



TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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FROM THE PASTOR...

With the passing of summer and the approach of the fall season at hand, I find myself wondering, "Where did the time go? The year is flying by!" That means it's time once again for our fall schedule to resume here at Trinity. Please remember that we will return to our regular worship schedule starting September 7th with contemporary worship at 8 AM, Sunday school for all ages at 9:15AM, and regular worship at 10:30AM. I encourage everyone and their families to get involved in Sunday school – we have classes for all ages. Children starting seventh grade this fall are welcome to talk with me about getting involved in our confirmation program. God's blessings on everyone.

- Pastor Gene





Worship in September

September 7, 2025 – 13th Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon Text: Luke 14:25-33 Jesus speaks frankly about the costs of discipleship. Those who follow him should know from the outset that completing the course of discipleship will finally mean renouncing all other allegiances. **Contemporary Worship Service 8:00AM**

September 14, 2025 – 14th Sunday After Pentecost

Sermon Text: Luke 15:1-10 Jesus tells two stories that suggest a curious connection between the lost being found and sinners repenting. God takes the initiative to find sinners, each of whom is so precious to God that their recovery brings joy in heaven.

September 21, 2025 – 15th Sunday After Pentecost – Harvest Home

Sermon Text: Luke 16:1-13 Jesus tells the curious story of a dishonest manager who cheats his employer and then is commended by him for having acted so shrewdly. Jesus wonders why his own followers are less creative and diligent in their stewardship given that they are managers of a far more valuable household. **Contemporary Worship Service 8:00AM**

September 28, 2025 – 16th Sunday After Pentecost

Sermon Text: Luke 16:19-31 Jesus tells a parable in which the poor one is “lifted up” and the rich one is “sent away empty.” Jesus makes it clear that this ethic of merciful reversal is not new but is as old as Moses and the prophets.



August Update: Church Financial Status From The Finance Committee:

As will be reported in the next Newsletter (Financial Reports Section), the General Fund has a Negative balance of \$10,452 (up from Negative \$6,932 last month). This is back in the wrong direction after improvement last month. Our congregation is not meeting the income needs of the budget for 2025, which was approved by the congregation at the December Congregational Meeting. This means some Bills are being paid by borrowing "internally" from other accounts.

Also to note: This year is not the start of this issue as the General Fund is Negative by \$33,735 since the start of 2023.

The committee met in early May and again in July to discuss and is asking all members to consider the following actions to help us recover from the current situation:

1. Increase your giving - even a small increase by many will help.
2. Start to buy, or increase your purchases of, Gift Cards from the church on the 1st Sunday of each month. The church receives a % of each sale.
3. Review the Simply Giving program and consider setting up automated donations to the church which helps smooth the income stream over the whole year, and makes your giving easier and typically more consistent.
4. Support fundraisers and special events at the church - note that not all fundraisers and events benefit the General Fund.
5. New item - if you own products through Thrivent that generate Thrivent Choice Dollars, consider directing them to our church as we generally receive over \$1000 of Thrivent Choice Dollars per year.

Kindly consider how you can help, with respect to your current individual or family situation.

If you have already done this, we thank you for your prayerful consideration and any resulting actions.

The Finance Committee thanks everyone for their financial support of the church and our 2025 budget along with all other donations and contributions you are providing to the church to support our mission.

The committee will continue to monitor our Financial situation closely and communicate further as needed.

If you have any questions, please reach out to a Finance Committee member as listed in the monthly newsletter or chairperson Kurt Yescavage.

Christian Education News - September 2025



SUNDAY SCHOOL RETURNS ON SEPTEMBER 7

All Sunday School classes will start off the new school year on Sunday, **September 7**. We will meet from **9:15-10:15**. The elementary and middle school classes will meet in their regular classrooms in the basement. Our first unit will be *God Creates a World and a Kingdom*. We will also continue learning the Lord's Prayer and books of the Bible.

The adult discussion class will return to the parlor for their class, with no age limitations! Sheila will be starting a series called "Listening to God". Through exploring both Biblical characters and teaching, this Bible study will help us understand how to seek and find an ever-deeper dialogue with God. On alternating weeks, Angie will lead the study of "The Sermon on the Mount". In this study we will dig into Jesus' challenging message in the greatest sermon ever preached. Please come out and join them!



Epic Australian Adventure Vacation Bible School was held the evenings of July 28-August 1, 6:30-8:00. It was a great success. There were eight students and eight staff members plus two additional storytellers. Donations of school supplies and pantry items were received for Boyertown Multi-Service as our mission project. Our nightly offerings and other monetary donations will also go to Boyertown Multi-Service. A video of the week's activities is available to view on Trinity's Facebook page and website. We thank everyone who participated in any way or donated to our mission project!



