

# TRINITY TIDINGS

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**"The gift of music, shaped carefully in the service of God"**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Hearts to heaven and voices raise:*

*sing to God a hymn of gladness,*

*sing to God a hymn of praise.*

*He, who on the cross a victim,*

*for the world's salvation bled,*

*Jesus Christ, the King of glory,*

*now is risen from the dead.*

~ Words by Christopher Wordsworth

*"Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!"* These triumphant words resonated exuberantly in sanctuaries far and wide on Resurrection Sunday, and right here at Trinity on Main, too! Church musicians everywhere rehearsed for Easter morning the hymns, liturgy music and anthems to be sung and performed in worship to proclaim Christ's victory over death. *Alleluia!!*

Yes, selecting music - even in the Easter season - has its own meticulous preparation, prayerful consideration and faithful adherence to scripture. This year's Church Music Sunday (April 28, also the Fifth Sunday of Easter) will offer a glimpse of music's place in our worship, inspired by *"Why do we do that?"* (the bulletin board display near the west door) and presented in the style of the Lutheran Study Bible (with its helpful notes in the margins).

Martin Luther said, *"Next to the Word of God, music deserves the highest praise. The gift of language combined with the gift of song was given to man that he should proclaim the Word of God through music."*

How can we be good stewards of God's gift of music to us? Do we sing across space and time in praising our generous, creative and loving God? How will what we sing shape us in how we live? Discover answers to these questions and raise your voices with us during worship!

*"Your love, O Lord, forever will I sing; from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness."* ~ Psalm 89:1

- Melissa Jacoby, Minister of Music

**April, May 2024**



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EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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## Christian Education Opportunities



### Snax n Study:

2024 – The Chosen, Season 3, continues through May

Food and fellowship begins at 8:45, followed by a video and discussion that begin promptly at 9.

David Durbin is the primary teacher this spring while Pastor Karen teaches confirmation class.

Classes are held each Sunday. Exceptions:

May 19, Confirmation



### Pastor away dates

Pastor is away vacation, April 2-19. She will be out of the country and not available by phone.

- The Rev Martha Boyd is available for emergency pastoral coverage April 2-11, 15-20 at 717-440-1177.
- The Rev Ursula Schreffler is available April 12-14, at 717-432-1710.
- The Rev Elaine Dent will serve as pulpit supply on April 7 & 14.
- Renee Durbin is guest preacher on April 21. Pastor Durbin will preside and lead worship.

Pastor is out of the office May 13-16, for the Festival of Homiletics in Pittsburgh.

The Rev Ursula Schreffler is available for emergency pastoral coverage, 717-432-1710.

Pastor is away on vacation May 23 – 29.

- The Rev Elaine Dent will serve as pulpit supply, May 26.
- The Rev Martha Boyd is available for emergency pastoral coverage at 717-440-1177.

### MEN'S BREAKFAST

Join our men on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday morning of each month at 8 am, at [C.C's Kitchen](#), 710 East Main Street, Mechanicsburg, PA. David Durbin usually leads each month with some words of inspiration from scripture followed by lively discussion. All men are welcome!



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### Baptism, Membership, Confirmation

Are you interested in baptism, membership, and/or confirmation at Trinity? Pastor Karen is scheduling dates. Please contact her for information at [pastorkjd@gmail.com](mailto:pastorkjd@gmail.com), or through the church office at 717-766-2662.

## 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/>



## Palm Sunday Brunch..

Following our Palm Sunday Worship on March 24, we enjoyed a delicious and festive lunch and some wonderful time of fellowship with each other. Thank you to everyone who attended, brought food, and helped with the set-up and clean-up!



Mark your  
calendars  
for this  
special  
Sunday!

# CHURCH MUSIC SUNDAY

April 28

8:00 & 10:15 a.m.



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## What's Coming Up?



### Music Sunday Tea

A time of fellowship will be held following 10:15 worship on April 28. Join us as we celebrate our musicians, thank them for their hard work all year long, and in appreciation for their gifts of music offered to inspire our worship on this Sunday. Sign-up sheets will be available for you to let us know if you can bring sandwiches, desserts, fruit, or salads.



### Confirmation Sunday and Reception

Join us on May 19 as Preston Warner and Koen Thomas affirm their faith and the promises their parents made for them in baptism. They have been working hard to explore their faith over these past two years. We are very pleased to celebrate with them and witness their confirmation during 10:15 am worship. Thank you for praying for them and for supporting them along the way!

