THE PIPER

MAY 24, 2015



Trinity Lutheran Church

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The flowers are given by Jean Quinn in memory of Charles Quinn and in honor of what would be their 62nd Anniversary.

PRAYER LIST

TLC DISCIPLES

Alicia Musheno, Barb Trout, Don Leslie, Ray Petersen (military), Kris Glad (military)

TLC FRIENDS

Bill Lee (cancer), Justin Victor, Tim and Cindee Flinchbaugh, Carl and Sylvia Skarphol, Colleen Wisniewski (cancer), Elizabeth Schoenauer, Chuck Weyandt, Catherine Cartwright, Ashlee Jones, Laura Glenn (serious fall), Alice Raynar, Tom Slane, Luke Trostle, Jay Claster (cancer), John Light (cancer), Lynea Morgan, Allen Moberg, Mandy and Rob Koenigsberg, Michael Hamilton and family, Lauren and family

Mt. T.O.P. Prayer Partners

PRAYER PARTNERS ARE NEEDED FOR THIS YEAR'S MISSION TRIP FROM JUNE 13 THROUGH JUNE 21.

Volunteers can offer their love and support by:

- keeping their partner in their heart, mind and prayers while the Team is away
- writing card(s) or letter(s) to their partner
- supporting their partner at the Commissioning Service and Send-off Banquet
- providing their partner with a modest CARE package for the trip

PLEASE consider supporting our mission team on their trip to Tennessee.

To sign up, email Karen Aubuchon at aubu55@gmail.com. Or complete a sign-up form found on the table across from Fellowship Hall and place the completed form in the Aubuchons' mailbox. More information will be provided to those responding.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

All members are invited to our annual congregational meeting on Wednesday, June 10.

Dinner at 6:00 pm followed by the meeting at 7:00 pm.

A sign-up sheet is posted on the Fellowship Hall door. If you will be attending the meal, please sign up by June 7.

TRINITY EVENTS

SATURDAY, MAY 23 10:00 am Zumba

SUNDAY, MAY 24

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

5:30 pm Zumba 7:00 pm Yoga

SATURDAY, MAY 30 10:00 am Zumba

SUNDAY, MAY 31
CONFIRMATION

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

Trinity's Vacation Bible School will be held July 26 through July 30. The first volunteer meeting for those helping with this year's VBS will be on Sunday morning, May 31, at 10:30 in the Peace Room. Please contact

Valerie Frey if you have any questions.

We are looking for volunteers for our Sunday school program. We will be starting a new curriculum this September. A meeting will be held on August 13 to schedule the classes and to provide training for the new curriculum. If you are interested in being a Sunday school mentor, please email Val Frey, vgf4077@gmail.com.



If there is someone in your family that is graduating this year, either high school, college, or graduate school, please email Marla (tlcmarla@comcast.net)

by May 27. Please include the school or college the graduate attended and any future plans. On Sunday, June 7, all graduates will be honored at our Sunday services.



Summer Worship

Beginning Sunday, May 24

8:15 am Worship with Communion
9:30 am Outdoor Worship with Communion
(Please bring your lawn chair.)
10:45 am Worship with Communion

The Saturday services are suspended until September 12.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

During the summer, the deadline for submitting newsletter items is <u>Tuesday morning at 8:00</u> instead of the usual Wednesday morning.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Beginning June 1, the church office will be going to the summer schedule. I work at home during the summer but will be in the office on Wednesday mornings. If you need to contact me, you can reach me via email, tlcmarla@comcast.net, or leave a message on my office voicemail (238-2024).

Marla

SUMMER WORSHIP SERVERS

Since summer is a time of vacation for many, worship servers will not be scheduled for June, July and August. A sign-up sheet for each Sunday is posted in the narthex so if you know you will be available for any particular Sunday and can serve, please sign up on that date. Thank you to all of the worship servers. Your willingness to be part of our worship services is greatly appreciated.

WINE TASTING: SUMMER FAVORITES

Join us for a wine tasting on Monday, June 1, at 413 Galen Drive, State College, PA. From 7:00 - 9:00 pm we will be tasting and talking about a variety of wines which are well suited for summer. We will taste up to five wines. Some snacks will be provided. Any wine suggestions are welcome! Please be prepared to be indoor or outdoor, weather depending. This event is \$10.00 per person. Please RSVP by Monday, May 25, to Rebekah Miller at miller.rebekah9@gmail.com. Questions and comments can also be directed to Rebekah as well as any interest in helping to provide food for the evening.

TLC FINANCIAL INFORMATION

July 1, 2014 – April 30, 2015 Income \$228,572.89 Expenses \$246,453.24 Difference -\$ 17,880.35

(The expenses include payment of \$26,778.00 for roof repair and new shingles. This was withdrawn from the Building Fund.)