MUSIC News

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Dear Members & Friends,

I hope you are all enjoying the summer months and look forward to our Fall Season.

Our Music Department will begin in September and we will have busy schedules to rehearse for in the next few months.

One important date is Saturday, September 27th, our annual Basket Party, which the profits help our Special Music and General Funds. Ladies, we need many baskets to make this successful, as it has always been for us.

Please mark your calendars now for our Christmas Cantata on Sunday, December 14th and the Snow Date/Encore Presentation will be Sunday, January 4th at 3:00PM.

We have lots of music to learn and we hope you will all be in our worship services to enjoy all of it.

Please be safe and enjoy the rest of our sunshine and summer.

Musically,

LaRue C. Sheetz

Director of Music





Trinity's Prayer List

Names of friends and family will be kept on the bulletin prayer list for one month. If still in need of prayers, the names will then appear on the newsletter prayer list. Names on the friends and family list will be kept on the newsletter prayer list for one year if needed. Thank you for helping us keep our prayer list current.

- The Prayer Circle

Giving Opportunities here at Trinity

As you may know, there are several special funds that you can direct gifts towards that help support and maintain our congregational life. There is the building maintenance fund, the organ maintenance fund and the sound system fund. Designated gifts may be directed to any of these, and gifts in memory of loved ones will be recorded in our Memorial Book.

The Prayer Circle has placed Prayer Request cards in the pews. Anyone having a prayer request is welcome to fill it out and place it in the offering plate or give to the Pastor. Before making a prayer request on another's behalf, please get their permission.



Need a ride?

We have volunteers in the congregation who are willing to provide transportation to medical appointments, etc., for those who can't find a ride. Please contact Pastor Gene 610-322-0901 if you need a ride or would like to volunteer as a driver.

Visitor Cards

There are Visitor Cards in the church pews. Members of the congregation who are aware of visitors attending worship with us are asked to encourage the visitors to wear the applique from the card as well as fill out the card. Let's make our visitors feel welcome! Thank you!



ARE YOU PLANNING TO HAVE A PARTY THIS YEAR?

Need a location?

Our Trinity Parish Hall is available for rent. The rental rates vary for church members/non members and for number of attendees. **Please contact Karen Smith for availability. All rentals also require an additional \$75.00 check payable to "Sexton" (Cathy Yoder). See Below for rates:**

MEMBERS:

Number of Attendees -

Rates: 1-50 \$75.00

51-100 \$100.00

Over 100 \$150.00

NON-MEMBERS:

Number of Attendees -

Rates: 1-50 \$100.00

51-100 \$150.00

Over 100 \$200.00

Sanctuary Etiquette

Many worshippers wish to observe quiet time in the sanctuary prior to the service, for meditation and prayer. Please respect this as you enter the sanctuary. When speaking in the narthex prior to the service, please speak softly. Thank You.



Bibles are available in the Narthex by the Parlor, if you wish to reference during worship and you may take home.

Please return when you are finished.

Thank you.



Card Ministry

There are no shut-in birthdays in September. Various cards have been sent as needed.

- Karen Irely



Harvest Home

The celebration of Harvest Home will be Sunday September 21st. It is the time we celebrate God's Harvest. We will be collecting donations for Boyertown Area Multi-Service throughout September. **Nonperishable items** can be placed in the box in the Narthex. Please see the list of top pantry needs in this newsletter.



Craft Show, Used Book & Bake Sale

Come One, Come All to our 22nd Annual Fall Craft Show.

It will be held on Saturday, October 18th— 9AM—1PM. Tables are available for crafters interested in the show. Please contact Cathy Yoder or the church office for a registration form. We will also be having our annual Book Sale, donations of books will be greatly appreciated. They can be dropped off in the Nursery. Lunch will also be available to purchase. Looking forward to seeing you at the show!



WAWA Hoagie Coupons

Available 1st Sunday of the month at the Scip Table. Coupons are also available at the Church Office Monday-Thursday, 9AM-2PM. Tickets are \$5.00. This project benefits the Social Ministry.



Scout Troop 511

Hoagie Sales:

Next orders are due by Tuesday, September 2nd and pick up will be Wednesday, September 10th. 8" hoagies are made from Dan's Deli, **Cost is \$7.00.** There are ham w/onion, ham no onion, turkey w/onion, turkey no onion, Italian w/onion, Italian no onion, cheese hoagie w/onion, cheese hoagie no onion, mayo, Italian dressing, no tomatoes, no lettuce, no cheese. There is a sign up sheet posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex.





**The deadline for the
October Newsletter
will be
Sunday, September 21st**



**Our sister congregation, the
Marienkirche in Borna,
Germany.
(Website:
Kirche-bornaer-land.de)**

Words of Thanks....

