

THE PIPER



AUGUST 15– AUGUST 23, 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,

TLC Friends

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

READINGS

12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

ISAIAH 56:1,6-8

PSALM 67

ROMANS 11:1-2A,29-32

MATTHEW 15:10-28



Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. Jesus preached the good news of the kingdom and cured every sickness among the people *Alleluia.*

Matt 4:23

Weekly Prayer

Almighty and ever-lasting God, you have given great and precious promises to those who believe. Grant us the perfect faith which overcomes all doubts, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Please **Welcome** the
following to the Pulpit

August 15 & 16: Roger Glad

Roger is originally from Minnesota and moved to State College in 2003 and has been a member of Trinity Lutheran since 2004. He started his lay leader journey in 2005 when he started doing pulpit fills at Gatesburg Lutheran on a regular basis and eventually, he was officially authorized in 2008.

He's been married for 45 years and has three children and five grandchildren. He usually attends the Saturday night service but you'll be seeing him at least once a month leading Sunday worship during the transition period.



TRINITY WEEKLY EVENT

SATURDAY AUGUST 15

10AM ZUMBA

5PM WORSHIP W/ COMMUNION

ROGER GLAD PRESIDING

SUNDAY AUGUST 16

8:15 AM WORSHIP W/COMMUNION

ROGER GLAD PRESIDING

10:00 AM WORSHIP W/ COMMUNION

ROGER GLAD PRESIDING

MONDAY AUGUST 17

6:00 PM TROOP 375 MONTHLY MTG

TUESDAY AUGUST 18

1:00 PM BEREAVEMENT MTG.

5:30PM WHEELMAN'S BIKE RIDE

5:45 PM ZUMBA

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 19

THURSDAY AUGUST 20

5:45PM ZUMBA

FRIDAY AUGUST 21

SATURDAY AUGUST 22

10:00 AM ZUMBA

5:00PM WORSHIP

KAYLA SMITH PRESIDING

SUNDAY AUGUST 23

8:15 AM WORSHIP

KAYLA SMITH PRESIDING

10:00AM WORSHIP

KAYLA SMITH 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?

- 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 year we set out to broaden our invite to other faith communities which leads me to your church.

We would like to invite the congregation of Trinity Lutheran Church to participate in an international, non-denominational, 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.



Interfaith Human Services



The Interfaith Human Services Community Care Auction is getting organized and in need of great auction items. We are looking for new items, gift certificates, event tickets, handmade items, and experiences such as time-share accommodation, hosting guests on your boat or at your camp, etc. If you have an idea that is not listed above, call the office at 814-234-7731 and ask Sue if it would suit the auction.

This year's auction will begin October 6th, and item bidding will run through October 11th.

If you have questions or items to donate, please contact your IHS board representative or Sue Forster at 814-234-7731.



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.



familyhospicePA.org



Family Hospice
Part of UPMC

September 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 5:30 PM Executive Team Mtg 5:45 PM Zumba	2	3 5:45PM Zumba	4	5 10:00AM Zumba 5:00PM Worship w/ communion
6 8:15 Am Worship w/ Communion 10:00AM Worship w/ Communion	7 Labor Day 6:00PM Troop #375 Monthly mtg 6:15 Troop #375 Fellowship	8 9:00 AM Quilting Group 11:30AM Nittany Conf. 5:45 PM Zumba	9	10 5:45PM Zumba	11	12 10:00AM Zumba 5:00PM Worship w/ communion Roger Glad
13 Grandparents day 8:15 Am Worship w/ Communion- Roger Glad 10:00AM Worship w/ Communion- Roger Glad Children's Church Starts	14 6:15 Troop #375 Fellowship	15 1:00PM Bereavement Mtg 5:45 PM Zumba 7:00 PM Council Mtg	16	17 5:45PM Zumba	18	19 10:00AM Zumba 5:00PM Worship Kayla Smith Presiding
20 8:15 Am Worship Kayla Smith Presiding 10:00AM Worship & Children's Church Kayla Smith Presiding	21 6:15 Troop #375 Fellowship	22 5:45 PM Zumba 	23	24 5:45PM Zumba	25	26 10:00AM Zumba 5:00PM Worship w/ communion
27 8:15 Am Worship w/ Communion 10:00AM Worship w/ Communion & Children's Church	28 6:15 Troop #375 Fellowship	29 5:45 PM Zumba	30			

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