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Basil Costantino (cancer), Todd Grimm, Eileen Lauchle, Madelynn Huther (back surgery), Josh Hardy, Tammy Reese and family

From the Pastor's Desk...

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Once again the summer has quickly passed and fall days are fast approaching. With that, most everyone resumes schedules and activities that have been suspended for pursuits associated with longer sunny days that are warm and hazy.

As you will find in this issue of the Weekly Piper, what is true for many families is also true for us here at Trinity. Please note:

Sunday School begins again on September 11 with Rally Day set for the next week, September 18. Classes will be offered for all ages including a class for adults and one for those preparing to make Public Affirmation of their Faith.

We hope to welcome members of the Patton Township Police Department on September 11 to thank and honor them for their service with a blessing and special Coffee Hour.

A new group of council members will begin their 3-year terms of leadership providing guidance and direction for the future.

Our 50th Anniversary Celebrations continue, culminating in a celebration on Sunday, November 13, with Bishop Rhyne and Bishop Emeritus Pile joining us for the 3:00 pm worship service.

Small group studies and other one-time events are being planned, some we traditionally do and others are the result of new efforts.

We live in a busy, hectic world and it can be easy to slip away from congregational involvement and worship participation. I hope you and your family will seek ways to be involved in our shared ministry for your sake, for the sake of all us who are Trinity, and for the sake of the world in the name of the one who saves us all, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Thank you for your partnership in this endeavor!

Yours in Him,

Pastor Ron

TRINITY EVENTS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

8:15 am Worship with Communion
9:30 am Outdoor Worship with Communion
10:45 am Worship with Communion

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

5:00 pm Trinity Wheelmen
5:45 pm Zumba

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

7:00 pm Yoga

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

5:45 pm Zumba
7:00 pm Bell Choir

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

5:00 pm Worship with Communion

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

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

2016-2019 Congregational Council

Voting will take place after each of the worship services on September 3 and 4 for the following Slate of Nominees for Congregational Council.

John Waters, President
Judy Lankes, Vice President
Laurette Gonet, Secretary
Megan Orient
Scott Sheaffer
Sue Glad
Elaine Burn
Sue Ellen Krupa

We still have four positions to fill. If you would like to suggest someone you think would serve well on council, please pass their name to any of these eight people.

NEW COUNCIL BEGINS

First, our thanks to those who have served on the previous council: Christina Pillot, President; John Waters, VP; Judy Lankes, Secretary; Megan Orient, Bob Musheno, Peter Weyandt, Lynn Garrison, Scott Sheaffer, Bill Campbell, Jim Cowan, Jeff Gonet, and Tracey Turner. Thanks be to God for these faithful servants who, like previous leadership groups, have provided solid leadership for us these last three years!

Elections for the new council will be held on Saturday, September 3, and Sunday, September 4, following our worship services. At this time, the slate includes the following: John Waters, President; Judy Lankes, VP; Laurette Gonet, Secretary; Megan Orient, Scott Sheaffer, Sue Glad, Elaine Burn, and Sue Ellen Krupa.

As this group of leaders begin their terms of service they will look to add to their number as we normally have 12 members on the council. Please pray for these leaders and support them in their serving for the sake of our shared ministry.

DEEPER WATERS

This is the name of our Catechetical or Confirmation Class. It refers to how we seek to lead our middle-school aged disciples into a deeper understanding of and appreciation for their faith initiated in the waters of baptism. So, this is an important ministry to assist our young people to move more deeply into the faith we share in Jesus.

Normally, students begin in middle-school, so any and all sixth grade students are encouraged to join the class. We meet on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am, in the Deeper Waters Room (down the hall past Pastor Ron's office). Pastor Ron and Kayla Smith will co-teach this year. This is a 3-year program; at the close of which students make public affirmation of their faith.

This year the first class will be September 11. Parents are invited to join us at the first class to learn more about Deeper Waters and to share any questions or concerns they might have. Parents may contact Pastor Ron for more details, TLCRevRon@comcast.net.

FIRST COMMUNION

As families begin to organize for fall activities, just a reminder that First Communion instruction will be offered on Sundays in October. More information will be forthcoming but parents planning to have their children begin receiving Holy Communion should note the classes are offered at 12 noon (lunch included) on each Sunday in October. Pastor Ron teaches this class so please contact him for more information, TLCRevRon@comcast.net.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Ronald Porter

The adult Sunday School class this year will be doing a study of St. Augustine's *Confessions* based on a curriculum from Great Courses. Starting September 11, each session will consist of watching a 30-minute video followed by time for discussion. Although written over 1,600 years ago, this book remains a central fixture in the theology and thinking of western Christianity.

SMALL GROUP STUDY

Once again a small group study will be led by Pastor Ron. At present, the class is set for Monday nights, 7 pm, beginning on September 12. The group will explore a course by John Ortberg, "If You Want to Walk on Water, You Have to Get Out of the Boat." Cost for the book and study guide is \$20, or you can purchase your own. To register or for more information contact Pastor Ron, TLCRevRon@comcast.net. Participants will discover dynamics associated with stepping out in faith, living that faith in daily life.

GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS

This is the current ministry focus for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. It reminds us that God's work is still being accomplished in the world through the hands and lives of God's people. Each year the ELCA designates a Sunday inviting congregations to consider a specific way to embark on a project done on behalf of others in God's name.