*The Johnson Family would like to thank you all for
your thoughts, prayers and visits by Pastor Gene
during this difficult time with the loss of Zechariah and
Reanna's recovery.*

*A Huge thank you also for your very generous
donation to help with the funeral expenses.*

God bless you all!



*We would like to extend our heartfelt thank you to
Pastor Gene for his visits to our mother prior to her
passing and for the many prayers, phone calls and
sympathy cards received.*

The Family of Betty Hallman.

Change of Address

Donna Repko

15B Eshbach Lane
Bechtelsville, PA 19505

Change of Email Address

Ruth & Marty Weiser

hTurtnna@yahoo.com



PRAYER LIST FOR HEALING/SPECIAL NEEDS

“Delight yourself also in the Lord, and He shall give you the desires of your heart.” - Psalm 37:4

If you or someone you know has a prayer request or emergency, call Pastor Zaiser and the Prayer Circle will begin. **Please have the approval of the person/family for whom prayer is requested. It is important to contact the Pastor or notify the church office when someone can be removed from the list.**

One of the most caring and helpful things we can do for one another in time of need and times of joy, is to pray that God will be with those who have asked for our prayers and with all who seek healing of body, mind or spirit.

IN ORDER TO KEEP TRINITY’S PRAYER LIST CURRENT. PLEASE INFORM PASTOR GENE, LINDA RITTER OR THE CHURCH OFFICE OF ANY CHANGES. THANK YOU.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

SHUT-INS

Barbara Stewart, Kathy Gamler, Richard Eck and Linda Allmendinger.

MEMBERS

Brandon Stauffer, Erika Zaiser, Angie Smith, Lynn Wolfgang, Betty Moore, Bill Brensinger, Rebecca Yescavage, BillyRay Pearce, Sr., Kathy Sell, Dennis Brooke, Donna Day, Karen Essig, Elaine Dotterer, Jeff Reitnauer, Jerry Bryce, Deanna Heydt, Ralph Rothenberger, Anna Spencer, RuthAnn Good, Jennifer MacDonald, Pete Schmoyer, John Logan, LaRue Sheetz, Oscar Smith, Dan & Linda Ritter, Carole Mest, Ruth Reinhard, Bob McElwee, Linda Brunner, Waynette Shafer, Eileen Heffner, Tammy Strunk, Terry Kemp, Barbara Schmoyer and Mary Snyder.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY — ONGOING NEEDS

Michelle Hiriak, Donald Hays, Linda Stark, David & Diane Stauffer, Tammy Nelson, Tracey Knox, Peggy & Wendell Wahlstedt, Mike Bailey, Debbie Reinhard, Carol Graves, Kristie Jennings, Christine & Matthew Owens, Rosalie Nyce, Sherry Trimble, Justine Rick, Marcella Henderson, Helen Ann Kelly, Vince McDevitt, Marianne Sloan, David Parish, Chris Owens, David Freed, Fred Kroncke, Melissa Johnson, John McCarron, Dr. Amy Miller, Randy Sell, Joyce Kemp, John MacNamara, Marlene Leiby, Mike Neibert, Verna & Kelly Pomar, Mary Koch, Rose Hiems, Robert Hudock, Sr., Erik & Stephanie Morlock, Ashley Spencer, Stanley Kuter, Larry Solar, Rebecca Delp, Anna Bechtel, Henry Morlock and Jim & Bonnie Ottaviano

RECENTLY ADDED

John Zdunkiewicz, Rick Farrington, Cheryl Summerfelt, Naomi Bryson, Dennis Weller, Claire Burkhart, Jerry Bogart, Geri Passante, Angelique Gonzalez and Teresa Ruoff.

FAMILIES OF:

Betty Hallman, Kitty Buchert, Beverly Stein, Hermia Vargas, Pete Trentacospe, Jeff Jacobs and Cathy Bogert.

THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Christopher Heffner, BillyRay Pearce, Jr., Noah Heydt, Michael McHugh, Ben Rhode, Steven Herbst, David Crews, Jeff Lydic, Jory Huie, Seth Kurtz, Clinton Bowen, Eli Abner and Johnne Knepp.

***If anyone knows of military personnel who have been discharged, please let the Pastor or the church office know.**

OTHER CONCERNS

We pray for peace for our country and the world.

JOY AND THANKSGIVING

We ask God’s blessings on teachers and families at the start of another school year.



Worship Assistants for September, 2025

	Assisting Minister	Ushers	Server	Lector	Acolyte
Sept. 7th	Erika Zaiser	Howard Shafer* Dennis Schaeffer	Waynette Shafer		Vicki Mest
Sept. 14th		Bob McElwee* Kathy Kuser			Mark Sheetz
Sept. 21st	Jennifer MacDonald	Kay McGowan* Linda Brunner	Erika Zaiser		Diane McElwee
Sept. 28th		Sharon Renninger* Mardell Blanford			Uta Hahn

Above is the Worship Assistant Schedule for September.

