



Trinity Lutheran Church

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PRAYER LIST

TLC DISCIPLES

Jerry Wion, Kris Glad (military), Raymond Petersen (military)

TLC FRIENDS

Rosanne Majors (pending surgery), Lois Rearick, Michael Benes (shoulder surgery), Moe Gordon, Richard Diehl, Madelynn Huther, Jake Petersen (military), Eva Reed (broken leg), Jan Dykhuis, Bob Johnson, John Light, Stan Lembeck, Basil Costantino (cancer), Lucy (cancer), the JB Shackelford family, the Shipman family, the Steinbacher family

Celebrating Jesus' Birthday

Trinity children will be celebrating the birth of Jesus on December 18 by preparing Birthday Bags for the Food Bank. Thrivent Financial is helping to sponsor the children's goal to make sure kids their own age have a Happy Birthday. All kids are invited to help decorate and fill bags with donations on December 18 in Fellowship Hall between services. The bags will include a cake mix, icing, candles, and sprinkles. Along with your canned/dry goods for the Food Bank each week please consider bringing in one or all of the items to help fill a bag.

Any questions, email Lena@psu.edu.

TRINITY EVENTS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26

5:00 pm Worship with Communion

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27

8:15 am Worship with Communion
 10:45 am Worship with Communion
 11:45 am Coffee Hour

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28

10:00 am Foxdale Bible Study

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

5:45 pm Zumba

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

6:00 pm Advent Dinner
 7:00 pm Holden Evening Prayer

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1

5:45 pm Zumba
 7:00 pm Bell Choir

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

10:00 am Zumba
 5:00 pm Worship with Communion

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

8:15 am Worship with Communion
 9:30 am Sunday School
 10:45 am Worship with Communion
 11:45 am Coffee Hour

Quilters will meet in
 Faith Room

December 17, 9:00 am to noon
 No prior experience necessary.

ADVENT SOUP AND SALAD SUPPERS

Wednesdays in Advent

6:00 pm - Fellowship Hall
 7:00 pm - "Holden Evening Prayer"

PROPOSED MENUS - TBA

Signup Sheet is posted on the
 Door to Fellowship Hall

Donations of desserts are requested and welcomed. Besides desserts, if you would like to donate a pot of soup contact Pastor Ron, TLCRevRon@comcast.net.



POINSETTIA ORDER FORMS

Order forms to purchase poinsettias to adorn our worship area on Christmas Eve will be available at this weekend's services. Both white and red poinsettias are available. The cost for a small pot with one plant is \$8.00; the large pot with two plants is \$14.50. Order forms, with payment, must be returned to the church office by Wednesday, November 30. If you have any questions, contact Marla at 238-2024 or tlcmarla@comcast.net.

BLANKET COLLECTION FOR
 INTERFAITH HUMAN SERVICES (IHS)

As has become a tradition at Trinity, new or gently used blankets will be collected to be given out to those individuals and families in need. Each year the need becomes greater as there are more families coming to IHS for services. A collection box will be in the Narthex through Sunday, December 11. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Esther Lauchle at 814-404-3867. On behalf of IHS thank for you for your generosity.

Esther Lauchle

The 2017 Flower Chart is now posted on the bulletin board by Fellowship Hall. The cost of the flowers is \$42.00.

Any questions? Contact Marla (tlcmarla@comcast.net).

WEEKLY READINGS

November 27

Isaiah 2:1-5
 Romans 13:11-14
 Matthew 24:36-44

December 4

Isaiah 11:1-10
 Romans 15:4-13
 Matthew 3:1-12

PARK FOREST PRESCHOOL CRAFT KITS

Every year, Trinity provides craft kits for the children participating in the Park Forest Preschool Program. If you would like to donate a craft kit for a child, please select a name tag from the Christmas tree in the Narthex. The kit should contain the following six items:



Blunt Scissors
Construction Paper
Crayons
Glue Stick
Scotch Tape
Writing Tablet



Please wrap the kit items and attach the tag to the package.

The kits must be returned by December 11.

Note: Ignore the size information on the tags.

This information is used by other groups who donate clothing items.

Thank you for making a child's Christmas a bit brighter.

WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE



Patton Township Business Association has been doing a Winter Clothing Drive for nine years now and they're hoping to help even more kids this year. They're looking to collect new or gently-used winter coats, winter boots, scarves, hats and gloves.

All of the items collected will be donated to the Burrowes Street Youth Haven, which is a part of the Centre County Youth Service Bureau in State College. These clothes will be given to boys and girls between the ages of 12 and 18.



Representatives with the Youth Service Bureau say each year, that this drive helps more than 50 kids, but they're always looking to collect more coats and winter accessories than that because so many other children come and go within their offices and shelters. December 15 is the last day to make donations.

A donation box is located in the church narthex.

