



## **TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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### **FROM THE PASTOR...**

On Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, we're having our annual youth and family Halloween party, 4:30-7, in the parish hall. We'll have pizza, pumpkin carving, and a Halloween costume contest. Please let me know if you and your family will be attending. Also, we'll be hosting cookies and hot chocolate for neighborhood trick-or-treaters Friday evening, October 31<sup>st</sup>. If you can help or provide cookies, please let me know.

- Pastor Gene





## ***Worship in October***

### **October 5, 2025 – 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**Sermon Text: Luke 17:5-10** On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus instructs his followers about the power of faith and the duties of discipleship. He calls his disciples to adopt the attitude of servants whose actions are responses to their identity rather than works seeking reward. **Contemporary worship at 8AM.**

### **October 12, 2025– 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**

**Sermon Text: Luke 17:11-19** Jesus' mission includes making people clean again. Unexpectedly, a Samaritan healed of leprosy becomes a model for those who would praise and worship God and give thanks for God's mercy.

### **October 19, 2025 – 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**

**Sermon Text: Luke 18:1-8** Jesus tells a parable of an unjust judge who is worn down by a widow's pleas. Jesus is calling God's people to cry out for justice and deliverance. For if an unethical judge will ultimately grant the plea of a persistent widow, how much more will God respond to those who call. **Contemporary worship at 8AM.**

### **October 26, 2025 – Reformation Sunday**

**Sermon Text: John 8:31-36** Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.



### September Update on Church Financial Status From The Finance Committee:

As reported in the current Newsletter (Financial Reports Section), the General Fund has a Negative balance of \$7,420 (an improvement from Negative \$10,452 in July, largely due to 5 Sundays of giving in August). While this is an improvement, 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 \$30,703 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:

- Increase your giving - even a small increase by many will help
- 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.
- 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.
- Support fundraisers and special events at the church - note that not all fundraisers and events benefit the General Fund. And...**Thank you for supporting 2 new fundraisers in August!**
- 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 - October 2025



**Please join us for Sunday School 9:15-10:15 every Sunday.**

### Elementary Class

We will be using Enduring Faith Unit 1: *God Creates a World and a Kingdom* for our fall class. As our studies continue in the Old Testament, we will learn about Jacob, Joseph, and Moses. If you have any young, loved ones in your life, please bring them to Sunday School so we can share God's wonderful Word with them.

### Adult Discussion Class

Join this class Sunday mornings in the parlor as Angie continues the study of "The Sermon on the Mount" digging into Jesus' challenging message in the greatest sermon ever preached. Sheila will continue with "Listening to God" helping participants seek and find an ever-deepening dialogue with God. Come dig into God's Word and build a closer relationship with Him.



### Bechtelsville Community News

October 4, 11-3:00 - Fall Festival: Cornhole tournament, Touch-a-truck, Bike Rodeo, Car seat safety check, basket raffle, food, vendors, games, and crafts. So much fun! Please come out and support our community!

October 31 - Trunk-or-Treat in the park



Dear Members & Friends,

Here we are with the beautiful Fall weather. We are starting new anthems for worship and looking forward to our Christmas Cantata.

The Cantata will be Sunday, December 14th at the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service and Sunday, January 4th at 3:00 p.m. for our Encore Presentation.

Rehearsals have begun, so please mark your calendars to plan to attend one or both of these services. The Cantata Choir works very hard for your enjoyment.

Many thanks to Mardell Blanford for making our Basket Party a success and also to her committee.

Please see and hear our music selections in worship. My thanks to the choir members for their time and their talents.

Musically,  
LaRue C. Sheetz  
Director of Music



### Youth Happenings:

All young persons and those young at heart are invited to the annual Pumpkins and Pizza event on Sunday, October 26, 2025 from 4:30-7:00pm. There will be pizza, drinks and snacks, a costume parade, singing of the "Monster Mash," creative pumpkins, fun treats, and fellowship. There will be a sign up sheet in the narthex. Please let Jenn know by Thursday October 23rd by calling 267.664.3394 so we can make sure we have enough for everyone. See you on the 26th for a spooktacular time together!





### 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.**



## Craft Show, Used Book & Bake Sale

Fall has arrived, that means our Annual Craft show will be on Saturday, October 18th – 9AM to 1PM. Tables are still available for Crafters interested in the show. Please contact Cathy Yoder or the Church Office for a registration form.