Look on the schedule for your name and mark it on your calendar. **If there is a conflict, please find a replacement** and notify the church office 610-369-1281 by the Tuesday prior to that Sunday so that the correct name may be put in the bulletin.

† **Ushers** are asked to arrive in the Narthex one-half hour before the service.

Acolytes and Crucifers are asked to arrive twenty minutes before the start of the service in order to robe prior to the prelude. **If there is a conflict, please find a replacement or contact Pastor Zaiser.**



WORSHIP SPONSORS

You may sponsor altar flowers, **cost is \$32.00 for 1 bouquet or \$64.00 for 2 bouquets.** (If you wish to sponsor an extra bouquet of flowers for a date that is already taken, you may do so for an additional cost \$40.00.) If interested please see Mary Snyder. You may also sponsor the bulletins for \$15.00 per week, this helps offset the cost of printing them. **When sponsoring flowers, please use a flower envelope found in the rack in the narthex or clearly mark the envelope "Flowers".** **If you sponsored flowers in the past but no longer wish to, please let Mary Snyder (610-473-8885) or the church office know.**

	FLOWERS	BULLETINS
September 7th	To the glory of God by Pastor & Erika Zaiser, in Honor of their Son Gene's 28th Birthday and also by Mr. & Mrs. Terry Kemp, in Honor of their Wedding Anniversary.	To the glory of God by Bill & Sheila Eddinger, in Honor of all educators at the start of a new school year.
September 14th	To the glory of God by Sharon & Randy Renninger, in Memory of her Mother Cynthia Eshbach's Birthday and also by Mrs. Ruth Reinhard, in Memory of her Grandson Chad's Birthday.	To the glory of God by Lois Schwager, in Memory of her Grandson Colin Hiriak's Birthday.
September 21st	To the glory of God by Mr. Dennis Brooke, in Loving Memory of his Wife Ruth and also by Ms. Kim Shaner, in Honor of all of her nieces and nephews.	To the glory of God by Jerry Bryce, to thank the Lord for his guidance with my three children, as they help me get through my health situation. Praise the Lord!
September 28th	To the glory of God, in Memory of the Wedding Anniversary of Mr. & Mrs. Charles Frymoyer, by LaRue Sheetz. (1 Open Vase)	To the glory by Linda Bewley, in Honor of her Grandson Nathan's 21st Birthday.

Eternal Flame Candle

You may sponsor the Eternal Flame Candle for \$30.00/month, in Memory Of/in Honor of.

**The Eternal Flame Candle is presented to the glory of God by
Richard & Pat Beekley
in Memory of Family.**



The following devotion was used to open the Church Council Meeting in July, was submitted by Pat Beekley ...

God's Help

The Lord will keep you from all harm—He will watch over your life; the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.—Psalm 121:8 (NIV)

At one time in my life, I was surrounded by many social and economic issues. I was stressed day and night, and it was quite unbearable. When I tried to handle the problems on my own, it only seemed to make things worse. I felt helpless.

Then one day, I received a call from a man of God who asked me to join a prayer meeting. Even though the meeting was at a location far away from me. I decided to go. When I arrived, I was heavily burdened. I joined the group in worship and prayer, and as I did so, I began to receive peace in my heart and my heaviness was gone. I believe God led me to that place.

Jesus said, "Come to me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."
(Matt 11:28KJV).

God can perform miracles when we think there is no way forward. We can trust God to help us in all circumstances.

Prayer: Gracious and loving God, thank you for strengthening us to face difficult situations. We pray in the name of the One who saves the world and whose grace is abundant. Amen

Thought for the Day: God can lead me through any difficult situation.



The following devotion was used to open the Church Council Meeting in August, was submitted by Kathy Farrington ...

Hebrews 11:6

And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to Him must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who honestly seek Him.

FAITH

Without faith it is impossible to please God. I have experienced that having this kind of faith means being active, not sitting back bemoaning life and waiting for change. It means loving and believing in ourselves and using the transforming power of God's Holy Spirit to move our lives forward.

The truth seems simple, but living it is not so simple. As time has gone by, I have seen the work of the Holy Spirit in my life. Times have been difficult financially, physically, mentally and spiritually, but faith in God has begun a revolution in my life. Our enemy is fear that blinds us to truth, fear that keeps us bitter with anger and fear that leaves us without power.

However, with renewed faith we are never alone. We realize that in Christ we have everything we need to overcome any of life's challenges. There may have been countless times when we have felt the earth shake beneath us, or the wedge of life pressing in on us. This is happening to people today and to people throughout the world. It is one of the many ways in which the Holy Spirit speaks to us and encourages us to change.

