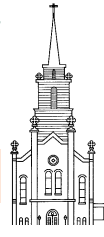


TRINITY TIDINGS



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Dear Family,

Summer brings warmer weather. For some of us that means trips to the beach, traveling, camping and theme parks. Others in our family spend time by the pool or putting in the yard. The flowers and trees are blooming, adding color and making us smile even on cloudy, rainy days. Spring and summer are green times. Many of us have gardens for flowers and vegetables. Then, there's the relentless mowing of the lawn.

It's green time in the church too. After Pentecost (the day we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit), the church year slows down, and the liturgical color becomes green until Advent. It's green time, (time after Pentecost) at Trinity.

Green is for growing. In church, we'll talk about growing our relationships with God, growing in our surrender to living in and by the Spirit. Our focus becomes what does life look like anchored in and transformed by God's love?

Pentecost Sunday, we recommitted ourselves to living with God at the center of our lives. We named the gifts the Holy Spirit bestows on each of us: wisdom, understanding, counsel, might, knowledge, fear of the Lord and joy in God's presence. We already have what we need to live as followers of Jesus.

When our hearts open to God's love, the gifts of the Spirit grow like seeds and bring about changes in our behavior and attitudes. Those behaviors are the results or fruit of living in the Spirit. The fruit of Spirit living changes us personally and then changes how we live together as a family of faith. They will know we are disciples by our love.

It's tempting during the summer to make worship less of a priority. I strongly encourage you to remember that our relationship with God is always important no matter the season. God loves you and is worthy of your honor, praise, and adoration.

If you're away, please consider worshipping with another congregation and bring back your bulletin. The Worship and Music team is always interested in new creative ideas for encountering Christ in worship.

Remember to hold our faith family in prayer as we continue to grow and transform through God's love.

Blessings on your journey,
Pastor Barb



Summer 2026



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EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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"Sharing God's Love"™



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Music Notes

"Be still and know that I am God."

~ Psalm 46:10

We've heard Pastor Barb speak often in sermons about the spiritual discipline of sacred presence. As a congregation, we practice this together at the start of each worship service: setting our feet flat on the floor; closing our eyes; taking a deep breath, and sitting quietly in the presence of "*the One who loves us more than words can describe*." It's a brief yet profound moment of silence and stillness. We pause from our busyness, distractions, and personal worries to focus on God's presence and power.

I have to admit, though - I could use a little (*lot!*) more sacred presence practice the rest of the week. So it was quite a coincidence (or maybe a "*God incident*") when I recently stumbled upon a column:

Can turning off your phone really bring you closer to God?"

Oh, the irony that, indeed, I was scrolling this article on my phone. But besides that, the points were compelling, self-assessing, and encouraging. A quick synopsis:

- Hurry is the thief of spiritual life (hurry defined here as a gnawing sense that there is always more to do; "*a schedule that leaves little time for God*")
- Jesus' practices of taking a Sabbath, fasting, and spending regular time in silence and solitude are as applicable and attainable now in the twenty-first century as they were in Galilee in 30 C.E.

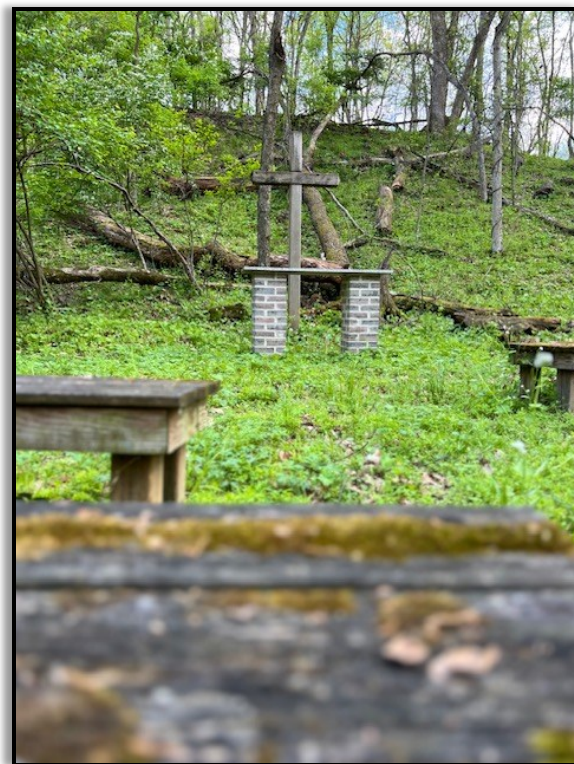
In the foreword to John Mark Comer's book, *The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry* (2019), John Ortberg, writes: "*All my worst moments...are when I'm in a hurry. Love, joy, and peace...are incompatible with hurry. The average iPhone user touches his or her phone 2,617 times a day. (By way of contrast, the psalmist said, "I have set the LORD always before me" [Psalm 16v8, ESV]. What would my life be like if God touched my mind as frequently as I touch my phone?) Take a deep breath. Put your cell phone away. Let your heart slow down. Let God take care of the world.*"