Church Council is sponsoring a reception for Koen and Preston and their families during the 9 am hour.

### June Baptisms

Come to worship to support these families and witness the baptism of their children:

June 2, Natilie Kay Aldinger, daughter of Megan and Michael Aldinger (Megan Gene Champagne's daughter)

June 9, James Emmett Thomsen, son of Cortney and Matthew Thomsen



### Community Meals

On Feb 18, a community meal was held at Buhrig's Gathering Place. We are grateful that this space was made available to us. 115 people attended, including our volunteers. Check out the photo the Trinity-on-Main gang:



The next Community Meal will be on May 19, 5 pm, hosted by First Church of God, Main Street, Mechanicsburg, Pa. Trinity will host the Community Meal on **October 6**.



## What's Coming Up?

### The Greater Harrisburg Concert Band Concert, July 19

Once again, we will host the GHCB concert. It will be held on Friday evening, July 19. Invite you family and friends for this concert is at 7 pm. Free hot dogs, chips, drinks, and ice cream will be available before the concert.



Pictures  
from the  
2023 GHCB  
at Trinity!



### Lower Susquehanna Synod Assembly, The Healing of the Nations: Christ's Healing for a Broken World - May 31 and June 1

Please be in prayer for those attending the Lower Susquehanna Synod Assembly.

- Edification Day, May 18, will be held on Zoom
- Business Day #1, May 31 will be held on Zoom, beginning at 7 pm.
- Business Day #2, June 1, is in-person at St. Matthew Lutheran, York, PA, beginning at 8:15 am.

Trinity Ev Lutheran Church, Mechanicsburg's synod representatives are:

Tim Zielonis, Stacey Zeller, Koen Thomas, and Pastor Karen Durbin.



Check out the Synod Assembly link for more information about this year's assembly at <https://www.lss-elca.org/events/2024-lower-susquehanna-synod-assembly/>

**The 2023 Synod Assembly adopted a new bylaw for congregations to elect additional lay voting members beyond the first two from a congregation, including youth, young adults, persons of color, or those whose primary language is other than English. The additional Lay Voting Members may register at a discounted rate of \$50/each for the early-bird registration or \$75/each for the standard rate, as long as the first two Lay Voting Members elected by the congregation have registered.**



## History Corner

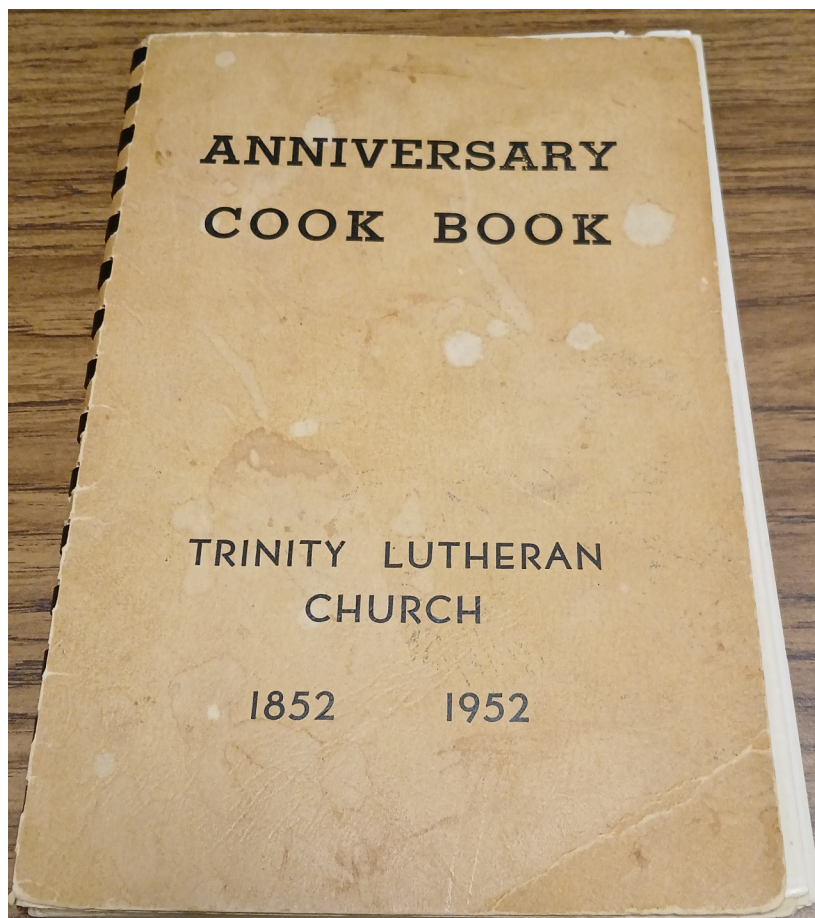
### Do You Like Old Cookbooks?