ALL WOMEN OF TRINITY SAVE THE DATE!

What: Women of Trinity Christmas Party

When: Monday, December 12, 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Where: Clubhouse of Greenwich Hill: 3221 Shellers Bend, State College

Who: All women, daughters, and a friend if you like

Agenda:

Craft for the Oaks

Tea and cookies while lighting our candles and sharing our readings

What to bring:

A plate of a dozen sweets to share

A holiday reading, Bible, poem, story (short or excerpt) to share aloud

Any candle to light during tea and readings

This is a beautiful evening of fellowship. Please join us!

RSVP: by December 9 to Linda Leslie 237-3568 or lsleslie49@yahoo.com

(need number for craft and tea prep - Thanks!)

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

As of November 21 a total of \$978.68 has been raised for Heifer International. We now have enough for:

- 1 cow
- 1 goat
- 1 sheep
- 1 pig
- A hive of bees
- A flock of chickens
- And ...more to come.



Thank you for your generosity.



2016 Holiday Home Tour

"Open Doors ... Open Hearts"

December 4, 2016, 1:00 - 5:00 pm

Join us for a Holiday Home Tour in the historic West College Heights neighborhood in downtown State College! Tour six homes, beautifully decorated -- inside and out -- at your own pace, in any order you choose. Adding to the festivities, there will be seasonal musical selections at several homes. Each home will feature a "gift collection" raffle and a "scavenger hunt" will add intrigue and a \$250 cash prize to the top winner. All proceeds benefit the Park Forest Preschool!

TLC FINANCIAL INFORMATION

July 1, 2016 - November 22, 2016

Income	\$ 94,123.10
Expenses	\$111,557.76
Difference	\$-17,434.66

These amounts represent operating income and expenses and do not include any interest.



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First Sunday of Advent 2016

Dear Friends,

God's grace and peace be with you. We are moving into the Reformation year as October 31, 2017 will mark the 500th Anniversary of the beginning of the Reformation. 500 years after Luther posted his 95 Theses in Wittenberg, Germany we are still seeing the Holy Spirit move and reform us and our church. God is active and moving here in our Allegheny Synod.

Our Synod Office has been focused this past year on working to better tell the story of what we do together as the people of God. Through the Lutheran Letter, our Allegheny Synod Facebook page, the Allegheny Synod weekly e-news, and the letters, emails, and other communications we send, we are telling the story of what God is doing through you in this Synod. If you want to be connected to these communications, call our Synod Office for more information.

There are wonderful things going on in the Allegheny Synod. We have congregations growing food for local food banks, thousands of quilts being put together to be sent to people in need, and our congregations reach out to help when there are needs in the community. As God's people you faithfully minister and care for each other in times of joy and in sorrow. There is life and hope in our congregations because Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit is with us and reminds us that there is always work to be done. Thank you for the many ways you share the love of Jesus Christ with your neighbors and meet the needs of people around the world. You are faithful and are a blessing.

The Year of Prayer project is well underway. I hope will join us in praying for God's will and work in this Allegheny Synod as well as using the prayer resource with Martin Luther's morning and evening prayer.

Beginning on the first Sunday in Advent we will once again be holding our Allegheny Synod Can Challenge. This year our goal will be 50,000 items collected in honor of our 500th Anniversary. Please collect items that you can distribute to your local food banks and agencies. Also, please remember to call our Synod Office with your running totals. This will enable us to share with the Synod how close we are getting to our goal.

As we move into the Reformation Anniversary year, we will continue to find ways to worship Jesus with each other and our ecumenical partners. I invite you to three ecumenical services happening in the first half of the year. We will celebrate our annual ecumenical prayer services on Jan. 22, 2017 at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona, and January 29, 2017 at Mt Calvary Lutheran in Johnstown. Both services are at 2:00 pm. These services are hosted by our Allegheny Synod, the Catholic Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, and the American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Diocese. We gather with fellow Christians to pray together, to build bridges of friendship, and celebrate the unity we have in Jesus Christ.

On Sunday February 26, 2017, we will have an additional ecumenical service as our first joint service of the Reformation year. The service will be held at First Lutheran in Altoona at 2:00 pm. We will welcome special guest preacher, Bishop Donald McCoid, formerly of the Southwest PA Synod, and former ELCA Director of Ecumenical Relations. Bp. McCoid will be sharing with us his experiences working with on the task force for the new Ecumenical Document "Declaration On the Way." We invite our partners of other Christian traditions to join us for this service.

Your ministry in these Allegheny hills and valleys is a blessing. I pray that you will continue to find ways to show the love of Christ to your neighbors. Know that Christ Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit is alive and active in our congregations.

I thank God for you. Thank you for the way you love Jesus and the way you share that love. May God bless you now and always.

In Christ,
+ Bp. Michael