

TRINITY TIDINGS



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Just when you think you have everything figured out and have control over something in your life, God smiles, sometimes even laughs. Most of the time, when human plans fall apart, we are reminded that God is the One in control, not you. It is a reminder to "Trust in the Lord, with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding."



Over the last two weeks, David and I drove to Jacksonville, Florida, to welcome home our son, daughter-in-law, and three little grandchildren. Geoff has been serving in the Navy Fleet Band in Naples, Italy, for the last four years, and was finally being rotated back to the states. We were eager to have them back even if home is now a 12-hour drive, instead of a long overseas airplane flight. Our job these past weeks was to help with the children while Geoff and Catherine

looked for a house and a vehicle that could hold their growing family. Catherine is a planner, and as expected, all was in place, even while knowing that they are in the military, so nothing is ever entirely sure.

To make a long story short, we all had a lesson practicing trust in knowing that God sees the next step even when we do not. God was out in front of us during 24-hour flight delays, a detour through Ireland for re-fueling. Out in front when the van they reserved was not at the agency as promised. And especially out in front through a good network of Geoff's music friends who helped them out, and as an exhausted young family drove 9 hours from Norfolk, to Jacksonville Beach with their 3 little ones, a 7-month pregnant mama, car seats, a stroller, and luggage. Finally, five nervous days led to a rental house, a vehicle, and a start on the furnishings they need. Whew! And thanks be to God for always being out in front!

Isaiah 41:10 "Do not fear, for I am with you, do not be afraid for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand."

- *Pastor Karen*

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TRINITY
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
ON MAIN
"Sharing God's Love"™



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Music Notes

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:
everything old has passed away; see,
everything has become new!
~ 2 Corinthians 5:17

Singing a new song!

Beginning on Easter Sunday and continuing through all the Sundays of Easter, we proclaim by the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection that God has *"opened the floodgates of reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people."*

New...new creation...new birth...God of resurrection and new life — words like these appear in both Easter and baptism liturgies. Let's add "*new hymn*," too, as we'll punctuate each week's Thanksgiving for Baptism with a fitting sung response from our All Creation Sings hymnal: "God of Promise, Let These Signs of Grace" (ACS 959). Here at Trinity, for now, we'll be singing the catchy refrain and just two verses, including:

"Bright light of Easter cleaving the darkness, shining upon and within us today - beacon of hope on the way." (v. 4, "God of Promise, Let These Signs of Grace," ACS 959)

Thank you for joining in to discover together the songs, hymns, and music of the new ACS as we worship God in every season.

- Minister of Music



A Note of Thanks...

to everyone who worshipped with us on Church Music Sunday (April 27) and offered their gifts of voices, instruments, praise, and prayer.



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

Volunteer with us!
There are many volunteer opportunities available. Please give us a call, or visit our website to see how you can be a part of our ministry!

Worship



FIRST SUNDAY KIDS

Our families are important to us at Trinity and It has been exciting for us to offer First Sunday Kids this past year. I am especially grateful to Ja'net Gochenauer and Amy Boya for their leadership.

Over the summer months, First Sunday Kids will continue during 10:15 worship with an adjusted format. A children's message will be included as part of worship each month, followed by a Bible story time, coloring sheets, and singing in the family room with several adult volunteers. All adults who work with children have safe church clearances.