If so, have we got a good one for you! Recently, while looking for utensils in the kitchen at the start of a staff lunch meeting, we came across a drawer labeled (appropriately) Cookbooks. Upon opening it, we found a real gem - a Trinity Church Anniversary Cook Book from.....1852 - 1952!!

This charming book was "compiled by Class No 1 of Trinity Lutheran Sunday School, in commemoration of the one hundredth anniversary of the church". The cover isn't colorful or fancy in any way, in fact it's quite plain, but oh, what you will find inside!

Interspersed among the vintage Recipes - Butterscotch Pie, Cherry Roly Poly, Nut and Pickle Salad, Tomato Aspic Perfection, Salmon A La Mornay, and Raisin-Filled Cookies, to name a few - are ads from local businesses; some long-gone and some still here in town today. Wilcox Forging, Kulp's Restaurant (*air-conditioned for your comfort*), Quaker City Motor Parts, Myers Funeral Home, Williams Grove Park, Hunter's Studio and Ritters Hardware, are just a few of the establishments that helped to sponsor this book for Trinity Church.

So, if you ever are in need of a trip down memory lane, or just want to see what the people of Trinity Church were cooking up in 1952, just go into the kitchen and check the drawer that is labeled, Cookbooks. It is sure to bring a smile to your face!



### Church Council

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- The annual Palm Sunday Brunch will be held on Sunday, March 24th, following the 10:15 am service. A sign-up sheet is posted in the hallway... please consider bringing some goodies to share!
- Church Music Sunday is April 28th, and there will be a Tea following the 10:15 am service.
- The Audit Committee met and conducted an audit of the financial records for the year ending December 2023 and determined that "the finances of Trinity are found to be sound."

## Community Outreach

### Blessing Box

The following items are in short supply:

Peanut Butter  
Cereal  
Ramen Soups  
Hormel single serving meals  
Canned Items  
Pasta  
Vegetables  
Baked Beans  
Kidney/Pinto/Black Beans  
Tomato Sauce  
Macaroni & Cheese  
Rice Packets  
Variety Packages of Chips/Cheese Curls  
Toilet Paper

Donations can be placed on the table outside of Fellowship Hall.

Kindly,  
Carol Anderson



### "Undie Sundays"

Thank you to our congregation for the generous gifts of undies! The table is full and these will be repackaged, one pair to a baggie and given out at the April 13 Clothing Closet. Your generosity to our local community goes above and beyond!



 **FREE**   
**Adult Clothing**  
**Saturday, APRIL 13**  
**9-11am**

Trinity's Closet on Main  
132 E. Main St.  
Mechanicsburg, PA



Where there  
is love  
there is **New HOPE** Ministries  
*Sharing Christ's love by meeting human needs*

Need help? If you or someone you know needs help with food or dealing with a financial crisis, please contact us.  
(717) 432-2087 or [www.nhm-pa.org](http://www.nhm-pa.org)



"And do not forget to do good and to share with others,  
for with such sacrifices God is pleased."  
Hebrews 13:16



## Birthdays, Etc.



### APRIL

4/2 Curtis Moats  
4/4 Zachary Schmick  
4/5 James Lynch  
4/12 Shelby Sieber  
4/16 John Hafer  
4/28 Lena Wagenheim  
4/30 Danielle Sabatini  
4/30 Rebecca Zielonis

### MAY

5/2 Jane Strine  
5/2 Stella Strine  
5/3 Aiden Smith  
5/6 Spencer Seiber  
5/11 Rachel Moats  
5/14 George Crimarco  
5/18 Lynn Lemanski  
5/24 Tracy Sechrist  
5/25 Leslie Hocker  
5/26 Stacey Zeller

To Charlie Wise for the wonderful new set of pavers out by the blessing box! Thanks also to David Durbin who helped with the installation. We are blessed to have church members and friends who are interested in keeping our building and grounds safe and looking good!



