

THE PIPER



AUGUST 8– AUGUST 16, 2026

Trinity Lutheran Church

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PRAYER LIST

TLC Disciples

Neil Kimerer, Linda Leslie, Carolyn Larson, Graham Sanders and family
(Laurel & Michelle), Don & Mary Lou Kiel, John Fryer, Kameryn Schoenauer,
the family of Ann Van Blargan

TLC Friends

Vincent, Violet, Lloyd, Laurel, Phyllis, Judy, Anne, Andy, PJ, Bob,
Jonathan, Bonnie, Carole, Terry

READINGS

10TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

1 KINGS 19:9-18

PSALM 85: 8-13

ROMANS 10: 5-15

MATTHEW 14:22-33

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. I wait for you, O Lord,
in your word is my
hope. *Alleluia.*

Flowers are sponsored by Kristen &
Greg Kewitt in Honor of Nicholas
Kewitt's 20th Birthday



Our deepest condolences go out to the
family of Ann Van Blargan.
She passed on August 3, 2026.

A visitation will be held on Friday, August 7,
from 5 to 7 pm at Koch Funeral Home (2401
S. Atherton St., State College, PA). A funeral
service will be held on Saturday, August
8, at 10 am at Trinity Lutheran Church (2221
N. Oak Ln., State College, PA). Interment
will be immediately following the service,
via processional to Boalsburg Cemetery
(Boal Ave./Rte. 322, Boalsburg, PA). All
family and friends are invited and welcome
to a luncheon afterwards at Trinity Lutheran
Church.

Please **Welcome** the
following to the Pulpit

August 8 & 9: Rev. Deacon Alicia Anderson

Rev. Deacon Alicia Anderson serves as campus minister for Lutheran
Campus Ministry at Penn State and as Assistant to the Bishop for For-
mation in the Allegheny Synod. Originally from the Midwest, Alicia has
lived in Centre County for over 30 years. She has two adult daughters –
Jessa and her family live in St Paul, MN where she works for Habitat for
Humanity and Mara will be working at Shaver's Creek this fall semester as
an Environmental Education Intern. Alicia is married to Bob Skelly, a re-
tired clinical psychologist, and they live in Lemont. In her free time, Alicia
enjoys biking, walking and training her dogs, history podcasts and docu-
mentaries, and eating ice cream.



TRINITY WEEKLY EVENT

SATURDAY AUGUST 8

10AM ANN VAN BLARGAN FUNERAL

5PM WORSHIP W/ COMMUNION

ALICIA ANDERSON PRESIDING

SUNDAY AUGUST 9

8:15 AM WORSHIP W/COMMUNION

ALICIA ANDERSON PRESIDING

10:00 AM WORSHIP W/ COMMUNION

ALICIA ANDERSON PRESIDING

MONDAY AUGUST 10

6:00 PM TROOP 375 MONTHLY MTG

TUESDAY AUGUST 11

11:30 AM NITTANY CONF.

5:30PM WHEELMAN'S BIKE RIDE

5:45 PM ZUMBA

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 12

5:00PM CALL COMMITTEE

THURSDAY AUGUST 13

5:45PM ZUMBA

FRIDAY AUGUST 14

SATURDAY AUGUST 15

10:00 AM ZUMBA

5:00PM WORSHIP W/ COMMUNION

ROGER GLAD PRESIDING

SUNDAY AUGUST 16

8:15 AM WORSHIP W/ COMMUNION

ROGER GLAD PRESIDING

10:00AM WORSHIP W/ COMMUNION

ROGER GLAD PRESIDING

If you need something added to the Piper,
please email me at
tlcoffice2@comcast.net. Deadline is noon on
Wednesday. Sue
Office hours Monday –Thursday 8AM-Noon

Call Committee update

Dear Members of TLC,

Calling a pastor in the ELCA is not the simple process of creating a job description and then interviewing candidates. It is a discernment process by the congregation and the candidates to determine how the Holy Spirit is calling the congregation and the new pastor into ministry in the future. There are 19 steps to this process and we are currently working on steps two and three. These steps, two and three, take the most time to complete. They deal with creating and approval of the Ministry Site Profile or MSP. Once the MSP is completed and approved by our church council and by Bishop Shock, our opening for a pastor will be posted on the nationwide ELCA openings website and candidates interested in our congregation can contact our bishop. The remaining steps will flow faster when we have interested candidates. However, we cannot predict how long it will be before we actually call a new pastor.

Currently, the committee is formulating a plan to gather the required parish input for the MSP. We are working on a Parish Input Form (an online and paper version). Your input will shape our MSP. We also plan to have several dialogue sessions after services so that the information we are gathering is shared and discussed. Our tentative timeline for gathering information and having discussion with the members of the parish is September and having our MSP posted by late October or November. So what can you do in the meantime?