While we here at Trinity have not been able to identify a specific project before we have found one for this year with perhaps a little different direction. We have invited officers and staff of the Patton Township Police Department along with their families to join us for worship at 10:45 am on September 11. The date, of course, reminds us of those, like police officers, who are among the first responders to disasters, for example, the events that occurred on 9/11 fifteen years ago.

We will offer special prayers that day along with a special blessing for the officers who can join us. Following worship, a special Coffee Hour is planned to further honor the officers and their families.

Plan now to join us that day and feel free to invite your friends and neighbors to join us as well!

SUNDAY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

9:30 AM—10:35 AM

Come see what Whirl is all about and also pay tribute to all first responders.

SUNDAY SCHOOL INSTRUCTORS NEEDED!

Join us at the Open House on September 11 to see what Whirl is all about. If interested, contact Valerie Frey VAF4077@gmail.com

RALLY DAY, SEPTEMBER 18

TLC is Hooked on Jesus Sunday School Bash
Songs, Activities, Snacks and Photobooth
All Families Welcome

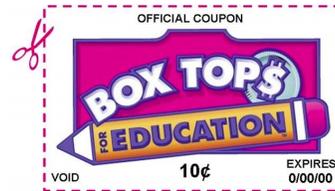
BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Trinity Lutheran Church will once again be collecting Box Tops to help local schools raise money for field trips, guest authors, art supplies, and playground equipment.

Please drop your Box Tops into the container located in the mail area at TLC.

If you have any questions, please contact Lena Sheaffer, Lena@psu.edu.

Thank you for your support!



MISSION REQUEST



Carol Falke was here last year to introduce herself and the mission in Rwanda in which she participates annually. We were asked last year to support the mission with a sock collection. This year Carol has purchased underwear for the young girls and is asking Trinity if we could support the efforts by raising money to cover the cost of the underwear.

She purchased 390 pairs of girls underwear size 4-16 for \$168! I'm sure we can help! The basket for any contributions will be available at each service at the back of the sanctuary.

Any questions can be directed to Linda Leslie (237-3568)

COMMUNITY EVENTS

3rd Way Collective is excited to announce that we are bringing Ted & Co. TheaterWorks to town for TWO shows this fall, free and open to our community! On **September 19 at 7:30 pm** Ted Swartz, owner and creative director of Ted & Co, a professional touring theater company, will be at Penn State in Pasquerilla's Eisenhower Chapel performing his show *Listening for Grace*, a show that offers voice to our fears and hopes when a faith community engages in questions around sexuality and same-sex relationships. It's about a father's journey, a church's struggle and a search for commonality. The Facebook event page is here - <https://www.facebook.com/events/276793542676609/>

The following evening on **September 20 at 7:30 pm** Ted & Co will be at Faith UCC (300 E. College Ave) performing his show *Laughter is Sacred Space*, his own story of grief, loss and ultimately hope in dealing with the loss of his long-time acting partner, Lee Eshleman, who took his own life in 2007. The Facebook event page is here - <https://www.facebook.com/events/150026048758561/> We're excited to offer these two shows without any cover cost thanks to support from University Park Allocation Committee. More specifics will be found at the event pages.

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Please join Jana Marie Foundation, Tides, Learning to Live: What's Your Story?, and Penn State's CEDAR Clinic on **Saturday, September 24, from 10am - 12pm** for a free community event, *Wings of Hope: A Story of Strength and Resilience*. Internationally known speaker, Kristin Pedemonti, will share her journey of strength and hope through fun and interactive storytelling. Details can be found at the Facebook event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1443935862301868/>.

Kristin will also be presenting at the Tides' Grief Matters Seminar on Friday, September 23 at the Ramada Conference Center. Details can be found at the Tides' website, <http://tidesprogram.org/registration-now-open-for-3rd-annual-grief-matters-to-be-held-september-23/>.



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Here is a story about a woman we helped a few months ago:

Megan was a single mother who was sinking to the depths of substance abuse. Being incarcerated was the turning point for her.

Judy Kennedy, a case manager from Interfaith Human Services' Financial Care Program, worked one-on-one with Megan every week to help her with her personal finances.

Together, they paid every bill until Megan was able to do it on her own.

Judy was Megan's strongest advocate.

Judy persuaded Megan's landlord to allow Megan to pay her rent once a week. This made it easier for Megan to consistently pay on time.

Dear Member Congregation,

If a struggling family approaches your congregation because they cannot pay rent or manage their money, you can always refer them to Interfaith Human Services.

One of Interfaith Human Services' most important programs is our **Financial Care Program**, in which our case managers work one-on-one with people to help them through their money management problems.

Last year, our Financial Care Program helped 71 people maintain financial stability in their homes. No one had their utilities shut off and no one was evicted due to an inability to pay their bills.

Most of the people we support through the program live in poverty, have medical challenges, intellectual disabilities, and/or serious mental health diagnoses.

This crucial program needs your help.

For as little as **\$38 a month**, your congregation can sponsor a family so they can continue to benefit from the program. You can also sponsor a family for six months at \$228 or a year at \$456.

Your gift is crucial to helping our struggling neighbors achieve financial stability.

We value your support and thank you for being a member congregation.

Please know that your gift today will make a difference to those who truly need this program.

Wendy Vinhage
Executive Director