And the hymn concurs:

*Be still, my soul; your God will undertake
To guide the future - as He has the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.*

~ LSB 752, v. 2

Melissa Jacoby, Minister of Music





Hymn Sing On-the-Spot:
Request your favorite hymns to sing
during the prelude, beginning June 7.

Sunday Worship at Union Church

Did you know? Union Church - our neighbor just down and across Main Street next to the fire station - is marking its 200th year by inviting congregations that first started here (and Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church is one of them) to worship in this sacred space during their anniversary year. Built in 1825 and consecrated for worship on July 22, 1826, Union Church was the first home for at least seven local congregations who gathered here as the town grew in population and diversity of faith traditions, worshiping and organizing to eventually build churches of their own. Join us for Sunday worship (8:00 & 10:15 a.m.) on September 13 at the historic Union Church. MASD Archivist William Murray, who is also one of the proprietors of Union Church, will be our guest and we'll observe the 16th Sunday after Pentecost just as our nineteenth-century forebears did. What a blessing to commemorate the strong religious heritage of our ancestors in this community!



Worship

8AM worship will be OUTSIDE on the following Sundays: June 14, July 19, August 9. Trinity is risking moving outdoors to offer our neighbors an opportunity to see prayer and worship and be blessed or maybe even join us. **BRING A LAWN CHAIR** and be a part of the fun. Pray we proclaim the gospel in love.



Synod Assembly



Remember to hold Pastor Barb, Leslie Hocker and Mike Hartman in your prayers as they attend the annual Lower Susquehanna Synod assembly June 5 & 6. They will gather with congregations throughout central PA to worship, learn and vision direction for the wider church. You can watch a live stream of the proceedings through St. Matthew York's YouTube channel.

<https://www.youtube.com/@stmatthewlutheranchurchyorkpa>

Property Committee Update

A highly productive spring cleanup was held at the church on May 16 with 16 hard-working volunteers in attendance. Many thanks to the following individuals:

Tim Zeilonis, Chip Smith, Jim Lynch, Charlie Wise, Gene and Mary Champagne, Jill, Kevin and Kolten Kramer, Hailey VonLumm, Leslie Hocker, Harold Miller, Jim and Mary Louise Smith, Sharon Stevens and Deb Hartman.

A few curious items that had not been touched in decades were discovered, and items no longer needed were disposed of.

If you get a chance, take a peek into some of the closets, the shed, or even take a tour of the basement. These folks did an amazing job of cleaning and organizing.

On the outside, new mulch was put down in the flower beds and under the hedge rows. A special thanks to Jim Lynch for arranging the donation of mulch from Yorlets and heading up that project! Also, take a look at the hedge line in the back parking lot! Trimmed to perfection!

The people listed above deserve a big thank you the next time you see them!

Mike Hartman
Property Committee



Note: Items on the "free table" are up for grabs. If you see something you'd like, please help yourself!

Christian Education Opportunities

Snax n Study - Spring 2026

by Stacey Zeller

Snax n Study will continue through the spring and summer! Volunteers sign up each week to provide "snax" and to lead the conversation around that week's topic. We are moving through season five of the film *The Chosen*, which will take us through Sunday, June 28. The schedule and sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board outside Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome!