-Pastor Karen Durbin

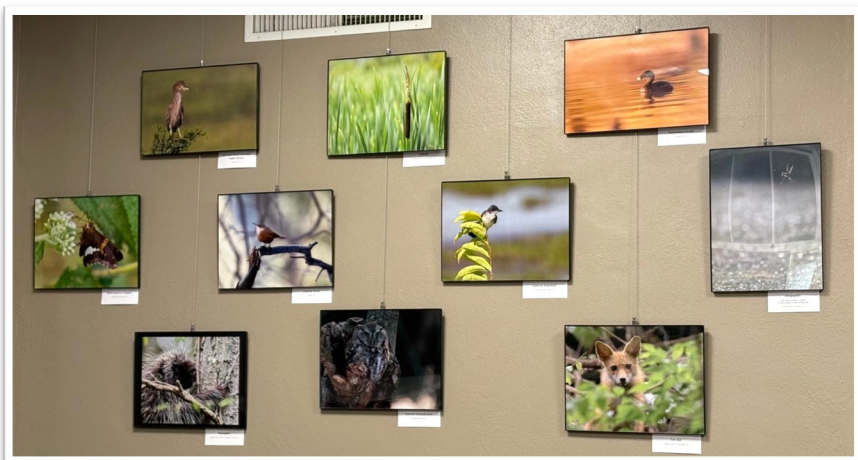


June 8, will be an especially exciting day at Trinity. Kolton Kramer will be confirmed at 8 am worship, and his parents, Jill and Kevin Kramer will become members. Join us to witness Kolton's affirmation of his baptism and to celebrate these new members. A reception will be held at 9 am. A basket will available for cards, notes, and small gifts for Kolton.

Photography by Eric Durbin

is now on display in Fellowship Hall. Eric is the son of Pastor Karen and David Durbin. Eric writes that "highlighting the interconnectedness, interdependence, fragility and beauty of God's creation in all its different forms, is his worship song."

An art show opening of Eric's work will be held this summer. Watch for the dates to be announced.



Christian Education Opportunities

Snax n Study

The Snax & Study class, normally held at 8:45 on Sunday mornings, is taking a pause through June. Please feel free to meet at 9 am for coffee and conversation each week to keep connected and hold one another in prayer.

Beginning in July, Pastor Karen will lead a short series using a resource called "The Wired Word." This online curriculum relates current events to Scripture to inspire thought-provoking and stimulating discussions every week. The exact dates are TBA.



Pastor Karen is making plans for a Bible Study over the summer months. Please let her know that you are interested and which evenings you are available.

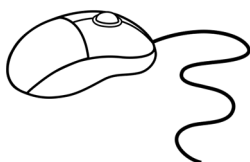
MEN'S BREAKFAST



continues the fourth Thursday of each month, 8 am at C.C.s family Restaurant on Main Street.

JUST A REMINDER... If you are on Facebook, remember to check out our page and like and share. We post regularly, especially when there are lots of things going on! Please help us get the word out about the good things happening at Trinity, and share the good news and worship opportunities. This is a great forum for us to keep in touch.

Remember to like us and Share us!
<https://www.facebook.com/TLCMech>



Youth News

All Trinity Youth are invited to participate in St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Mechanicsburg, Youth Ministries. Director of Youth Ministry, Kellen Michalowski, has graciously invited our youth to be part of all the great stuff that is available.

Harrisburg Confirmation Camp 2025 is June 15 – 21 at Camp Nawakwa. Please pray for all who are attending camp, and especially our youth, Kolton Kramer and Koen Thomas.



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/>

Prayer

Prayer is an important way that we talk with and hear from God. It is a critical part of church life in seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit for ministry and to pray for others. There are a variety of ways to participate:

Prayer Team

Many people are members of our prayer team. This email group receives up-to date prayer requests that come to Pastor Karen through the prayer sheets at the back of the sanctuary, or by phone calls or emails into the office. Please remember that HIPPA laws require that we have permission from the person for whom you are asking for a prayer.

Prayer List

The weekly prayer list in the bulletin is created from requests that come into the office on the prayer sheets, phone calls, or emails to the office. Please let us know when you want your person's name included and that you have their permission to publish their name.

Prayer After Worship

On Sundays after each worship service, you are invited to join others for prayer. We pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit for our congregation, and for personal needs.

Prayer Pause

Many folks receive a noontime text message to remind them to pause for prayer at noon each day. Whether or not you want to get a text message, we encourage you to commit to praying at noon. This is a way to reach across time and space knowing that others are also in prayer. A monthly prayer prompt is in the bulletin each week, our Friday emails, and in Tidings. If you would like to be added to the text message group, contact the office.