PRAYER:

Lord, thank you for your presence and guidance today. Help us to carry your love and peace with us as we go. Strengthen our faith and trust in you, and may your will be done in our church and in our lives. In Jesus name. Amen

The graphic features the word "HAVE" in a bold, black, serif font. To its right, the word "faith" is written in a large, elegant, black cursive script. The entire text is set against a light gray background.

SIMPLY GIVING

Save time, simplify your life, and support your church! We're keeping up with the times by offering our parishioners another way to help our ministry. Our Electronic Giving Program called Simply Giving is an automated program that will allow you to make contributions without having to lift a pen to write a check or reach into your wallet for cash! And, this method of giving also saves our "counting team" time and trouble every week to open envelopes.

Here is how it works:

You authorize a specified amount of money to be electronically transferred directly from your checking or savings account to the Church account. You also specify the frequency of the transfer.

It is fast, safe and easy! In fact, it is less risky than checks, as it cannot be lost or stolen, or destroyed. The electronic transfer will cost you NOTHING and you save the cost of the check. The Church will issue you a donation statement for your tax records, and your bank statements will provide you with a record of transfer as additional proof of your contributions. Donations via electronic transfer can be made to our General Fund, Benevolence, and/or World Hunger and/or Building Maintenance.

Many members/families of Trinity are currently using Simply Giving.

You can change your amount or frequency with two weeks notice. And, of course, you can cancel your authorization of transfer at any time by notifying the church office. But we believe that once you have enjoyed the convenience and savings of this new program, you won't want to go back to the old way of contributing to our church!

If you have any interest, or questions, or wish to try this program on a trial basis, call the church office, see Pastor Zaiser or call Kurt Yescavage at 484-987-4668.



Trinity Gift Card Program

Orders will be taken before and after the church service the first Sunday of the month and will be distributed at church the second Sunday of the month. Order forms for Redners, Giant, and Scrip will be available at church and the Scrip order form is also found on Trinity's website. **Please note:** Weis Markets cards (\$25, \$100) can be ordered through Scrip for those who physically shop at the store. **Weis cards cannot be used for online orders. We apologize for any inconvenience.**

Payment must be submitted with your order; checks should be made out to Trinity Lutheran Church. **Be sure to include your phone number on your order form.**

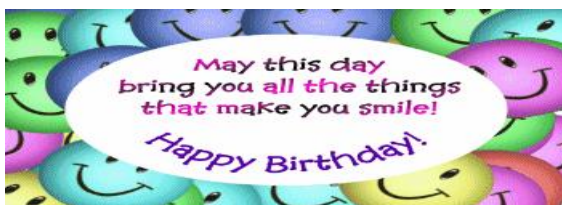


September Birthdays

- 1 Brad Essig, Chase Renninger &
Aloma Rhoads
- 2 Chad Brensinger, Keith Hampton &
Ruth Reitnauer
- 3 Gene Zaiser
- 5 Angie Renninger & Madison Weil
- 7 Kasey Fox
- 8 Leyah Wolf
- 9 Lauren Donovan
- 10 Ralph Rothenberger
- 12 Trina Kratz
- 13 Mackenzie Moyer & Laura Schankweiler
- 16 Cindi Esz
- 17 Heather Johnson & Virginia Rowland
- 18 Sharon Kemp
- 19 Jackie Acker, Tim Schankweiler &
Mark Yarnall
- 20 Katelyn Dulin
- 21 Lori Freese
- 22 Benjamin Fluharty, Randy Kehl &
Lois Schwager
- 23 Connor Deskie
- 24 Evan Crowe, Shannon Delp &
Pete Schmoyer
- 25 Diana Goggins
- 26 Keith Hampton, Jr.
- 28 Richard Beekley, Susie Buchert,
Kellie Dulin & Joanne Henshaw
- 29 Nathan Freese & Gary Miller

September Anniversaries

- 09/06 Terry & Sharon Kemp
 09/07 Herbert & Aloma Rhoads
 09/15 Larry & Robin Bearn
 09/16 Bart & Susan Moser
 09/17 Paul & Victoria Scott &
 Seth & Charlotte Endy
 09/19 Earl & Ruth Ann Good
 09/20 Dennis & Victoria Conrad
 09/21 Bill & Debbie Heydt
 09/22 Ken & Helen Heydt
 09/23 Scott & Barb Bender
 09/25 Thomas & Danielle Berger



Trinity Lutheran Church, Bechtelsville, PA

June 2025	GENERAL FUND	MEMORIAL FUND	OTHER FUNDS	Total Funds
Balance, Beginning of Year	5,394	71,724	35,234	112,353
+ Receipts this year	113,074	16,504	21,207	150,785
- Disbursements this year	125,401	10,000	8,566	143,967
Balance, End of Month	(6,932)	78,228	47,875	119,171

