



Trinity Lutheran Church

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Altar Flowers

The flowers are given by
Alyce and Marty Mehring in
memory of their parents

Ross and Thelma Crum and
Robert and Anne Mehring.

PRAYER LIST

TLC DISCIPLES

Carol Bernlohr, Lisa Bowen, Linda
Leslie, Jerry Wion, Jim Reynolds

TLC FRIENDS

Rich Masi (cancer) Vincent (age 9),
Pat (cancer), Francis O'Connor
(cancer), Jack (death of wife)

TRINITY EVENTS

SATURDAY, MAY 19

8:00 am Yard Sale
5:00 pm Eucharistic Worship

SUNDAY, MAY 20

8:15 am Worship with Communion
9:30 am Sunday School
End-of-the-Year Breakfast
9:30 am Joyful Voices
10:45 am Worship with Communion
11:45 am Social Time

MONDAY, MAY 21

10:00 am Foxdale Bible Study
7:00 pm Minister of Music Search Team

TUESDAY, MAY 22

5:00 pm Trinity Wheelmen
5:45 pm Zumba
7:00 pm Council

THURSDAY, MAY 24

5:45 pm Zumba

SATURDAY, MAY 26

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

SUNDAY, MAY 27

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

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Beginning Sunday, May 27, we return to our summer worship schedule. We retain Saturday Night 5:00 pm worship with lay worship leaders when Pastor Ron is unavailable. Our 8:15 and 10:45 am services will continue at least through June. Depending on attendance at 10:45 am, that service may be suspended for July and August. Of course, we will have our 9:30 am Outdoor Worship again this summer.

To help maintain some community interaction, a Wednesday Night 5-week course is being planned. Information on "Holding Your Family Together," can be found elsewhere in this issue of the *Weekly Piper*.

STAFF SEARCH TEAMS

Two small teams have been assembled to begin working on seeking personnel to fill the two staff positions of Administrative Assistant and Minister of Music. These persons will be in addition to the staff we currently have.

Thanks to those on the Administrative Assistant Search Team: Jean Ross (chair), Cleo Campbell and Alyce Mehring. They have had their first meeting and are working on developing a strategy for their search.

The Minister of Music Search Team will have their first meeting soon. They include: Elaine Burn (chair), Ronica Brownson, Judy Leslie, David Richards, Lori Waters and CJ Weyandt. Our thanks to these folks as they begin the search for a musician to help develop our ministry of music.

Please pray for the members of these two Teams as they seek to be faithful and open to God and as they seek to serve for the benefit of our community and ministry!

READINGS MAY 20

Acts 2:1-21
Romans 8:22-27
John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

On Saturday, May 12,
Kameryn Anne Schoenauer,
daughter of
Mark and Amber Schoenauer,
was baptized into our Trinity family.



PARISH DIRECTORY ADDITION

Please add the contact information for
Caitlin Magargee and her sons to your
Parish Directory.

Caitlin Magargee
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The church office will begin summer hours on May 29. I will work at home except for most Wednesday mornings when I will be in the office. If you need to contact me, please email me at tlcoffice2@comcast.net.

Marla



THANK YOU

I want to take this opportunity to thank Pastor, the members of council, and the members of Trinity for the tribute and lovely gifts you graced me with at the congregation meeting. I also want to thank you for allowing me to be a part of the worship staff at Trinity for the past 35 years. I have been blessed in so many ways with working with so many wonderful musicians over the years. I loved watching the members of the Angel choir blossom as they prepared for the many plays they did. It was great fun seeing them doing a solo for the first time or learning a dance movement with a song. I loved working with the many parents and members of the congregation who stepped up to help build the sets and provide tremendous support of the Angel Choir. Thank you to all who had a part in this journey. I have really been blessed working with the wonderful members of the Joyful Voices. I have enjoyed watching the members of Joyful Voice become confident with singing and really using the talents that God has given them to add to the worship service. I want to thank the members of the choirs for putting up with me. I want to thank the members of the band for their dedication to be there to support the choir and Barb for all the help she provided to me through this journey. I hope they all continue using their voices and talents to praise God through music.

I know I couldn't have done this without the support of the council, the members of Trinity and Pastor Miller. Thank you for all you have done for me. Stepping down at this time was a difficult decision but after a lot of thought and prayers I know it was the right thing to do. I will miss working with all of you but look forward to listening to your beautiful music. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Donna Weller

*Thank
you*

I am very appreciative of the recognition I received at the Congregational Meeting for my years of service here at Trinity as well as the lovely and thoughtful gifts. Many of you may not know that I worked at Trinity from 1989 - 1992 and then returned in 1998. It is hard to believe that twenty years have passed since I returned to work in the church office. Over the 23 years I have worked at Trinity, it has been a pleasure to get to know many of you and I will miss seeing you. However, I am looking forward to the next phase of my life. Duane and I will be moving to the Albany, NY, area to be closer to Matthew, Danielle and Emma. We are looking forward to exploring a new area and, more importantly, being a part of our granddaughter's life. Thank you, again, for your thoughtfulness.