**SUNDAY,
JUNE 8
9 AM**

**Confirmation &
New Member
Reception**



Women at the Well - New Women's Group at Trinity

Gather with the Women at the Well at Trinity

We completed our last session of The Hope of Easter. We started with Mary Magdalene at the tomb, seeing the stone rolled away, and that this represents that Death has been conquered by Christ! We also discussed the matter as to who was present with Mary, as it is different in all four Gospels. Then we moved on to Mary and Jesus meeting at the tomb, and Jesus meeting the disciples in a closed room. We had a meaningful discussion as to a time in our lives when God turned our grief into Joy! We talked about Jesus's wonderful words, "Peace be with you." Resourcing the disciples, he is bringing to them peace of mind and encouraging their faith to grow. In faith there is peace of the soul. By day 40, we learned that not only was Peter to feed Jesus's lambs, take care of Jesus's sheep, and feed His sheep, but we all are to do this!

Our next book study will begin soon. Several titles are being considered. If you know anyone who would like to be part of our bi-weekly study, please let us know.

Women at the Well Upcoming Activities!

Join us for the "Rock Walk of Friendship". We are switching things up! **Tuesday, June 17th**, we will be Gathering at the Well for a creative activity and sharing The Word with our community.

First, we will be decorating some "feel good rocks", and then we will be placing them in areas around town to brighten up others' days, just in time for Jubilee Day. Please meet us in Fellowship Hall at 6 p.m. We will supply the rocks and decorating supplies. You can bring your bag of ideas to share with one another. Then we will walk around our neighborhood and put the feel-good rocks in strategic places.

There's still time to invite a friend and add their name(s) to the spaces on the sign up sheet!

On **August 10th, Sunday night** - we will be having a Mother/Daughter/Sister-friend "Movie on the Lawn." We will have a pre-movie time of fun, laughs and giggles starting at 8 pm. Plan on bringing comfy chairs, blankets, and cushions/pillows. Movie of fun to be announced closer to the event. Please reserve the date. If nasty weather is in the forecast, the event will be held in fellowship hall.

Thank you all for supporting the Women at the Well!

- Amy, Ja'net and Patsy

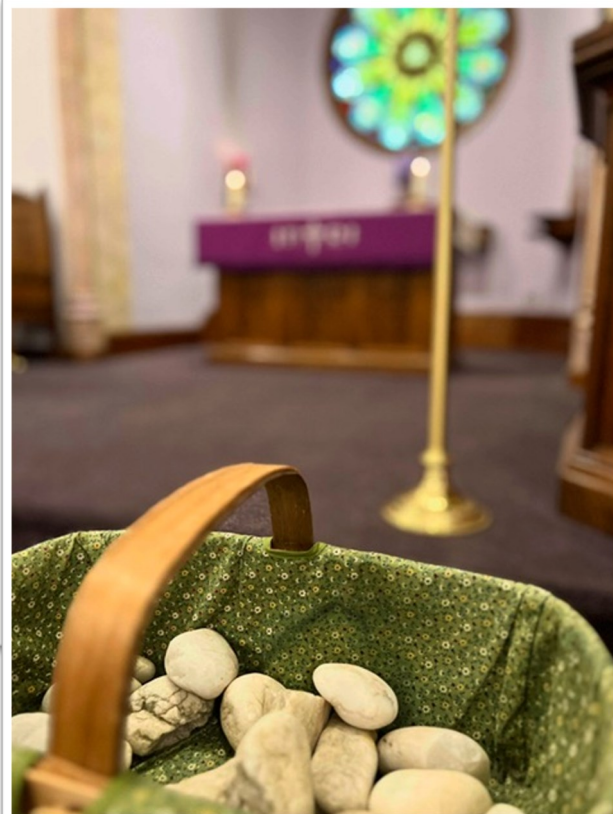


Lent & Holy Week Highlights

We had a very busy and blessed Lenten season and Holy Week here at Trinity Church, and we were delighted that so many of you were here to take part and enjoy it with us!



Mid-week Soup Suppers and Worship with Healing Prayer



Lent & Holy Week Highlights, cont'd

Palm Sunday worship, with special music from the Heaven Sent Bell Choir Quartet, Voices of the Trinity Choir, and Jacob and Joshua Lamason, trumpets.