After a holiday weekend and no session on Sunday, July 5, a Confirmation 101 refresher class is starting on Sunday, July 12, at 8:45 am in the Fellowship Hall. The class will run for eight weeks during the Snax n Study hour. Pastor Barb will cover the topics in the Small Catechism: Sacraments, Creed, Lord's Prayer, and the Commandments. Come join us in deepening your understanding of the basics of faith and encounter Christ in exciting new ways.



An updated summer schedule and sign-up sheet will be posted soon outside Fellowship Hall. We hope you will consider joining us!

Bible Study

Bible study will continue through the summer. June 3, there will be NO Bible study. We will begin June 10 at 6PM with a study of the smaller letters (1 Peter through Jude). Come join us as we study these unfamiliar letters and consider the transformation in love to which we're called.



MEN'S BREAKFAST

continues the fourth Thursday of each month, 8 am at C.C.s Family Restaurant on Main Street, Mechanicsburg. Upcoming dates are June 25 and July 23.

FIRST SUNDAY KIDS

Kids First Sunday will continue to meet for June, July, and August. Like last year, Amy and Ja'net will be taking a break and will resume teaching in September.

For the summer Ms. Heather and Ms. Deb will be teaching and providing fun activities for the children. Continue to watch for information concerning what Amy and Ja'net will be teaching in the fall.

We hope you enjoy the summer program and will continue to bring your children to develop their faith life!



Women at the Well

Thank you to all the ladies who went to our first dinner theater! We had a great time and, of course, the food was delicious! And the play, Oklahoma, was Amazing! We are looking forward to next year when we will consider doing it again.

This summer the Book Study Group will continue the next five (every other Tuesday starting May 12 at 6:30) with the book, The Shack. Our Needle Night group will continue meeting the alternate Tuesdays until notice of a break might be announced.

As for summer activities, we are looking into a painting class and CPR class! Keep watching for further information in the Tidings, the Friday Email Announcements, and on our Bulletin Board.

Lastly, we are considering a one day WATW retreat possibly this fall or early winter. This will be open to all Trinity's women. If you would like to be part of the planning team, and Amy & Ja'net would love to have you, please email Ja'net.

Thank you for all your on-going support and encouragement!
Amy and Ja'net



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/>

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.

Camp Nawakwa

Information on Camp Nawakwa's summer camping program may be found here: <https://www.lutherancamping.org/summer-camp/youth-summer-programs/>

Please pray for all who are attending camp, and especially our youth.



Confirmation

June 14 will be the final Sunday for Confirmation class for the year. Youth are reminded to continue to complete their projects by the end of the summer. Class will resume Sunday, September 20.

"The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life -of whom shall I be afraid?" — Psalms 27:1

Event Highlights...

On May 6 and 7, Trinity's church office met for a retreat at the Kentland Retreat Center in Mechanicsburg. Choir practice was also held there on Wednesday, as well as Bible Study by a roaring campfire. It was a wonderful time of fellowship and learning in a beautiful environmental space.



The charming grounds of Kentland Retreat Center.



Event Highlights, cont'd...

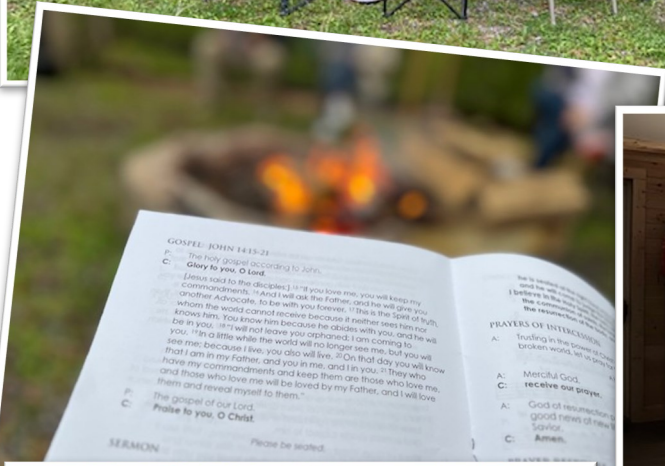


Bells and Choir practice on Wednesday evening.