Marla

A BIG THANK YOU FROM MELISSA'S STAMPEDE

We want to thank the members of Trinity for your prayers and support of the team for the 2018 M.S. CITRUS RIDE. The team finished the 100 mile ride with no problems and raised close to 11 thousand dollars. This money goes for research with the hope that one day the world will be free of M.S. Thank you again for your support.

Team Melissa's Stampede
Gene & Donna Weller, Melissa and Scott Gordon, Brandy and Greg Diehl and the other members of Team Melissa's Stampede

SUMMER WORSHIP SERVERS

If you would like to be part of our summer 8:15 and 10:45 worship services, please sign up on the volunteer lists in the narthex. For those attending the 9:30 outdoor service, a task included on the volunteer list is the setup and teardown of the sound system for that service.

GRADUATES

We will honor Trinity's graduates on Sunday, June 3. If any Trinity member is graduating from high school or college this spring, please send that person's name, school, and future plans to Marla (tlcoffice2@comcast.net) by this Sunday, May 20.



BIBLE STUDY

Allegheny Synod's Deaf Ministry's first Bi-lingual (ALS - American Sign Language and English) Bible Study is Sunday, May 20, at the Geeseytown Lutheran Church from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm.

We will be studying the Gospel of Mark. All are welcome!

For more information, please contact Pastor John Telyea at PastorJohnTelyea@gmail.com

FROM PASTOR RON...

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The summer will soon be upon us, and with it, shifts in schedules and activities. After a busy year here at TLC, this summer promises to be a busy one. We will have our first summer intern from Princeton Theological Seminary starting on Tuesday, May 29. Two of our staff members have tendered their retirement letters, so we have two teams assembled to begin searching for staff replacements, one for Administrative Assistant and one for Minister of Music.

Change can be exciting, but the transition associated with such change can be challenging indeed! As we move forward, the council, staff and I will do our best to keep the congregation informed of the progress and work of the search teams as is appropriate. At the same time, you can help foster communications by keeping up with the *Weekly Piper* as well as Sunday morning announcements. In addition, feel free to approach me (TLCRevRon@comcast.net) or any member of our Executive Team: John Waters, Judy Lankes or Laurette Gonet, as well as any other member of our Congregation Council.

Above all, pray for me and all of your leaders and staff members as together we seek God's will to fulfill it to the glory and honor of His name!

Thank you so much for your partnership in this ministry! As I've said elsewhere, I hope every pastor gets a chance sometime in their ministry to serve a congregation like Trinity! You are a treasured possession, both by God and by me!

I hope you have a wonderful summer and I look forward to God unfolding what He has in store for us as we move into His future!

Peace, joy and love,

Pastor Ron

Bishop's Pentecost Greeting 2018



On the first Pentecost the power of the Holy Spirit was poured out on the church. Filled with the fire of God, the Apostles were led into the streets where they proclaimed the good news of Jesus Christ. God's power, the Holy Spirit of God, cut through all that divides people, one from another, and all could hear the good news in their own language. When the Apostle Peter got up to preach, 3000 were baptized. It must have been quite a morning. We can imagine the Spirit and power of God was palpable and pulsing as it reached out, claimed, and called people into the life of Jesus Christ.

The first Pentecost day was a day of power where the mighty acts of God were witnessed. But, we need to remember that this same Holy Spirit is still at work and alive in our churches. The same power of God that showed up with a sound of a mighty wind and caused 'tongues of fire' to rest upon Christ's people is still with us today. The Holy Spirit called you to the waters of baptism. The Holy Spirit brings together and sustains the church. The Holy Spirit continues to lead us to be instruments of Christ's peace.

On this Pentecost I invite you to ask the question, "How is the Holy Spirit Calling Us?" Each and every one of us is part of the work of God through the power of the Holy Spirit. We are part of this continuing work of the Spirit in the world. We don't have to be apostles or the super famous saints of the church to be part of what God is doing in this world. Each of us is called and chosen by God to be part of God's redeeming work and part of sharing the love of Jesus. The Spirit is placing before us opportunities to be a blessing to this world and to others.

The Spirit is at work. The God who made heaven and earth is still moving in this world. God has claimed you and knows you, and leads us by the Spirit. The Spirit is inviting you to come and join in the work that God is doing to care for and love this world and God's people.

May God bless and keep you as we are led by the power of the Holy Spirit to care for this world and share the love of Jesus Christ.