We have several new crafters: Stained Glass, Jewelry, Seashell Crafts, Scented Candles & Wood Magnets. Our returning crafters are: Crochet Items, Wreaths & Fall Crafts.

This year we will have a Bake Sale along with our annual Used Book Sale. Donations of any used books are greatly appreciated and can be dropped off in the Nursery. Lunch will be available to purchase. Hope to see you there!

**Attention bakers!** We need your lovingly homemade baked goods for the bake sale at our craft show on October 18. So that we have a variety of items, please list what you will be donating on the sign-up sheet in the narthex. Ideas include cookies, cupcakes, brownies, muffins, breakfast buns or cakes, pies, etc. Items may be dropped off Thursday evening, 6:30-8:30, Friday (contact Sharon Renninger, 484-374-5928, for a time), or Saturday by 9 a.m. Thank you for your support!



## Operation Christmas Child

Once again, we are collecting “filled shoe boxes” for children, as a Christmas Project. Gift suggestions: School supplies, small toys, hygiene items, other items (t-shirts, socks, ball caps, sunglasses, hair clips, etc.) Please include the “How to Pack A Shoe-box” Insert along with a check or cash for \$10.00, filled boxes must be returned to church by **Sunday, November 9th**. Thank you for your support! Any questions, please see Kathy Kuser.



## Card Ministry

There is (1) Shut In Birthday in October. Kathy Gamler will celebrate her birthday on October 8th. Please remember Kathy with a birthday card, her address is: 224 Koch Road, Boyertown, PA 19512.

Various cards were also sent as needed.

- Karen Irely



**The deadline for the  
November Newsletter  
will be  
Sunday, October 19th**



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



### **WAWA Hoagie Coupons**

Available 1st Sunday of the month at the Scrip 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 30th and pick up will be Wednesday, October 8th.** 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.

### **Words of Thanks.....**

*To the Members of Trinity Lutheran,  
The family of Michael McHugh, would like to send  
out their heartfelt thanks for all the years of  
praying for him on your Military List. Michael has  
served in the Air Force for 20 years and on  
September 1, 2025 he retired as Master Sergeant.  
He is truly grateful for all the thoughts and prayers  
sent his way throughout the years. Most  
importantly, the McHugh family asks everyone to  
continue to pray for all our servicemen and  
women.*

*Thank you for having Michael on this prestigious  
list.*

*God Bless, Jayne & Tom McHugh.*

### **Email Address Change Ruth & Martin Weiser**

[hturtnua@yahoo.com](mailto:hturtnua@yahoo.com)





## **PRAYER LIST FOR HEALING/SPECIAL NEEDS**

**“Cast all your anxieties on Him, because He cares for you.” - 1 Peter 5:7**

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, Oscar & 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, Carole Mest, Bob McElwee, Eileen Heffner, Tammy Strunk, Terry Kemp, Mary Snyder, Howard Shafer and Wendy Bowers.

### **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, Helen Ann Kelly, Marianne Sloan, David Parish, Chris Owens, Fred Kroncke, Melissa Johnson, John McCarron, Dr. Amy Miller, Joyce Kemp, Marlene Leiby, Mike Neibert, Verna & Kelly Pomar, Mary Koch, Rose Hiems, Erik & Stephanie Morlock, Ashley Spencer, Larry Solar, Rebecca Delp, Anna Bechtel, Henry Morlock, Jim & Bonnie Ottaviano, John Zdunkiewicz, Rick Farrington, Cheryl Summerfelt, Naomi Bryson, Dennis Weller, Claire Burkhardt, Jerry Bogart, and Angelic Gonzalez.

### **RECENTLY ADDED**

Bill Coates, Shirley Ciaciak and Karen Smith.

### **FAMILIES OF:**

Dan Ritter, Ted Sheetz, Geri Passante, Nancy Umstead, Justine Rick and Ben Delp.

### **THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY**

Christopher Heffner, BillyRay Pearce, Jr., Noah Heydt, 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 tolerance and peace in our country.

### **JOY AND THANKSGIVING**

We ask God's blessings for a bountiful harvest this year.