These amounts represent operating income and expenses and do not include any interest, dividends or investment value changes.

THANK YOU

On behalf of team "MELISSA'S STAMPEDE" we would like to thank you for your words of encouragement, your prayers, and your donations to the team's 100 mile bike ride for M.S research. We are happy to report that the ride was a success with no injuries and the current amount donated is \$5,748.00 dollars with donations still being accepted. Since the team was formed 4 years ago, we have raised over \$40,000.00 and we couldn't have done it without your generosity and support. Now that this ride is over some of the members of Team Melissa's Stampede are preparing for the M.S. Keystone ride here in PA. This ride will take place on July 18 and 19 and is a 75 mile ride from Hollidaysburg to State College and back. Some people have expressed an interest in riding with the team and we need to know who is riding by June 1 so we can get you signed up to ride with the team. If you would like to join or donate to the team you can go to "BIKE MS KEY-STONE RIDE" on the computer. Click on the link and it will take you to the home page. Just follow the prompts to either join the team or to donate. You will need to list the team name "MELISSA'S STAMPEDE" to get to the team's information page. If you need any assistance just contact Gene or Donna Weller at 237-2107. Thanks again for your tremendous support and prayers. Your prayers are greatly appreciated.

Gene and Donna Weller TEAM MELISSA'S STAMPEDE.

Reflecting on Pentecost and Beyond



Dear Friends,

The Festival of Pentecost (this year celebrated on May $24^{\rm th}$) marks a time of transition and change in the life of the church. We hear that 10 days after the Ascension of our Lord the disciples were gathered together, there was a sound like a mighty wind that filled the room, and the followers of Jesus were filled with the Holy Spirit, and something like 'tongues of fire' blazed over their heads. This miraculous event then pushed the disciples into the streets and they began testifying that Jesus Christ was Lord. As they spoke, people could hear regardless of the language they spoke – God made the way for all people to hear the story of Jesus.

This was the birthday of the church. Pentecost was the place and moment where Jesus Christ sent the Spirit to gather, lead, empower, and then send this new church out into the world to proclaim the good news of Jesus and to share with this world Christ's love. We can imagine that for all those the Spirit filled with power that day, and for all who witnessed that miracle and first heard that Jesus Christ is Lord, it was a glorious morning.

Pentecost was the initial breaking out, pouring out, that exploding out of the Holy Spirit in this world. As we read on in the book of Acts we see that the Spirit continued to work through Peter, Paul, and all the Apostles. I believe we see this great number of miracles in the early church, because the Spirit was trying to get the world's attention. The Apostles received great power, and performed mighty acts, because that pointed to the power and Lordship of our Savior Jesus Christ.

That same Holy Spirit is still alive, moving, and shaping this world. The fact that you and I can be called Christian is because the power of the Holy Spirit called us to the waters of Baptism, poured out on us the life of Jesus Christ, and leads and guides us (as the Spirit leads, guides, and calls the whole Christian church) to the life with Jesus.

We don't always see the great and powerful miracles of the Spirit like they saw in those first days. Because it is a different time now. Miracles still happen because the Spirit is here. God is at work. More often, we meet God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit in the quiet and constant presence of our Lord who is continually leading and guiding us. God brings us together, holds us as a community, feeds us with the body and blood of Jesus, and sends us out to serve this world. The same thing is still going on there is just a little less fire these days.

But we do see the Spirit alive and active with us and through us in the Allegheny Synod. We are the 'small but mighty' Synod that continues to reach out to our neighbors and our world. Let me remind you that the Spirit spoke to your hearts to help feed our neighbors and communities. Together, we the Allegheny Synod, gathered 36,617 items for our food banks and food pantries during our 25,000 Can Challenge. You continue to surprise the larger Synods of our church with the way your support Lutheran World Relief, Lutheran Disaster Relief, the Seminaries of the ELCA, and our brothers and sisters in Kenya with your support for the Kenya Motorbike Challenge and your support of the Pangani Lutheran Children's Center.

These things, and much more than I can list here, are possible because the Power of God, the Holy Spirit is loose in these Allegheny hills and valleys. The Spirit is what grabs and guides us to share the love of Jesus. We do that in word and deed. We open our lives to our neighbor and share with those who are in need.

It is also the Holy Spirit that calls us together to be the Allegheny Synod. The Synod is us. We are this group of disciple called together as Jesus' team for ministry in these Allegheny hills and valleys. God doesn't make mistakes and God chose you and me. God, through the power of the Spirit, called you into your congregation to be strengthened to go out and share God's love with this world.

On the Day of Pentecost, and beyond, we are called to be God's people. Called together to be the Allegheny Synod for the sake of the world. We have a job to do because Jesus has claimed us. We are led by the Holy Spirit to carry out that task of showing the world the difference that Jesus makes. May we always be led by the Spirit to follow and serve our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.