do not point to ourselves; it is Christ whom we adore.

Snax n Study:

The Psalms: Planting the Words of Scripture in Our Hearts

Did you know that the book of Psalms is unique from all other books in the Bible? Most scripture "speaks to us" while the Psalms "speak for us". The Psalms, varied in style and content (from hymnic praise and rejoicing to thanksgiving and even laments and complaints in times of distress and perplexity), show us people addressing God (Out of the Depths: The Psalms Speak for Us Today). Let's discover new connections to our God through the poetry, imagery, prayers, songs and praise of God's people across centuries in these words of the Psalms. THIS IS NOT A SINGING CLASS.

November 20 The Enthronement Psalms

"Every psalm is a song that extols and glorifies God." On Christ the King Sunday, let's focus on the reign of God. The enthronement psalms (90 - 108) give voice that there is a millennia of us connected to the promise and hope that God will ultimately reconcile God's people and reclaim God's creation

- Melissa Jacoby, Minister of Music

Thanks, Praise & Other Stuff!

The following notes came in to the church office recently:

September 15, 2022

Dear Members of Trinity and Pastor Durbin,

My family and I have so many fond memories of those years when my Philip served as Pastor of your very special congregation. The people of Trinity were a part of our family lives. I am thinking of the baptisms, confirmations, weddings, funerals, worship services, Bible studies, picnics, holidays, corner stone/elevator celebration, and the church steeple event, etc.

Trinity was Phil's final congregation before retirement and then we felt the need to return periodically to be a part of your continuing history.

We thank you for hosting the celebration of his 65 years of ordination in July. He was very appreciative of the opportunity to speak with many of you at the tea event and received many notes and cards from so many who expressed appreciation for personal contacts in the past.

Thank you to those who were able to travel to Lancaster for his Memorial Service at the church where we have been attending. It was a difficult decision for us to choose Lancaster for the service, but so many people at Woodcrest Villa where we currently reside would not have been able to make the trip to Mechanicsburg. His final resting place is the Mechanicsburg Cemetery, where you are welcome to visit at any time.

May our God Bless you and lead you as you continue your lives in Christian faith and service with the Mechanicsburg Community.

With love to all,
Charlotte Lynch and family

Pastor Durbin,

Please pass on our thanks to the members of Trinity for the thoughts, prayers and cards that we received during my father's illness and passing. It meant a lot to my family to have the love and support of Trinity. May the peace of God be with you all.

Thank you!

Jim Lynch

SEPTEMBER COUNCIL RECAP

- Weekly Bible study will be held Thursday mornings at 11:00 am beginning on October 6.
- The Christmas holiday worship schedule is as follows:
Christmas Eve: 8:15 pm – prelude;
8:30 pm – service
Christmas Day: one service at 9:00 am
New Year's Day: one service at 9:00 am
- We thank Phil Warner and Leslie Hocker for their generous donations to purchase a new pall for caskets and for urns.

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/>

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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 **FREE** 
Adult Clothing
Saturday, Oct. 8
9-11am



Trinity's Closet on Main
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Oct 1	Deb George
Oct 1	Richard Roy
Oct 8	Craig Hamilton
Oct 9	Carol Anderson
Oct 11	Christopher Sabatini
Oct 17	David Durbin
Oct 17	Donna Jo Peterson
Oct 18	Philip Warner
Oct 20	John Wise
Oct 23	Heather Zielonis
Oct 24	David George
Oct 25	Susan Hamilton
Oct 25	Joanna Lynch
Oct 25	Aaron Sieber
Oct 25	Jan Walton
Oct 29	Miranda Lynch
Oct 29	Elizabeth Stone
Oct 30	Mary Louise Smith
Oct 31	Linda Humes
Oct 31	Sharon Umholtz

If you see any of these folks this month, be sure to wish them well on their birthday!

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



Study Trip to Oberammergau, Germany

Pastor Karen and David Durbin, Catie Wise, Tyler Hoffman, and Rachel Wise traveled to Oberammergau, Germany, September 21 – October 1. The highlight of this trip was to experience the passion play that is performed every ten years by the people of Oberammergau. This was on the Durbin's bucket list! We traveled with a group from Trinity Lutheran, Camp Hill. The trip was originally scheduled for 2020, but had to be delayed until 2022. When you are reading this, we will have returned and look forward to sharing our experiences with those of you who have gone to this passion play before, and those who may be considering it in the future. Check out this YouTube video for an overview of how these spectacular performances are accomplished.

<https://youtu.be/kA1asVO4eIU>



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COMMUNITY DINNER

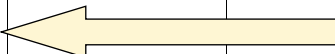
on the lawn



**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16TH
AT 5:00 PM**

**JOIN US ON THE LAWN AT TRINITY EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN CHURCH - 132 E MAIN STREET, FOR
DINNER AND MUSIC (FREE OF CHARGE)**

OCTOBER 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<div>  <div> Sign up to help with Community Dinner! Sign-up sheet on bulletin board. </div> </div>						
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