## Worship Assistants for October, 2025

	Assisting Minister	Ushers	Server	Lector	Acolyte	Crucifer
Oct. 5th	Diane McElwee	Bill Eddinger* Kay McGowan	Sheila Eddinger	Diane McElwee	Vicki Mest	
Oct. 12th		Janice Sheetz Heidi Yescavage		Uta Hahn	Mark Sheetz	
Oct. 19th		Dan & Kathy Kuser		Ruth Weiser	Uta Hahn	
Oct. 26th	Erika Zaiser	Howard Shafer* Dennis Schaeffer	Waynette Shafer	Jennifer McCarron	Jennifer McCarron	Diane McElwee

**Above is the Worship Assistant Schedule for October.**

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
October 5th	To the glory of God by Mrs. Martha Beekman, in Honor of My Children: Calvin, Rhonda, Valerie and Grandchildren and also in Memory of Gerhard Hahn, by the Hahn and Zaiser Family.	To the glory of God by Bill & Sheila Eddinger, in Support of Suicide Awareness and Prevention.
October 12th	To the glory of God by Bob & Diane McElwee, in Memory of their Parents.	To the glory of God by Mrs. Kathy Murphy, in Loving Memory of her Mother Hilda M. Schaeffer.
October 19th	To the glory of God by Mrs. Karen Ireys, in Memory of My Husband Barrie Ireys's Birthday.	To the glory of God by Lois Schwager, in Memory of My Husband Ronald's Birthday.
October 26th	To the glory of God, by Howard & Waynette Shafer, in Memory of Frank, Earl & Gladys Weikel. (Open Vase)	To the glory of God to thank the Lord for his guidance with my three children, as they help me get through my health situation. Praise the Lord! by Jerry Bryce.

### 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**

**Mary Kiersey**

**In Memory of Brother Michael McGowan**



**The following devotion was used to open the Church Council Meeting in September, was submitted by Linda Brunner ...**

Gracious Lord, who hast promised to be with us always. I ask thee to dwell in our home and hearts and bless us with Thy peace. Keep us all in the saving faith, which is in Jesus Christ, as our Lord and Redeemer. Give to us the grace and the desire to walk with Thee in Christian love. Preserve in our home the fruits of Thy Holy Spirit, contentment, joy, and peace. Remove from our hearts envy, strife, contention. Forgive us all our sins, each and every one. Forgiven by Thee, make us forgiving and thoughtful. Let not the duties and tasks of the day make us dissatisfied and peevish. And, Lord, I ask Thee to bless all the homes of the nations with peace. Wherever there are misunderstandings, ill will, strife, quarrels, let Thy Word enter in and reconcile those who have been estranged from one another and from Thee. Grant that prodigal sons and erring daughters may return with penitent hearts. Let Thy Word dwell in our household richly, that we may live in peace with Thee and one another and find our greatest joy in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer. Amen



## October Birthdays

- 1 Katie Burnley & Heather Xanthopoulos
- 2 Mildred Merkel
- 3 Matthew Renninger & Kylee Wolf
- 4 Timothy Sarte
- 5 Geoffrey Nagle
- 8 Kathy Gamler & Maria Spataro
- 9 Jennifer MacDonald
- 11 Donald Miller
- 12 Lorna Angstadt
- 13 Dakota Corliss & Ryan Matz
- 15 Jacob Eshbach & Suzanne Kerchner
- 16 Seth Endy
- 17 Josh Hish & Donna Repko
- 19 Paul Urban V
- 21 Sheila Eddinger, Chelsea Miller,  
Jeff Reitnauer, Carlee Strunk  
& Ginny Williams
- 22 Jere Miller
- 23 Steven Schaffer
- 25 Mark Brown & RuthAnn Good
- 27 Anna Spencer
- 30 Sara Wagner
- 31 Caylin Snyder

## October Anniversaries

- 10/02 Matthew & Cynthia Gehman
- 10/03 Ryan & Lisa Matz
- 10/06 Martin & Ruth Weiser
- 10/11 Brian & Lauren Buchert
- 10/28 Jason & Melissa Grubbs





## 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**

**Trinity's Gift Card Program** - Gift card orders are accepted before and after the church service the first Sunday of each month and distributed the second Sunday. Order forms for Redners, Giant and Raise Right (for other retail gift cards) are available in the narthex. The Raise Right order form is also available for download on Trinity's website. Payment must be submitted with your order. **Please make checks payable to Trinity Lutheran Church and include your phone number on your order form.** If you have any questions regarding this fund raising program please see Sharon Kemp, Kathy Kuser or Kurt Yescavage.



