## THE PIPER

## **OCTOBER 30, 2016**



## **Trinity Lutheran Church**

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The flowers are given by
Kevin Sikorski and Kathy Brasier
in celebration of their 14<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

#### PRAYER LIST

#### **TLC DISCIPLES**

Brian Woodland, Carolyn Kresen, Jerry Wion, Charles Welch, Kris Glad (military), Ray Petersen (military)

#### **TLC FRIENDS**

Moe Gordon (cancer), Richard Diehl (congestive heart failure), Gail Norton (cancer), Jan Dykhuis, Bob Johnson, John Light, Stan Lembeck, Suzy Aubuchon (cancer), Basil Costantino (cancer), Todd Grimm, Eileen Lauchle, Madelynn Huther (back surgery), Lucy (cancer), Jake Petersen (military), Kurt Huntley & Family, Family of JB Shackelford

#### THE LUTHERAN MAGAZINE

It is time to update subscriptions to *The Lutheran*. If you would like to continue your subscription or begin a new one, please pick up an envelope on the stand in back of the sanctuary. The cost is \$8.95; please make checks out to Trinity Lutheran Church with *The Lutheran* on the memo line. Place the envelopes, along with payment, in the basket on the stand. Council and those who joined Trinity in 2016 will receive a complimentary subscription from the church. The last day for submitting an order is Sunday, November 13.

#### **OUTDOOR CLEANUP ON NOVEMBER 12**

Please lend a hand with fall outdoor cleanup on Saturday, November 12, from 8:00 am until noon. We'll finish the bed around our new sign, rake leaves, clean gutters, and more — depending on how much help we have. If you have any questions, please contact Jay Aubuchon.



#### TRINITY EVENTS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29
5:00 pm Worship with Communion

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 31 10:00 am Foxdale Bible Study

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1
5:00 pm Trinity Wheelmen
5:45 pm Zumba

#### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3

5:45 pm Zumba 6:30 pm Beer Class 7:00 pm Bell Choir

#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5

10:00 am Zumba 5:00 pm Eucharist Worship

#### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

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

#### YOUTH MISSION TRIP

Youth in grades 7 through 12 are invited to join our team for next summer's Mountain TOP mission trip. Our trip dates are June 17 through June 25, 2017.

At Mountain TOP, groups of youth and adults from all over the country join together with a goal to meet the physical, social, emotional, and spiritual needs of Cumberland Mountain families. Through this service program, all participants experience various worship styles, leadership opportunities, and are encouraged to build relationships with members of the camp community as well as those within the service area

Friends are welcome. Adults are needed.

Interested? Contact Jay Aubuchon at <u>JayAubuchon@gmail.com</u> or 238-1393. Or check it out at <a href="http://mountain-top.org/youth-summer-ministry-ysm/about-high-school-missions">http://mountain-top.org/youth-summer-ministry-ysm/about-high-school-missions</a>.

#### WEEKLY READINGS

October 30 Jeremiah 31:31-34 Romans 3:19-28 John 8:31-36

November 6 Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18 Ephesians 1:11-23 Luke 6:20-31

## 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Events

As our year of celebrating 50 years of ministry here at TLC comes to an end, mark your calendar for these anniversary events.

Sunday, November 6 – Pastor Elton Richards will be our guest preacher. Pastor Richards served as Interim Pastor, 2001–02, while Pastor Ron and his family spent eleven months at Asbury Seminary in Wilmore, KY. Pastor Richards and his wife, Anne, were active members of Trinity from September 23, 2001 to November 5, 2006.

Sunday, November 13 – Our Closing Celebration will be at 3:00 pm. Bishop Michael Rhyne will lead us and preside while Bishop Gregory Pile will serve as our preacher that day. Following the Celebration, we will have our annual Thanksgiving Dinner, beginning at 5:00 pm. A sign-up sheet is posted on the door to Fellowship Hall. Salads, sweet potatoes, and desserts are needed; turkey, filling, mashed potatoes and gravy will be provided. If you are willing to bake a turkey for the meal, please indicate that on the sign-up sheet as well.

#### ADDITIONAL UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, November 20 – In observance of the last Sunday of the church year, worship will include a Hymn Sing to serve as the sermon. Members can request whatever hymns they might want to sing that day.

Wednesday, January 18 – Members of Simple Gifts will offer two special music workshops, one at Park Forest Elementary School and one at Park Forest Middle School. TLC secured a grant from Pennsylvania Partners in the Arts (PPA) Project Stream to help underwrite these workshops.

# Join the Trinity Care of Creation Team at the PA Interfaith Power & Light

# An Environment of Justice Workshop

Communities of Faith Responding to Climate Change

Sun-Oct. 30 1:30 PM-5:00 PM Good Shepherd Catholic Church in Gray's Woods



#### Workshops

- Putting EJ principles into action: learning to build bridges to make a difference
- ♦ Activating Hope in the Face of Climate Change
- ♦ Faith Communities, Climate Change and Resilience
- ♦ Pennsylvania Impacts: What Can We Do?
- ♦ Getting Past Styrofoam
- ♦ Climate Justice and Rural America
- New Views on Climate-Friendly Eating
- ♦ Dealing with Overwhelm and Despair

Greg Williams is offering a Habitat Restoration Workshop the day before the conference (October 29 at Walnut Spring Park). This is an excellent opportunity for members of our congregations to remove invasive species crowding out native plants in our parks. Info is on the table outside Fellowship Hall.