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- Pray for the call committee as it works on the steps to calling a pastor
- Continue worshipping and giving
- Volunteer and help out with church related functions and events
- Engage in giving your input-complete the upcoming input form prayerfully and thoughtfully
- Reflect on our parish and our future needs- attend congregational meetings and participate in the dialogue sessions
- Keep a positive attitude- the process of calling a new pastor takes time
- Thank those who are stepping up to keep Trinity an active congregation

Finally, a prayer petition from Order of Prayer and Affirmation of a Call Committee: “Give us holy patience in this time of discernment, a patience that trusts in you for present and lasting care, knowing that you will bring our good work to fulfillment in your time. **Lord hear our prayer.**” On behalf of the call committee (Christy Bartley, Carol Smith, Melissa Phillips, Rich Coulter, John Fryer, and myself) we thank you for your support as we work through the call process.

Yours in Christ,
Howard Pillot, Call Committee Chair

Michelle Sanders

Laurel and Graham Sanders about their daughter, Michelle.

On July 1 our 29-year-old daughter Michelle Sanders, who lives and works in England, was a passenger in a head-on collision in Texas, sustaining life-threatening injuries requiring multiple surgeries on her bowels, both legs, femur, wrist, hand, fingers, collarbone, and 3 back fractures with potential surgery. Her care will involve many months of hospitalization/rehabilitation before she can be transported safely to England. We are seeking funds to address recent, current and future non-medical needs such as flights, hotels, food, supplies and comfort items for family members who travelled from afar to help (and who will continue to be present to care for her during rehabilitation, which is expected to take at least 6-12 months as she learns to walk, use her hand and fingers, etc.), especially her life partner from England and her sister who dropped everything to help provide care.

<https://gofund.me/253de33c8>

Trinity will be collecting donations through September 27.

Upcoming monthly events



As we head into August 2026, Out of the Cold is looking for caring volunteers to help make a difference in our guests' lives. Whether you prepare a meal, serve as an evening host, or donate much-needed supplies, your support helps us provide a safe and welcoming environment for individuals experiencing homelessness.

Dinner Volunteers

Prepare and deliver a meal for approximately 15 guests. Meals should arrive at the shelter by 6:00 p.m. to be served during dinner.

Evening Hosts

Spend an evening with us beginning at 6:00 p.m. by welcoming guests, offering conversation and companionship, and helping create a warm, supportive atmosphere.

Supply Donations

Essential shelter supplies are always needed to keep our programs running smoothly. Every donation, big or small, helps ensure our guests have access to the necessities they need while staying at Out of the Cold.

Thank you for partnering with us to bring hope, compassion, and dignity to our neighbors in need. Your generosity truly makes a lasting impact.

Alpha Program 2026

My name is Larry Ragan and I am a parishioner at Good Shepherd Catholic Church in Gray's Woods. In the past few years, our parish has sponsored the [Alpha program](#). To date we've had almost 100 guests in the program. Last

We would like to invite the congregation of Trinity Lutheran Church to participate in an international, nondenominational, program called Alpha, hosted by our parish. Alpha is designed to engage participants to deepen their Christian faith. The program includes a light dinner, a video, and small group discussion on Thursday evenings from 6:00 to 8:00 pm beginning September 10th through November 19th. This is an opportunity to make new friends and share our Christian beliefs across Catholic and other Christian denominations.

For more information about Alpha please visit: <https://www.goodshepherd-sc.org/alpha-program>

Below is an invitation to be shared with members of your congregation through your bulletin or through Flocknote or however you see fit. We would welcome members of your congregation to join us for Alpha 2026.

Please let me know if there is additional information I can provide. I'd love to stop by and say hello sometime if that might be welcomed as well.

In Christ's love,
Larry



Bereavement SUPPORT GROUP

Family Hospice is pleased to offer 6 free support group sessions in the Peace Room at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2221 N. Oak Lane, State College. Please join us to share your feelings with others who are grieving a loved one's death.

This group will meet every Tuesday from 11 am – 1200 pm, starting on September 1 and ending on October 6, 2026. This group will be facilitated by Carole Palmer, Hospice Bereavement Coordinator and Kate Campbell-Tubbs, Hospice Social Worker. Space is limited, and registration is required by Aug 31. To register, please email giavedonih@upmc.edu or call **814 552 0561**.

Participants must be 18+ years of age. Free Parking is available in the church parking lot.



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If you are in need of Pastoral care, please contact:

Pastor Ted Williams at (814)599-2980 or
pastortedftlm@gmail.com

Pastor David Pencek at (570)357-5952 or

