

THE PIPER



AUGUST 22– AUGUST 30, 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, Riley

Please contact Sue if you want to continue to be on the prayer list. We will start a fresh list each month

READINGS

13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

ISAIAH 51:1-6

PSALM 138

ROMANS 12:1-8

MATTHEW 16:13-20



Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. You are the Messiah, the son of the living God. *Alleluia.*

Matt 16:16

Weekly Prayer

God of all creation, you reach out to call people of all nations to your kingdom. As you gather disciples from near and far, count us also among those who boldly confess your son Jesus Christ as Lord. Amen!

Please **Welcome** the
following to the Pulpit
August 22 & 23



Kayla Smith has been a member of Trinity for 8 years, and has been attending worship here for 12 years. She grew up outside of York, PA attending another Trinity (UCC, in Glen Rock, PA). She became interested in Lutheranism when taking a Lutheran theology course in the last semester of her senior year at Susquehanna University (class of 2009, BS in Biochemistry). Graduate school brought her to Happy Valley to attend Penn State, graduating in 2017 (Ph.D., Biochemistry, Microbiology, and Molecular Biology), where she met her husband, Iain Murray, whom she married in 2015. She has worked as a scientist at a small biotech company in State College for the last 9 years. She lives in Bellefonte, PA, with Iain and their two cats (Neon and Madam Curie). She is training to be an authorized lay worship leader in the Allegheny Synod. In her free time, she enjoys reading, playing percussion in the Bellefonte Community Band, and competitive jigsaw puzzling.

TRINITY WEEKLY EVENT

SATURDAY AUGUST 22

10AM ZUMBA

5PM WORSHIP

KAYLA SMITH PRESIDING

SUNDAY AUGUST 23

8:15 AM WORSHIP

KAYLA SMITH PRESIDING

10:00 AM WORSHIP

KAYLA SMITH PRESIDING

MONDAY AUGUST 24

6:00 PM TROOP 375 MONTHLY MTG

TUESDAY AUGUST 25

SCASD CLASSES START

5:30PM WHEELMAN'S BIKE RIDE

5:45 PM ZUMBA

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 26

THURSDAY AUGUST 27

5:45PM ZUMBA

FRIDAY AUGUST 28

SATURDAY AUGUST 29

10:00 AM ZUMBA

5:00PM WORSHIP W/ COMMUNION

BOB VOIGT PRESIDING

SUNDAY AUGUST 30

8:15 AM WORSHIP W/COMMUNION

BOB VOIGT PRESIDING

10:00AM WORSHIP W/COMMUNION

BOB VOIGT PRESIDING

4:00 PM ESSENCE 2

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



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Lutheran World Relief School Kits- Temple Talk: August 16.

Lutheran World Relief works with people based on need, regardless of race, religion or nationality. Lutheran World Relief provides aid in emergencies and helps families restore their lives. They also partner with communities to build and grow rural economies.

For 80+ years, Lutherans have shared God's love. Over 28 million quilts have been stitched while nearly 29 million School kits have been assembled embracing countless families in 136 countries. Faith in action.

Lutheran World Relief Kits are specifically designed to help people coping with poverty, disaster, conflict and more. The School Kits we assemble keep education going, especially during a crisis. LWR kits provide dignity and hope in the direst situations.

By working closely with domestic and overseas partners, LWR kits are intentionally designed to provide the best contents in each kit. Keeping the kit contents consistent helps ensure that recipients are treated fairly and equally, which is important for those who have experienced a tragedy or injustice.

Education is one of the strongest tools a community has for breaking the cycle of poverty. Ensuring that girls attend school, especially in places where access is denied, has even stronger results. School Kits contain essential supplies to help children—and in some cases adults—continue learning in the face of serious obstacles. That learning leads to a better life for them, their families and their communities.

In 2025, over 800,000 quilts & kits were distributed to East and West Africa, Asia, the Middle East, Latin America and here in the United States. School kits reached displacement camps in Mali and a primary school in Tanzania where many families are unable to purchase needed school supplies. Personal care kits, quilts and baby care kits reached our neighbors in Turkey after devastating earthquakes. Kits and quilts were delivered across our country to those impacted by Hurricanes, California wildfires, severe weather in the South and Midwest and flooding in Central Texas.

Your enthusiastic response to this mission opportunity is living proof that Trinity is committed to being “doers of the word and not merely hearers” of God's word.

If you wish to participate, there are still some backpacks with instructions inside out in the Narthex. We will be collecting backpacks through the month of August. Thank you.

Ellen Campbell

Call Committee update

The Call Committee met on August 12 and completed the congregational survey. This survey is needed so we can accurately represent the congregation as the informational form required by Synod is completed.

Access to the survey will be announced in the August 26 Piper with both a web link and QR code. For those who will need a hard copy, they will be available at services on August 29 and 30.

Surveys are due by September 18. For those preferring to meet with the Call Committee face-to-face, those meetings will be held after each service on September 26 and 27.

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.



Coordinator and Volunteers Needed for Trinity Halloween Night

Date: October 29, 2026 (rain date Friday October 30, 2026)

Location: Oak Lane , behind the church

Time 5:30 PM until 8:30 PM

Trinity Halloween Night is coming up on Thursday , October 29, on Oak Lane behind the church,. We are looking for volunteers to help make this a fun, welcoming & safe evening for children, families and our community.

Volunteers are needed to help with set up, cook hot dogs, distribute drinks, snack, candy, clean-up, and provide support throughout the evening.

If you are able to serve, please sign up as soon as possible so we can plan tasks and assignments. Families, youth and adults are all welcome to participate.

Interested in helping? Please contact the church office to volunteer.

Thank you for helping Trinity share hospitality, joy, and care with our neighbors the Halloween season!

Upcoming monthly events

Save the Date: Spruce Up Sunday: God's Work. Our Hands Day of Service at TLC



Join us on Sunday, September 13th, following the 10:00 a.m. service, as we participate in ELCA's "God's Work. Our Hands." day of service! We'll be sprucing up the interior (cleaning, organizing, small fix-it projects) and exterior (weeding / enhancing the landscaping out front) of TLC together — let's make our church look welcoming to our members, guests and future pastoral candidates! More details to come in and a sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board.



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.

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.

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.



familyhospicePA.org



Family Hospice
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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 Spruce Up Sunday- After 10AM service	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			

Worship Servers September 2026

9/6/2026

9/13/2026

9/20/2026

9/27/2026

Worship Leader

8:15		Roger Glad	Kayla Smith	
10:00		Roger Glad	Kayla Smith	

Communion Assistant

10:00		Kayla Smith	No Communion	
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Deacon

8:15	Jerry Lauchle	Esther Lauchle	Jenny Wenrich	Lou Mayer
10:00	Debbie Fryer	Megan Orient	John Fryer	Brian Lewis

Lector

8:15	Christy Bartley	Kay Gasowski	Jenny Wenrich	Lou Mayer
10:00	Lori Propst	Judy Leslie	Gene Weller	Carol Smith

Offering Counters

10:45	Lori Propst	Megan Orient	Gene Weller	Brian Lewis
	Jay Aubuchon	Kristen Kewitt	Gerry Krupa	Dennis Zerbe