GENERAL FUND		OTHER FUNDS		Balance
	This Year			
INCOME				
Current	97,539	Bldg. Maint. Reserve		25,141
Plate Offerings	4,381	Organ Maint. Reserve		15,336
Sunday School & VBS	301	Benevolence		390
Interest Earned - CD, etc.	303	Hunger Appeal		245
Special Offering Envelopes	2,984	Special Music Reserve		3,540
Thrivent Choice	1,058	Sound System		(8)
Flowers	2,651	Miscellaneous Funds		2,103
Fund Raisers	-	Payroll Taxes Withheld		1,127
SCRIP Programs (net)	2,023	Total		47,875
Miscellaneous	1,835			
Total	113,074			
2025 BUDGET	241,000	120,500		
gain / (short-fall) =	(7,426)			
		ASSETS	"Market"	Gain
		Checking Account		27,571
		Petty Cash		100
		Vanguard Wellesley Fur	102,635	75,500
		Vanguard Money Marke	16,000	16,000
		Total	118,635	119,171
				27,135
				Gain inception thru 2024
				21,443
				Vanguard Wellesley Fur Gain (Loss) this year
				5,692

The General Fund has a negative balance.

Notes: For the first 6 months of 2025 the General Fund Balance decreased \$12,326 from \$5,394 to -\$6,932.

General Fund Income was \$7,426 less than 6/12 the 2025 Budget amount, and

General Fund Expenses were \$4,901 more than 6/12 the 2025 Budget amount.

For the first 6 months of 2024 the General Fund Balance decreased \$5,019.

Trinity Lutheran Church, Bechtelsville, PA

June 2025

EXPENSES	This Year	6/12 Budget	2025 BUDGET
Benevolence	3,000	3,000	6,000
Pastor's Salary	26,265	26,265	52,530
Housing Allowance	12,438	12,438	24,875
Social Security Allowance	3,480	3,480	6,960
Pension & Health Benefits	19,760	19,403	38,806
Continuing Education	300	275	550
Auto Allowance (mileage)	1,486	1,500	3,000
Secretary's Salary	7,766	7,766	15,532
Organist's Salary	6,746	6,747	13,493
Sexton's Salary	4,151	4,151	8,302
Treasurer's Salary	1,766	1,767	3,533
Financial Sec. Salary	618	618	1,236
Employer's FICA	1,304	1,610	3,220
Insurance	8,882	3,000	6,000
Repairs & Maintenance	5,900	5,000	10,000
Heating Oil	8,672	8,500	17,000
Electricity	1,641	2,500	5,000
Sewer	280	280	560
Cleaning Supplies	133	300	600
Lawn Care	800	800	1,600
Telephone	775	1,000	2,000
Copier	1,561	1,500	3,000
Office Supplies & Postage	1,675	2,250	4,500
Technology	112	300	600
Educational Materials	168	250	500
Worship & Devotional	263	250	500
Music Supplies	612	450	900
Discipleship	40	250	500
Publicity	208	250	500
Social Ministry	50	200	400
Envelopes	521	250	500
Flowers	2,931	2,250	4,500
Convention Expenses	781	500	1,000
Designated Donations	-	500	1,000
Miscellaneous	315	902	1,803
(Over) / Short	-	-	-
Total Expenses	125,401	120,500	241,000
2025 BUDGET - ytd	120,500		
over (under) budget	4,901		

Trinity Lutheran Church, Bechtelsville, PA

July 2025	GENERAL FUND	MEMORIAL FUND	OTHER FUNDS	Total Funds
Balance, Beginning of Year	5,394	71,724	35,234	112,353
+ Receipts this year	127,561	16,504	23,124	167,189
- Disbursements this year	143,408	10,000	12,771	166,179
Balance, End of Month	(10,452)	78,228	45,587	113,363

GENERAL FUND		OTHER FUNDS		Balance
	This Year			
INCOME				
Current	110,825	Bldg. Maint. Reserve		25,633
Plate Offerings	4,892	Organ Maint. Reserve		15,351
Sunday School & VBS	301	Benevolence		345
Interest Earned - CD, etc.	350	Hunger Appeal		170
Special Offering Envelopes	2,989	Special Music Reserve		3,440
Thrivent Choice	1,058	Sound System		(8)
Flowers	2,862	Miscellaneous Funds		(65)
Fund Raisers	-	Payroll Taxes Withheld		720
SCRIP Programs (net)	2,380	Total		45,587
Miscellaneous	1,904			
Total	127,561			
2025 BUDGET	241,000	140,583		
gain / (short-fall) =	(13,022)			
		ASSETS	"Market"	Gain
		Checking Account		16,763
		Petty Cash		100
		Vanguard Wellesley Fund	103,116	76,000 27,116
		Vanguard Money Market	20,500	20,500 -
		Total	123,616	113,363 27,116
			Gain inception thru 2024	21,443
		Vanguard Wellesley Fund	Gain (Loss) this year	5,674

The General Fund has a negative balance.


