THE PIPER

OCTOBER 28, 2018



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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PRAYER LIST

TLC DISCIPLES

Bruce Lorich, Carol Bernlohr, Jerry Wion, Linda Leslie, Jim Reynolds, Young Hee Kim, Carolyn Kreson, Jessica Rodabaugh, Laurel Saville, Kevin Trostle, Cheryl Welz

TLC FRIENDS

Carol (cancer), Francis O'Connor, Rich Masi (cancer), Wyatt (military), Dawn (hospitalized), Judy Petryshak (ALS), Jack (recent widower), Jackson Nicsatro (eye disease), Amanda Sigman & family (terminal cancer), Beverly Coulter (uterine cancer), John Owens.

All names will be removed from the prayer list next week.



Readings, October 28

Jeremiah 31:7-9 Hebrews 7:23-28 Mark 10:46-52

NOTICE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26

DINNER & MOVIE

NIGHT

POSTPONED

Rescheduled

to Friday

NOVEMBER 30th

FALL CLEAN UP

Saturday, November 10th

8 am to Noon

Work will be outside

Rain Date - November 17th

TRINITY EVENTS

Saturday, October 27

10:00 am Zumba

5:00 pm Worship with Communion

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28

8:15 am Worship with Communion

9:30 am Sunday School

10:45 am Worship with Communion

11:45 am Social Time

MONDAY, OCTOBER 29

7:00 pm Bible Study/St. Luke

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30

5:00 pm Trinity Wheelmen

5:45 pm Zumba

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31

6:00 PM HALLOWEEN TRICK OR TREAT

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1

5:45 pm Zumba

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3

10:00 am Zumba

5:00 pm Worship with Communion

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4

8:15 am Worship with Communion

9:30 am Sunday School

10:45 am Worship with Communion

11:45 am Social Time

Don't forget to Fall Back 1 Hour



As the interviewing process moves forward, Heather Brewer, our candidate for Choir Director, will be worshiping with us on Sunday, October 28 at both services. She will also be having a special choir rehearsal at 9:30 am that morning. We are looking for singers to join the choir that morning for this special rehearsal and to meet Heather.

TRICK OR TREAT NIGHT

This year, the State College Trick or Treat night is Wednesday, October 31, 6 – 8 pm. During those hours some TLC disciples will be on the corner of North Oak and Galen Drive handing out free hotdogs, drinks and candy to any interested Trick-or-Treaters. We are looking for donations as well as people to help. If you would like to join us, please contact Pastor Ron at TLCRevRon@comcast.net or just speak to him. Thanks!





NOVEMBER 30th
6:00 pm Dinner,
7:00 pm Movie
"The Star"
Story of the
First Christmas





Sunday, November 11, 2018
Caroline Clifford's Installation
Harrold Lutheran Church, 671 Baltzer Meyer Pike, Greensburg, PA 15601
4:00 PM in the afternoon

CROP HUNGER WALK 2018



Thank you to everyone who contributed to this year's CROP Hunger Walk! Our team raised over \$400, so thank you for sponsoring us with your donations and to our walkers for participating. Please consider joining us next year for another great walk!

Message from the Bishop's Desk



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

May God's grace and peace be with you as you gather this Reformation Sunday. Today we celebrate the work of the Holy Spirit. It was the Holy Spirit that invited a group of college professors, led by Dr. Martin Luther, to call the church to account and call us back to the One who is our center, Jesus Christ.

The Spirit worked through the Reformers to knock down the walls that church tradition had tried to erect between God and God's people. Led by the Spirit, the Reformers opposed the idea that forgiveness could be bought through the sale of indulgences. They helped people understand that one needn't have an intermediary to take their prayers to God. The Spirit led Dr. Luther to translate the Scriptures into German, the language of the people, so that all could read and hear the Bible in their own language. Most importantly, the Reformers wanted us to understand that our salvation is not something we earn, work toward, or even deserve. Salvation and a life with Jesus Christ is a gift given to us from Jesus. Jesus does this out of his own grace and mercy which he pours out on all.

The Reformers wanted us to understand that Christ is with us and this life with Jesus Christ is for us. Jesus is the great and powerful Lord of all, but he also is the Good Shepherd who knows and loves his sheep and is leading us and guiding us through the power of the Holy Spirit all of our life.

When we talk about the Reformation we are not just talking about something that happened 501 years ago. Our Lord is at work on us and is with us right now. The Spirit that called the church to Reform is the same Spirit that is at work in us now forming and re-forming us. The good news for us is that God is not finished with us.

I believe that if we truly understood how God is continually with us and working on us to shape and reform us – our entire lives would be changed. If we understood just how invested God was in our reformation and invested in the hearts and lives of all people, we would no longer find ourselves in opposition to one another. We would, as St. Paul says, "out do one other in showing honor."

(Romans 12:10) We would find ourselves loving others in spite of our shortcomings through the power of the Holy Spirit working in us and on us.

Until the Lord comes again, then, the Reformation will never end. God is changing, molding, and shaping us. God is softening our hearts and opening us to be instruments of God's peace, love and mercy. Jesus Christ is alive and walking with us, calling us to follow him into this world as he is caring for and pouring grace upon grace upon this broken world. The Holy Spirit is pulling, leading, and guiding us to be part of what God is doing – loving and caring for this broken and hurting world.

May you know God's continual reformation in your life now and always.

+Bishop Michael