Lent & Holy Week Highlights, cont'd

Maundy Thursday meal and worship



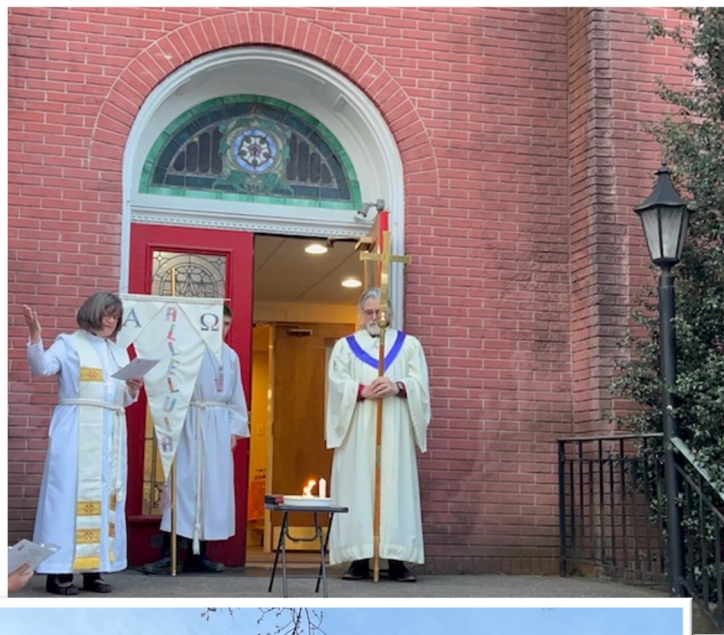
Lent & Holy Week Highlights, cont'd

Palm Sunday brunch and dedication of the tapestry and stained glass, donated in memory of Susan Eckerd.



Lent & Holy Week Highlights, cont'd

Good Friday Community Prayer Walk



Easter
Sunday at
Trinity
Church.

ALLELUIA!
CHRIST IS
RISEN!



Community Outreach

Concert on the Lawn

The Greater Harrisburg Concert Band will be holding a concert on our lawn, Friday evening, July 18, 7 pm. Free hot dogs, chips, water, will be available beginning at 6 pm. Bring a lawn chair or blanket, and invite your friends and family.

FREE CONCERT ON THE LAWN GREATER HARRISBURG CONCERT BAND FRIDAY, JULY 18, 7 PM



Thursday Lunch on the Lawn

Trinity's staff is once again sponsoring "Thursday Lunch on the Lawn" in late June throughout July. We are looking for people to help support this ministry by hosting one or two lunches, providing funding for food or bringing lunch items, and/or stopping by to enjoy lunch with your staff and neighbors. (Ask Charlie Wise how much people enjoyed his meatball subs!!) These lunches are a great way to share God's love with others, build relationships with a simple lunch and conversation, and to pray together. Please let Pastor Karen, Melissa Jacoby, or Debbie Schue know of your interest in being involved.



Mechanicsburg Area Churches invite you to...



COMMUNITY DINNER

Our next community meal will be held on Sunday, June 1st at First Church of God on Main Street. Seven Mechanicsburg churches join together seasonally to offer these meals. These meals are a great opportunity to gather with neighbors to share good food, friendship, and prayer. If you would like to volunteer to up with the dinner, please sign-up here: <http://ttsu.me/communitydinnerspring2025>

Community Outreach

Blessing Box Update

Thank you for your response to our Soup for the Soul drive. We received 250 cans of soup! I would also like to extend a thank you to the members of St. Peter's Lutheran church for their donations of the many jars of peanut butter and jelly during the Lenten season.



Blessing Box Needs:

Cereal
Oatmeal
Spaghetti Sauce
Canned Pasta
Beans - All types
Canned Potatoes
Canned Tomatoes/Sauce
Canned Vegetables
Macaroni and Cheese
Hormel Single Serving Meal



Please, no glass jars or containers. Place donations on the table outside of fellowship hall.