### JUST A REMINDER:

**Don't forget to check your mailboxes in the hallway outside the elevator each time you are at church !**

### TIDINGS DEADLINE:

**JUST A REMINDER** that the deadline for newsletter items is the 10th of each month for the following month's issue.

**PLEASE NOTE**, the next Tidings will be a combined edition for June/July.

**Have a good month!**



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# APRIL

| Sun  | Mon   | Tue                                       | Wed  | Thu                                | Fri  | Sat   |
|--|---|---|--|------------------------------------|--|---|
|  | 1   | 2   | 3  | 4                                  | 5  | 6   |
|  | Pastor away   |   |  |                                    |  |   |
|  | Church office closed  |   | 6:15 pm Bell Choir<br>7:30 pm Choir  |                                    |  |   |
| 7<br>8 am Spoken<br>Worship<br><a href="#">8:45 am Snax n<br/>Study</a><br>10:15 am Worship  | 8   | 9<br>9:15 am, AARP<br>Driver Safety Class | 10<br><br>6:15 pm Bell Choir<br>7:30 pm Choir                                    | 11<br><br>7 pm Church<br>Council   | 12<br><br>4 pm Set up for<br>Trinity's Closet on<br>Main | 13<br><br><a href="#">9-11 am Clothing<br/>Closet</a> |
| Pastor away  |   |   |  |                                    |  |   |
|  |   |   |  |                                    |  |   |
| 14<br>8 am Spoken<br>Worship<br>8:45 am Snax n<br>Study<br>10:15 am Worship  | 15<br><br>6 pm Community<br>Dinner Planning Mtg<br>at McBic | 16<br>9:15 am, Driver<br>Safety Class     | 17<br>9:15 am, Driver Safety<br>Class<br><br>6:15 pm Bell Choir<br>7:30 pm Choir | 18                                 | 19   | 20  |
| Pastor away  |   |   |  |                                    |  |   |
|  |   |   |  |                                    |  |   |
| 21<br>8 am Spoken<br>Worship<br>8:45 am Snax n<br>Study<br>10:15 am Worship<br>with Music  | 22  | 23  | 24<br><br>6:15 pm Bell Choir<br>7:30 Choir                                       | 25<br><br>8 am, Men's<br>Breakfast | 26   | 27  |
| 28<br><a href="#">Church Music<br/>Sunday</a><br>8 am Spoken<br>Worship<br>8:45 am Snax n<br>Study<br>9 am,<br>Confirmation<br>Class<br>10:15 am Worship<br>with Music<br><a href="#">11:30 am Church<br/>Music Sunday<br/>Tea</a> | 29  | 30  |  |                                    |  |   |

# MAY

| Sun   | Mon   | Tue | Wed   | Thu                                | Fri  | Sat   |
|---|---|-----|---|------------------------------------|--|---|
|   |   |     | 1<br><br>6:15 pm Bell Choir<br>7:30 pm Choir  | 2<br>11 am Staff Mtg               | 3  | 4   |
| 5<br>8 am Spoken<br>Worship<br><a href="#">8:45 am Snax n<br/>Study</a><br>9 am Confirmation<br>Class<br>10:15 am Worship   | 6   | 7   | 8<br><br>6:15 pm Bell Choir<br>7:30 pm Choir  | 9<br><br>7 pm Church<br>Council    | 10<br><br>4 pm Set up for<br>Trinity's Closet on<br>Main | 11<br><br><a href="#">9-11 am Clothing<br/>Closet</a> |
| 12<br>8 am Spoken<br>Worship<br>8:45 am Snax n<br>Study<br>10:15 am Worship   | 13  | 14  | 15<br><br>6:15 pm Bell Choir<br>7:30 pm Choir | 16                                 | 17   | 18<br><br>Synod Edification<br>Day                    |
|   | Festival of Homiletics—Pastor out of office |     |   |                                    |  |   |
| 19<br><b>Pentecost</b><br>8 am Spoken<br>Worship<br>8:45 am Snax n<br>Study<br>9 am Confirmation<br>Celebration<br>10:15 am Worship<br>with Music &<br>Confirmation<br>5 pm Community<br>Dinner | 20  | 21  | 22  | 23<br><br>8 am, Men's<br>Breakfast | 24   | 25  |
|   |   |     |   | Pastor away                        |  |   |
| 26<br>8 am Spoken<br>Worship<br>10:15 am Worship<br>with Music  | 27  | 28  | 29  | 30                                 |  |   |
| Pastor away   |   |     |   |                                    |  |   |
|   |   |     |   |                                    |  |   |