Notes: For the first 7 months of 2025 the General Fund Balance decreased \$15,846 from \$5,394 to -\$10,452.
 General Fund Income was \$13,022 less than 7/12 the 2025 Budget amount, and
 General Fund Expenses were \$2,824 more than 7/12 the 2025 Budget amount.
For the first 7 months of 2024 the General Fund Balance decreased \$14,684.

Trinity Lutheran Church, Bechtelsville, PA

July 2025

EXPENSES	This Year	7/12 Budget	2025 BUDGET
Benevolence	3,500	3,500	6,000
Pastor's Salary	30,306	30,643	52,530
Housing Allowance	14,351	14,510	24,875
Social Security Allowance	4,015	4,060	6,960
Pension & Health Benefits	23,053	22,637	38,806
Continuing Education	300	321	550
Auto Allowance (mileage)	1,851	1,750	3,000
Secretary's Salary	8,961	9,060	15,532
Organist's Salary	7,871	7,871	13,493
Sexton's Salary	4,843	4,843	8,302
Treasurer's Salary	2,061	2,061	3,533
Financial Sec. Salary	721	721	1,236
Employer's FICA	1,610	1,878	3,220
Insurance	8,882	3,500	6,000
Repairs & Maintenance	6,654	5,833	10,000
Heating Oil	9,076	9,917	17,000
Electricity	2,251	2,917	5,000
Sewer	420	327	560
Cleaning Supplies	133	350	600
Lawn Care	1,200	933	1,600
Telephone	914	1,167	2,000
Copier	1,807	1,750	3,000
Office Supplies & Postage	1,797	2,625	4,500
Technology	112	350	600
Educational Materials	196	292	500
Worship & Devotional	290	292	500
Music Supplies	612	525	900
Discipleship	60	292	500
Publicity	240	292	500
Social Ministry	108	233	400
Envelopes	521	292	500
Flowers	3,484	2,625	4,500
Convention Expenses	781	583	1,000
Designated Donations	-	583	1,000
Miscellaneous	426	1,052	1,803
(Over) / Short	-	-	-
Total Expenses	143,408	140,583	241,000
2025 BUDGET - ytd	140,583		
over (under) budget	2,825		

September 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 	2 6:30 Worship & Music Mtg. Scouts	3 6:30 TLC Stitches	4	5	6
7 8:00 Cont. Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service	8 6:30 Scouts	9 6:30 Scouts 7:00 Church Council Mtg.	10 6:30 TLC Stitches	11 6:30 Sr. Choir Practice	12	13
14 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service	15 6:30 Scouts	16 6:30 Scouts	17 6:30 TLC Stitches	18 6:30 Sr. Choir Practice	19	20
21 8:00 Cont. Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service <i>Harvest Home</i>	22 6:30 Scouts	23 6:30 Scouts	24 6:30 TLC Stitches	25 6:30 Sr. Choir Practice 7:30 Cantata Practice	26	27 9:00 Basket Party
28 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service	29 6:30 Scouts	30 6:30 Scouts				



Trinity's Lawn, Landscape, and Gardening Helpers

Let's give a big, warm thank you to all the volunteers who put in hours of sweat and hard work all spring and summer caring for Trinity's lawn and flower gardens! From mowing to mulching, planting and watering, weeding and trimming, many hands have worked many hours to keep Trinity looking its best. Thank you to Howard Shafer, Bob Eshbach, Dennis Schaeffer, and Randy Kehl. Thank you to our gardeners: Maddy Wyda, Susie Logan, Kathy Farrington, Marcia Auge, Vanessa Deskie, Cathy Yoder, Sharon Renninger, and Angie Renninger. Our apologies if we've missed anyone. If YOU would like to help with any outdoor or indoor tasks, please let any one of the above people or Pastor Zaiser know. And remember to thank these folks for doing a fantastic job!



Bechtelsville Community Park Events

- 9/27-Bags for Batten (cornhole fundraiser) 11:00 a.m. (rain date 9/28)
- 10/4 -Fall Fest, 11-3:00 - Activities include: cornhole tournament, touch-a-truck, bike rodeo, car seat safety checks, RC car demonstration, basket raffle, carnival games, free crafts, food, and more. (We have been asked to run the carnival games again. A sign-up sheet for volunteers will be posted in the narthex.)
- 10/31-Trunk-R-Treat, 6-8:00

Military Address List

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(If you have a Loved One in the Military and they are not listed here, please contact the Church Office, to be included with this listing. Thank You.)