## Military Address List

**(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.  
Lehighton, 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





## Shoefly & Sticky Bun Fundraiser



**A Huge Thank You to all for your support of the Shoefly  
Sticky Bun Sale.**

	<u>Sold</u>	<u>Amt. to Shady Mtn.</u>	<u>\$ Sale \$8.00 ea.</u>	<u>Trinity Profit</u>
Shoefly	35	\$192.50	\$280.00	\$87.50
Sticky Buns (Plain)	25	\$125.00	\$200.00	\$75.00
			<b>\$ Sale \$9.00 ea.</b>	
Sticky Buns (Nuts)	<u>23</u>	<u>\$126.50</u>	<u>\$207.00</u>	<u>\$ 80.50</u>
Totals	83	\$444.00	\$687.00	\$243.00

## Dairy Queen Fundraiser

**A Huge Thank You to all for your support of the Dairy Queen Fundraiser.  
Trinity received a check in the amount of \$175.00**



## Trinity Lutheran Church, Bechtelsville, PA

August 2025	GENERAL FUND	MEMORIAL FUND	OTHER FUNDS	Total Funds
Balance, Beginning of Year	5,394	71,724	35,234	112,353
+ Receipts this year	148,705	17,924	25,436	192,065
- Disbursements this year	161,520	10,000	13,900	185,420
Balance, End of Month	(7,420)	79,648	46,770	118,998

GENERAL FUND		OTHER FUNDS		Balance
INCOME				
	This Year			
Current	129,622	Bldg. Maint. Reserve		26,238
Plate Offerings	6,134	Organ Maint. Reserve		15,366
Sunday School & VBS	301	Benevolence		365
Interest Earned - CD, etc.	406	Hunger Appeal		265
Special Offering Envelopes	2,989	Special Music Reserve		3,440
Thrivent Choice	1,243	Sound System		(8)
Flowers	3,215	Miscellaneous Funds		278
Fund Raisers	-	Payroll Taxes Withheld		825
SCRIP Programs (net)	2,762	Total		46,770
Miscellaneous	2,034			
Total	148,705			
2025 BUDGET	241,000	160,667		
gain / (short-fall) =	(11,962)			
		ASSETS	"Market"	Gain
		Checking Account		22,398
		Petty Cash		100
		Vanguard Wellesley Fund	105,795	76,500 29,295
		Vanguard Money Market	20,000	20,000 -
		Total	125,795	118,998 29,295
			Gain inception thru 2024	21,443
		Vanguard Wellesley Fund	Gain (Loss) this year	7,853

**The General Fund has a negative balance.**

**Notes:** For the first 8 months of 2025 the General Fund Balance decreased \$12,814 from \$5,394 to -\$7,420.

General Fund Income was \$11,962 less than 8/12 the 2025 Budget amount, and

General Fund Expenses were \$853 more than 8/12 the 2025 Budget amount.

*For the first 8 months of 2024 the General Fund Balance decreased \$17,257.*

## Trinity Lutheran Church, Bechtelsville, PA

August 2025

EXPENSES	This Year	8/12 Budget	2025 BUDGET
Benevolence	4,000	4,000	6,000
Pastor's Salary	34,347	35,020	52,530
Housing Allowance	16,264	16,583	24,875
Social Security Allowance	4,551	4,640	6,960
Pension & Health Benefits	26,347	25,871	38,806
Continuing Education	450	367	550
Auto Allowance (mileage)	2,042	2,000	3,000
Secretary's Salary	10,156	10,355	15,532
Organist's Salary	8,995	8,995	13,493
Sexton's Salary	5,535	5,535	8,302
Treasurer's Salary	2,355	2,355	3,533
Financial Sec. Salary	824	824	1,236
Employer's FICA	1,871	2,147	3,220
Insurance	8,882	4,000	6,000
Repairs & Maintenance	8,816	6,667	10,000
Heating Oil	9,076	11,333	17,000
Electricity	2,847	3,333	5,000
Sewer	420	373	560
Cleaning Supplies	133	400	600
Lawn Care	1,200	1,067	1,600
Telephone	1,052	1,333	2,000
Copier	2,053	2,000	3,000
Office Supplies & Postage	1,938	3,000	4,500
Technology	112	400	600
Educational Materials	224	333	500
Worship & Devotional	313	333	500
Music Supplies	720	600	900
Discipleship	60	333	500
Publicity	280	333	500
Social Ministry	158	267	400
Envelopes	521	333	500
Flowers	3,740	3,000	4,500
Convention Expenses	781	667	1,000
Designated Donations	-	667	1,000
Miscellaneous	457	1,202	1,803
(Over) / Short	-	-	-
Total Expenses	161,520	160,667	241,000
2025 BUDGET - ytd	160,667		
over (under) budget	853		