Event Highlights, cont'd...



Bible Study around the campfire



Community Outreach

Thursday Lunch on the Lawn

Trinity's staff is once again sponsoring "Thursday Lunch on the Lawn", starting July 9.

We are looking for some folks to help support this ministry by providing a food item or providing some funding along the way. Enjoy Thursday Lunch on the Lawn with your staff and neighbors. These lunches are a great way to share God's love with others, build relationships with a simple lunch, conversation, and to pray together. Please let Pastor Barb, Melissa Jacoby, or Debbie Schue know of your interest in being involved. You may also sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board if you would like to contribute food items. Thank you in advance and plan to attend if you are available!



FREE CONCERT ON THE LAWN GREATER HARRISBURG CONCERT BAND FRIDAY, JULY 17, 7 PM

Bring your friends & family!



FREE Hot Dogs & Ice Cream



Bring your own chair or blanket



Our Concert on the Lawn is coming up in July. Save the date and mark your calendars now so you don't miss it!



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

Community Outreach

Blessing Box Update

As summer is upon us and our days become busy, let us not forget our neighbors who pull from the Blessing Box to help cover their family's food needs. The Blessing Box is restocked three times a week by the generous donations from our members and the outside community. **We have received _____ donated items** and are working towards our goal of 3100 items for 2026. Thank you for support.



Blessing Box Needs:

Cereal, Oatmeal, Granola Bars
Canned Pasta & Spaghetti Sauce
Peanut Butter Crackers
Rice, Macaroni & Cheese
Canned Beans & Canned Baked Beans
Canned Potatoes
Ramen Soup
Canned Meats - Chicken/Spam
Single Serving Meals - Hormel

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



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



Trinity's Clothing Closet Update:

We are currently accepting donations of summer clothing for adult men and women in all sizes. Our greatest need at the moment is for men's and women's clothing in XL and larger sizes. Each month, we continue to welcome new individuals who rely on our Closet for assistance.

We sincerely thank everyone who has generously donated clothing to our Closet. Your contributions are making a real difference in the lives of those we serve.
Thank you, ~Heather Zielonis

Interfaith Peace Garden

The Interfaith Peace Garden at Temple Beth Shalom, 913 Allendale Road, Mechanicsburg, is starting to come into bloom. Please consider stopping by to visit the garden if you are out and about this summer.

The garden was created by Temple Beth Shalom and other partner organizations and individuals in the community with a focus on cultivating environmental sustainability and interfaith understanding.

For the full story on how the Interfaith Peace Garden came to be, please visit:

<https://tbshalom.org/interfaith-peace-garden>



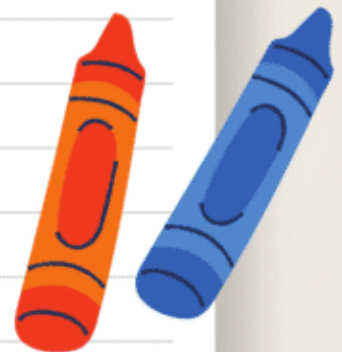
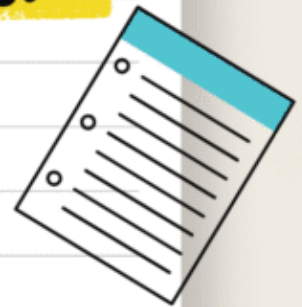
Believe it or not, it is time to start thinking about New Hope Ministries' school supplies for the 2026-27 school year! Trinity will be collecting items for the NHM Back to School Dayz Craze until Sunday, July 26. Items may be placed on the display table inside the front door of the church. Thank you in advance for helping the children and families in our community!



BACK TO SCHOOL

Most needed items:

- binders (1" and 2")
- backpacks
- calculators (including scientific ones)
- colored pencils
- crayons and markers
- dry erase markers
- erasers and pencil sharpeners
- folders
- glue sticks and bottles
- highlighters
- index cards
- lunch boxes
- notebook paper
- notebooks
- pencils and pens
- pencil cases (zipper pouches)
- Post-it notes (square)
- rulers
- scissors
- Sharpies
- tissues (individual packs)



Birthdays, Etc.