Eli Abner
980 Towamensing Rd.
Lehighon, PA 18235
(Son-In-Law of Wil & Michele Carpenter)

Christopher Heffner
316 Merin Height Road
Jacksonville, NC 28546
(Eileen Heffner's Nephew)

Noah Heydt
c/o 58 Audrey Drive
Barto, PA 19504
(Bill & Debbie Heydt's Son)

Jory Huie
Haager Str. 46 92676
Eschenbach in de Oberfalz
Bavaria, Germany
(Linda Heimbach's request)

Jeffrey A. Lydic
110 Dandy Flush Dr.
Garner, NC 27529
(Nadine Lydic's Son)

BillyRay Pearce, Jr.
c/o 122 Cobblestone Drive
Gilbertsville, PA 19525



**Boyertown Area Multi-Service
Non-Perishable Items Needed:**

1. Paper Towels
2. Tissues
3. Laundry Detergent
4. Shampoo and Conditioner
5. Syrup
6. Pancake Mix
7. Instant Mashed Potatoes
8. Stuffing Mix
9. Hamburger Helper
10. Chef Boyardee Meals
11. Cake/Brownie Mix
12. Jelly
13. Peanut Butter
14. Canned Chicken
15. Canned Mixed Vegetables

Sodium free, sugar free, gluten free and low-fat items are also appreciated for clients with dietary restrictions.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING THOSE IN NEED.

Please join us for a
BASKET PARTY
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH
9:00AM (Doors Open)
10:30AM (Drawing Begins)



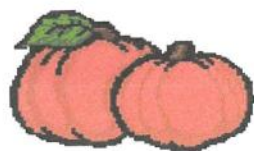
Tickets \$20.00
Tickets are available at the Church Office
Monday - Thursday—9AM-2PM
610-369-1281
And will be available at the door.

Refreshments will be available to purchase.

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
1749 S. MAIN STREET
BECHTELSTVILLE, PA 19505
610-369-1281

Website: www.trinitybech.com

Fall Craft Show



Saturday, October 18, 2025

9:00AM-1:00PM

*Featuring Crafts, Used Book Sale & Bake Sale. Lunch will
be available.*

Trinity Lutheran Church
1749 South Main Street, Bechtelsville, PA
610-369-1281

Please Stop In & Join Us

Our Building is Handicapped Accessible





Monthly Free-will Offerings 2025

A free-will offering is scheduled for the third Sunday of each month. They are as follows:

September 21 – Boyertown Area Multi-Service

October 19 – Eastern Berks Fire Dept.

November 16 – Elf Bags (Multi-Service)

December – No free-will offering. Thank you for supporting the various Christmas giving opportunities.

Thank you for your contributions to these special causes!

THE
CREATIVE
PATH
TO
\$\$\$\$\$ RAISERIGHT (SCRIP)
FOR
YOUR
CHURCH
FAMILY



PLAN! WHEN? END OF PREVIOUS MONTH. **WHAT?** EVERYDAY ESSENTIALS (CVS, Staples, Walmart, WAWA, cards) GROCERIES (Giant, Redners, Walmart, Target, Visa cards) BIRTHDAYS (Amazon, Starbucks, Gap, Old Navy, Macy's cards) HOME IMPROVEMENTS (Home Depot, Lowes, Ace Hardware cards) VACATIONS (Hotels, Airlines, Cruises, Fuel cards) ANNIVERSARY'S (Long Horn Steakhouse, Macy's, AMC theater cards)

IMPLEMENT! FILL OUT THE FORM! WRITE A CHECK OR BRING CASH! TURN IN AT THE SCRIP TABLE ON THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH! COLLECT YOUR CARDS THE SECOND SUNDAY!

GET CREATIVE! THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX! ADD'L GIFT CARDS ON THE WEBSITE raiseright.com



**The Community Clothing Rack
Schedule**

1st Wednesday

Donations Accepted

2nd, 3rd & 4th Wednesdays

Shoppers Welcome

2nd Thursday

Shoppers Welcome

6:00PM-8:00PM

5th Wednesday

CLOSED

Hours

1:00PM-4:00PM

Summer Hours Only

June-August

9:00AM-12:00PM

Closed on all major holidays.

In the case of inclement weather,

Refer to Boyertown Area School district closure.

CCR is a ministry of St. Luke Lutheran Church

Our mission is to serve Jesus Christ by providing
necessary clothing to the underserved.

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Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

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 Susan Logan
 Sharon Renninger
 Kurt Yescavage
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 Mardell Blanford
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 Eileen Heffner
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 Pastor Zaiser