+Bp. Michael Rhyne

June Birthdays

Margaret Cowan	1
Kay Gasowski	3
Mary Stout	3
William Campbell	5
Kelly Webb	5
Priya Poehner	6
Lisa Bowen	7
Katelyn Peachey	7
Rowan Brownson	9
Melissa Weidel	9
Chelsea Zembower	9
Mary Krupa	10
Samuel Linden	11
Jim Reynolds	11
Brian Woodland	11
Donna Weidel	13
Ann Miller	16
David Richards	17
Grace Wenrich	17
Luke Wenrich	17
Sydney Fletcher	19
Sophia Card	24
Grace Claster	24
Sofia Garritano	28
Stephen Shetler	28
Herbert Motter	29



SUMMER INTERN BEGINS

It is official, Ella Myer will begin serving TLC on Tuesday, May 29. She will be involved in all aspects of our faith community as well as the greater community. You can find a reprint of her biographical sketch below.

To provide feedback, support, and encouragement, an Intern Committee has been assembled: Bill Campbell, Rose Cowan, Marty Mehring, Howard Pillot, Carol Smith and Kayla Smith. Our thanks to these folks for serving Ella and the congregation for the summer!

Also, thanks to all who have made special donations to the Intern Fund. As you may know, we had a lot more pledged than we needed this year, so the Council has decided that any funds leftover will be carried forward to support our next intern!

If you have not met your pledge for the Summer Intern, you are encouraged to follow through on your commitment! Thanks!

Please welcome Ella into our midst, pray for her, and pray for the Intern Committee as we journey together this summer!



Dear Trinity Lutheran Church,

Greetings from Princeton Seminary! I'm sitting at my desk stacked high with books, dreaming about the summertime when I get to come to serve and learn in your community. I am very grateful to you all, especially to Pastor Miller, for being open to helping me meet my seminary field education requirements. I pray that the funding goes through and to meet you all soon. Allow me to introduce myself a bit in advance.

Although I haven't lived in Happy Valley for a while, I am originally from the area (Penns Valley, Class of 2008). It was in Confirmation Class back in seventh grade that I first realized that I wanted to go into ministry. At the time, I was drawn to mission-work. That is why I studied Biblical and Theological Studies for my Bachelors degree and then Intercultural Studies for my first Masters degree. I was using those two degrees as an ELCA Global Mission worker from 2013-2017 in Lithuania. I loved my job and seeing what God and the ELCA are doing around the world (it's a lot!). If you're curious, the Living Lutheran magazine wrote about my work here:

<https://www.livinglutheran.org/2016/10/missionary-finds-god-bringing-people-together/>

Now I'm at Princeton Theological Seminary doing a Masters of Theological Studies. When I leave the library, you can find me playing my mandolin at the Lutheran Group's weekly Holden Evening Prayer nights, talking with friends, cycling, or geeking out about something or other.

With you all, I hope to discover more fully what day to day ministry in a parish church entails. My conversations with Pastor Ron make me excited about Trinity's opportunities in youth and adult education, pastoral care, missions (e.g., the Mountain T.O.P., TN trip), and community engagement (e.g. local NGOs). In addition to learning from you, I hope that I can be a positive presence in your church over the summer and contribute whatever skills and perspectives that I have which will further Trinity's goals.

I look forward to meeting you all!

Ella Myer

HOLDING YOUR FAMILY TOGETHER

Summer Intergeneration Course

WEDNESDAY

6:00 pm – Dinner

7:00 pm – Session

Once upon a time, summers were a time to slow down, enjoy life, and recover from the busyness of the rest of the year. Not so, anymore! Summers have become almost as busy as the rest of the year, just with different activities and events.

This summer, in an attempt to offer a respite from the weekly routine, families of all types along with retired folks, single folks—in other words, everyone!—are invited to participate in a Wednesday night study for five weeks. As usual, dinner will be served at 6:00 pm followed by the weekly session at 7:00 pm. “Holding Your Family Together,” is the name of the course. From the back cover we read:

Imagine a home where every person feels loved, valued and heard. Imagine a family that seeks God’s wisdom, will and Word together. Imagine an intimate, affectionate community where every night is an experience of caring, sharing, comfort and peace.

You can make this beautiful picture a reality in your home. But it won’t happen by accident—you need a plan! “Holding Your Family Together” is a workable, powerful plan based on a simple nightly routine: Share, Read, Talk, Pray, Bless. This is FAITH5, and it has transformed families around the world.

Hopefully, we’ll have a few folks interested enough to attend this 5-week series. Here’s the schedule:

June 27	Introduction/Share
July 4	<i>No Session</i>
July 11	Read
July 18	Talk
July 25	<i>No Session</i>
August 1	Pray
August 8	Bless

To register, please sign up on the sheet posted on the door to Fellowship Hall. For more information, contact Pastor Ron,

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