# October 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:30 TLC Stitchers	2 6:30 Sr. Choir Practice 7:30 Cantata Practice	3	4
5 8:00 Cont. Worship Serv. 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service Worship & Music Mtg 6:30 Finance Comm. Mtg.	6 6:30 Scouts	7 2:00 Discipleship Comm. Mtg. 6:00 Scouts	8 6:30 TLC Stitchers	9 6:30 Sr. Choir Practice 7:30 Cantata Practice	10	11
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# *Fall Craft Show*



Saturday, October 18, 2025

*9:00AM-1:00PM*

*Featuring New Crafts(Stained Glass, Jewelry, Seashell Crafts,  
Scented Candles & Wood Magnets) Returning Crafts:  
(Crochet Items, Wreaths and Fall Crafts)  
Used Book Sale & Bake Sale. Lunch will be available.*

Trinity Lutheran Church  
1749 South Main Street, Bechtelsville, PA  
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*Please Stop In & Join Us*

*Our Building is Handicapped Accessible*





### **Monthly Free-will Offerings 2025**

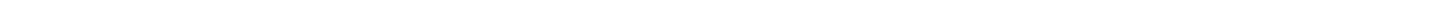
A free-will offering is scheduled for the third Sunday of each month. They are as follows:

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 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.

[www.StLukeGilbertsville.org](http://www.StLukeGilbertsville.org)

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## Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

### Committee List 2025

#### Church Council

Kay McGowan—President  
 Randy Kehl—Vice President  
 Mardell Blanford—Secretary  
 Dan & Kathy Kuser – Treasurers  
 Pat Beekley  
 Linda Bewley  
 Linda Brunner  
 Kathy Farrington  
 Terry Kemp  
 Susan Logan  
 Sharon Renninger  
 Kurt Yescavage  
 Pastor Zaiser

#### Christian Education

Sharon Renninger – Chairperson  
 Mardell Blanford  
 Vanessa Deskie  
 Kathy Farrington  
 Eileen Heffner  
 Janice Sheetz  
 Maddy Wyda

#### Discipleship

Linda Bewley – Co-chairperson  
 Jennifer MacDonald  
 Oscar & Angie Smith  
 Anna Spencer  
 Pastor Zaiser

#### Fellowship

Waynette Shafer - Co-Chairperson  
 Cathy Yoder - Co-Chairperson  
 Randy Kehl  
 Kay McGowan  
 Linda Ritter  
 Carol Rothermel  
 Darlene Smith  
 Shirl Stone  
 Maddy Wyda

#### Finance

Kurt Yescavage-Chairperson  
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 Dan & Kathy Kuser  
 Diane McElwee  
 Sharon Renninger  
 Oscar Smith  
 Ruth Weiser

#### Prayer Circle

Linda Ritter - Chairperson  
 Kathy Kuser  
 Cathy Leiby  
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 Sharon Renninger  
 Donna Repko  
 Virginia Rowland  
 Mary Snyder

#### Property

Dennis Schaeffer — Chairperson  
 Richard Deskie  
 Bill Eddinger  
 Keith Endy  
 Bobby Eshbach  
 Fred Isett  
 Terry Kemp  
 Pete Schmoyer  
 Howard Shafer

#### Social Ministry

Kathy Kuser – Chairperson  
 Vicky Conrad  
 Suzanne Kerchner  
 Ruth Reinhard  
 Waynette Shafer

#### TLC Stitchers

Vanessa Deskie  
 Eileen Heffner  
 Brenda Huggins  
 Ruth Weiser  
 Maddy Wyda  
 Cathy Yoder

#### Worship & Music

Jennifer MacDonald – Co-Chairperson  
 Angie Renninger—Co-Chairperson  
 Linda Bewley  
 Fred Isett  
 Diane McElwee  
 Kay McGowan  
 La Rue Sheetz – Director of Music

#### Youth Ministry Advisors

Fred Isett — Co-Chairperson  
 Jennifer MacDonald — Co-Chairperson  
 Pastor Zaiser