- 6/2 Phyllis Harmon
- 6/2 Brian Schmick
- 6/3 Deb Hartman
- 6/3 Charles Smith
- 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
- 6/14 Levi Anderson
- 6/22 Lou Ann Crimarco
- 6/22 John Wallace
- 6/22 Cash Williams
- 6/26 Dora Hocker
- 6/27 Bill Devore
- 6/27 Tim Zielonis
- 6/29 Catherine Wise
- 6/30 Avery Anderson



- 7/2 Colin Reisinger
- 7/5 Logan Hartman
- 7/8 Kay Miller
- 7/14 Natalie Aldinger
- 7/15 Deb Warner
- 7/17 Preston Warner
- 7/23 Kevin Roy
- 7/26 Alan Williamson
- 7/29 Verlyn Hays
- 7/29 Makayla Miller
- 7/29 Russ Umholtz
- 7/29 Jonah Wagenheim
- 7/30 Mike Hartman



- 8/2 Wyatt Roy
- 8/3 Linda Vaughan
- 8/13 Adam Hocker
- 8/15 Samuel Reisinger
- 8/17 Jim Strine
- 8/18 Elena San Antonio
- 8/18 Sharon Stevens
- 8/22 Amy Boya
- 8/22 Charlotte Lynch
- 8/22 Beverly Thomsen
- 8/25 Julie Jones
- 8/25 Anita Moats
- 8/27 Mike Peterson
- 8/28 Alice Metka
- 8/30 Jan Lynch



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

Blessing of Backpacks & Briefcases

Sunday, August 19
Backpack/Briefcase Blessing
8 and 10:15 Worship Services

Students, Teachers, Volunteers, Adults, Youth and Children are invited to bring their backpacks, briefcases and or tote bags for a special blessing to begin the new school year surrounded by prayer and a reminder that God is with you in every situation and circumstance. Adults, we need reminding too, come with whatever you carry to hold things and start the program year with a blessing.



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Prayer Pause for Summer:

God of glory, fill us, your church, with the power that flows from the resurrection of your Son, Jesus, and the coming of Your Holy Spirit. Amidst the sound and fury of this sinful, chaotic, divisive world, may we signal the beginning of a renewed humanity, risen to new life with Christ. Amen.

Church Council Highlights

- Trinity will soon be updating its membership rolls.
- Pastor Barb would like to start a Confirmation 101 Class for interested adults, info to follow in the Tidings.
- The Worship & Music committee would like to hold an outside 8:00 AM service once a month.
- The Christmas Eve service times are being reviewed to better accommodate families with small children.
- The kitchen stove is out of compliance & unsafe. The Property committee is looking into Trinity's options.
- The Ministries Site Profile is complete and ready for review by council.
- Trinity's constitution will be reviewed in June with an expected approval in August.
- Debbie Schue will begin keeping an Events Calender to help coordinate committees and their events.

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



The next Community Dinner is here at Trinity next month!

TIDINGS DEADLINE:

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

The next issue of the Tidings will be **September**. Articles are due into the church office by **August 10**.

Mechanicsburg Area Churches invite you to...



COMMUNITY DINNER

Sunday, June 7th at 5:00pm

Dinner and live music - free of charge!

Join us at

Trinity Lutheran Church
132 E. Main Street, Mechanicsburg



JUNE

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 6:30 pm Women at the Well Needle Night	3 No Bible Study	4	5	6
7 8 am Spoken Worship 8:45 am, Snax n Study 9 am, Confirmation Class 10:15 am Worship 10:15 am, First Sunday Kids 5 pm Community Dinner @ Trinity	8	9 6:30 pm, Women at the Well Book Study	10 6 pm Bible Study	11 7 pm, Church Council	12 4 pm, Set up for Trinity's Clothing Closet	13 9 am, Trinity's Closet-on-Main
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