Thank you,
Carol

FREE Adult Clothing
Saturday, June 14
9-11am
Trinity's Closet on Main
132 E. Main St.
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Trinity's Clothing Closet

Big Thank You to our congregation, and all their friends and families that have donated clothing to our Clothing Closet. Your participation is reaching many neighbors in need and provides a positive impact within our community.

For our June 14th Clothing Closet, we would like to hand out a small bag of personal hygiene items in place of the normal bag of breakfast items. Of course, we will have water and coffee available too. We are looking for donations of personal care items such as, a washcloth, hand towel, soap, shampoo, cream rinse, body wash, body lotion, toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant, wipes, comb, brush, floss, tissues, mouthwash, fingernail file, fingernail clipper, razor, lip balm, hand sanitizer, Q-Tip's. Donations are due by June 11th.

Thank you, Heather

Birthdays, Etc.



5/2	Jane Strine
5/2	Stella Strine
5/3	Aiden Smith
5/6	Spencer Sieber
5/11	Rachel Moats
5/14	George Crimarco
5/18	Lynn Lemanski
5/24	Tracy Sechrist
5/25	Leslie Hocker
5/26	Stacey Zeller
5/28	Rich Harmon



6/2	Phyllis Harmon
6/2	Brian Schmick
6/3	Deb Hartman
6/5	Logan Hartman
6/6	Daniel Burkhard
6/6	Karen Reisinger
6/7	Ingrid Roy
6/7	Aaron Warner
6/10	Gina Witmer
6/12	Tyler Anderson
6/12	Gavin Smith
6/13	Karen Durbin
6/14	Levi Anderson
6/22	John Wallace
6/22	Cash Williams
6/27	Bill DeVore, Jr.
6/27	Tim Zielonis
6/29	Catherine Wise

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

Church Council Highlights

- *Women at the Well* has started to meet. Watch the bulletin and Tidings for events in the future.
- Snax & Study will begin a new topic on April 27th.
- Koen Thomas and Kolton Kramer will be attending the Harrisburg Confirmation Camp 2025 at Camp Nawakwa in June.
- Parvin Paving was awarded the contract to reseal and repaint Trinity's parking lots.
- Pastor Karen and Harold Miller are beginning to review the information for the *Annual Parochial Report*.
- The church doors are being rekeyed for updated security.



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Mon. – Thurs. 9 AM – 2 PM
(other hours as needed)

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TIDINGS DEADLINE:

JUST A REMINDER that the deadline for newsletter items is the 10th of each month for the following issue. Please email or submit your written items to the church office by that date. Thank you!

MAY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Pastor away	2	3
4 8 am Worship 9 am, Coffee & Conversation 10:15 am Worship First Sunday Kids	5	6	7	8 7 pm, Church Council	9 4 pm, Set up for Trinity's Clothing Closet	10 9 am, Trinity's Closet-on-Main
Pastor away						
11 8 am Worship 9 am, Coffee & Conversation 10:15 am Worship	12	13 Lutheran Day at the Capitol 9:15 am, AARP Driver Safety Refresher Course	14 9:15 am, Pt 1, AARP 8-hr Driver Safety Refresher Course	15 10 am Visitation 11 am Funeral	16	17 10 am Visitation 11 am Funeral
Pastor away						
18 8 am Worship 9 am, Coffee & Conversation 9 am, Confirmation Class 10:15 am Worship	19	20	21	22 8 am, Men's Breakfast	23	24
				Pastor away		
25 8 am Worship 9 am, Coffee & Conversation 10:15 am Worship	26	27	28	29	30	
Pastor away						

JUNE

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5 Synod Assembly	6	7
8 Pentecost Sunday 8 am Worship 8 am Confirmand - Kolton and New Mbrs Received 9 am Confirmand & New Mbr Reception 10:15 am Worship First Sunday Kids	9	10	11	12 7 pm, Church Council	13 4 pm, Set up for Trinity's Clothing Closet	14 9 am, Trinity's Closet-on-Main
15 Holy Trinity Sunday 8 am Worship 9 am, Coffee & Conversation 10:15 am Worship	16	17 6 pm, Women at the Well Rock Painting & Rock Walk	18	19	20	21
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