### **Reformation Sunday 2016**

To all the Saints of the Allegheny Synod,

May the grace, peace, and presence of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ be with you on this Reformation Sunday. As Lutherans we understand that the Reformation was a time when the Holy Spirit moved in the church. The Spirit worked through Reformers like Luther to call us back to prayer, Scripture, and to a closer relationship with our Lord Jesus. The Spirit also used the Reformers to teach and remind us that our salvation is not something we do, but is accomplished through and by the mercy and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

At the same time the Reformation created divisions in the one holy catholic and apostolic church. For hundreds of years Christians defined themselves by our differences rather than by the many things that unite us and by our Lord Jesus who is our hope and our life. Thankfully, the Spirit of God has been alive and at work in this last hundred years building bridges between Christian traditions and bring all of God's people closer together.

Now we are preparing for next year's 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. The Holy Spirit continues to call us. First and foremost, the Spirit of God is calling us into deeper relationship with God and Jesus Christ through the study of scripture, prayer, and worship. God gives us the gifts of scripture, prayer, and worship to allow us to connect with God. I invite you to take a step deeper into these gifts from the Spirit in the coming year.

What better time than the lead up to a major anniversary to take stock and look at our devotional life. I invite you to deepen or take up the discipline of daily prayer in the coming year. If you don't do it regularly, devote yourself to reading the Bible daily. Bless yourself with the opportunity to worship and sit in the presence of God with your church family. God gives us the gift of these blessings. I invite you to take this coming year to explore and take advantage of what God has blessed us with.

We also see the Spirit working to call all people together. I invite you to join me in praying for the unity of the church in this coming year. We have been divided for a very long time. Please pray with me that all Christians hear the call of Christ to see our unity in Jesus. The world loves to find differences upon which to divide us. Let us reach out and find the unity that we have because and in Jesus Christ. More importantly, pray with me that this unity will not simply be something theoretical but a unity which demonstrates the Love of Jesus to all of this world.

My prayer is that you may know that power of Jesus Christ that is alive and is with you. As we celebrate this Reformation Day, you may know that the Spirit is always about this work of reformation. It is reforming this world and re-forming all of us. God is making us into not what we think we can be, but what God intends us to be.

Please know that you are in my prayers, and I pray that as we walk through this year leading up to the 500th Anniversary, that you will be blessed by our Lord Jesus Christ and that the Spirit of God will deepen and strengthen your connection and dependence upon him.

May God bless you now and always. Your servant in Christ,

+Bishop Michael L. Rhyne

# HELP YOUR FELLOW NEIGHBORS IN NEED with INTERFAITH HUMAN SERVICES & HARRISON'S

arrison's and Interfaith Human Services (IHS) have formed a partnership to benefit our community members in need, and you can help us! Simply dine in or carry out at Harrison's from Monday, November 7 to Sunday, November 13, and 20% of your check (before tax and gratuity) will be donated to IHS. To indicate your participation, present this flyer or mention your intended support of IHS when you dine.

Enjoy a romantic "date night," a lunch with friends, or an easy take-home meal, and you will be helping IHS provide its many services to even more of our neighbors in need. We offer basic financial and rental assistance, a fuel bank, gently-used furniture and appliances, as well as budgeting classes to help those going through financially difficult times.

Help build a stronger community for all by joining in this collaboration! There is no limit to the number of times you can participate, so spread the word to your friends and family members, and enjoy delicious meals at Harrison's as many times as you would like! To learn more about Interfaith Human Services, visit their website www.lhs-centrecounty.org.

# This is truly delicious fundraising!



1221 East College Avenue 814.237.4422 HarrisonsMenu.com Harrison's is a locally-owned, award winning restaurant located inside the Hilton Garden Inn on E. College Avenue. This casual, upscale restaurant is perfect for a business lunch, "Date Night" or a gathering place for friends—serving a unique seasonal menu, six daily soups, and a delicious Fresh Bar for lunch.

Gift Certificates and Frequent Diner points may not be redeemed in conjunction with any fundraiser. Thank you for your cooperation and participation in raising funds for Interfaith Human Services

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# Are You Receiving Me?

A series of free events at Penn State about building bridges between LGBTQ people and faith communities



All are welcome ◆5

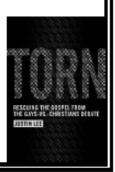
## IN NOVEMBER 2016....

# "Loving through our differences: Churches and the LGBTQ community"

Justin Lee, founder of the Gay Christian Network Sunday November 13<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm in the HUB Freeman Auditorium, Penn State University Park



Justin founded the Gay Christian Network in 2001 to provide support for LGBTQ Christians and to help educate the wider Christian community about the issues that they face. He is known for promoting respectful dialogue between people with differing viewpoints. Justin is the author of the 2012 book *Torn: Rescuing the Gospel from the Gays-vs.-Christians Debate.* 



# In Spring 2017....

- David Gushee, Professor of Christian Ethics at Mercer University, will discuss his changed thinking about relations between the church and the LGBTQ community, and the role of advocates and allies.
   Wednesday February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 on the Penn State University Park campus
- "Tyler's Suite" is a new choral piece by nine modern composers and will be performed in memory of
  Tyler Clementi, a young musician who died by suicide after being bullied by his college roommate.

  Sunday March 19th, 2017 at State College Presbyterian Church, 132 West Beaver Avenue
- Allyson Robinson and Austen Hartke, transgender Christian educators and activists, will speak on transgender inclusion in faith communities, the calling of transgender believers, and the gifts they bring. Sunday March 26th, 2017 on the Penn State University Park campus



For more information, see our website: http://receivingme.net

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