



TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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FROM THE PASTOR...

Mark your calendars for our Community Thanksgiving Service Tuesday, November 25th, at 7 PM, at Most Blessed Sacrament Church, Bally. Please note the change of day – due to scheduling conflicts this year, we'll have to hold the service on Tuesday evening. This service is a beautiful expression of the community we share with other churches in our area, so please come on out and celebrate our unity in Christ! Our monetary offering that evening will benefit Boyertown Area Multi-Service. We will also be collecting non-perishable food items for Multi-Service's community food bank.

- Pastor Gene





Worship in November

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November 2, 2025 – All Saints Sunday

Sermon Text: Luke 19:1-10 Jesus encounters Zacchaeus, a rich man who is also a lost sinner. Moved by Jesus' acceptance of him, Zacchaeus becomes a model of discipleship. In immediate response to being restored to God's people, Zacchaeus ministers to the poor and seeks reconciliation with those whom he has wronged. **Contemporary worship at 8AM.**

November 9, 2025 – 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon Text: Luke 20:27-38 Some Sadducees, who do not believe in the resurrection of the dead, try to trap Jesus. They formulate the convoluted case of a serial widow who marries a succession of seven brothers. Jesus responds by teaching about God to whom all are alive and in whom all relationships are fulfilled.

November 16, 2025 – 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon Text: Luke 21:5-19 As history moves toward God's fulfillment there will be frightening signs and events. Before the end, believers will draw strength from their relationship to God and will be given the words they need to testify and to endure without fear. **Contemporary worship at 8AM.**

November 23, 2025 – Christ the King Sunday

Sermon Text: Luke 23:33-43 Amid scoffing and slander from those who sarcastically call him Messiah and king, Jesus reveals that to be Messiah and king is to give one's life for others. Here he uses his power to welcome a despised sinner to paradise but puts his own death into God's hands.

November 30, 2025 – 1st Sunday of Advent

Sermon Text: Matthew 24:36-44 Jesus describes his second coming as a sudden, turbulent event that will bring about deep change to our normal, day-to-day lives. Therefore, he urges people to stay awake, be aware, and wait expectantly, because the Son of Man will come unannounced.



October 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 \$1817 - this significant improvement from Negative \$7420 at end of August was largely due to Memorial Contributions being elected by Ritter and Sheetz families to go to the General fund and the successful Basket Party allocating 50% of profits to the General Fund. Thank you to all responsible for these allocations and support.

Our congregation is, however, still not meeting the income needs of the budget for 2025, which was approved by the congregation last December. This means some Bills are being paid by borrowing "internally" from other accounts with positive balances. Also to note: This year is not the start of this issue as the General Fund is Negative by \$25,100 since the start of 2023.

Our request for your consideration :

The committee has met 4 times this year 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.**
- 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 continues to monitor our Financial situation closely and will communicate further as needed.

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

Christian Education News - November 2025



**Save the
Children®**

Elementary Class

In our Enduring Faith curriculum for November, we will learn how God met Moses on Mt. Sinai and gave him His Ten Commandments. Then after the Israelites wandered in the wilderness for 40 years, God through Joshua led them into the promised land.

Every month our Sunday School sponsors Save the Children. Earlier this year the organization transitioned from direct child sponsorship to a program that will prioritize funding for communities where children are most in need. With this change resources can be allocated more efficiently. You can learn more about Save the Children at savechildren.org.

Adult Discussion Class

Join this class as Sheila will continue with "Listening to God" helping participants seek and find an ever-deepening dialogue with God. Angie will begin a new study about the Lord's Prayer. What is the Lord's Prayer to you? Has this prayer become so familiar that you hardly think about its meaning? If so, you are missing out on a rich resource for your spiritual life. Come and grow your faith with this class.



Bechtelsville Community News

Thank you to Pastor Gene, Vanessa, Rich, Drevyn, Angie S., Janice, Mardell, Angie R., Mark, Michelle, Emma, and Cathy for helping at the Fall Festival and to all who came out to support this event!

October 31, 6:00-8:00 - Trunk-or-Treat in the Park

December - Tree lighting in the park - watch for date and time

December 13, 11-1:00 - Santa in the Park

Dear Members & Friends,

A Special Thanks for all your support at our Annual Basket Party. We did very well and your help was very much appreciated.

Our Cantata Choir is doing very well and look forward to December 14th and January 4th when we sing the Cantata for you! I know you will enjoy the selections for this year.

We always need choir members and I invite anyone interested to please see me. We have a wonderful Senior Choir and we have fun together.

Our other choirs — Bell and Cantata are great folks too and we all enjoy the music together, so I invite anyone interested to please join with us.

Please enjoy our autumn weather and join us in worship!

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.



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 Shoebox” 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.



PJ Project

In conjunction with the Boyertown Area Multi-Service, Trinity would like to create “Elf Bags” for needy families for Christmas Eve and are looking for our help to fill these bags. The items needed besides new Children’s Larger size pajamas (10/12 & 14/16), Adult Size pajamas for older children (Small-XL), Children’s Christmas Books, Family games for older children (Card Games, Sorry, Monopoly, etc.), Monetary donations to purchase items needed, hot chocolate packets and microwave popcorn packets. **Please bring your donation to the box in the Narthex by November 16th.** Any questions, please see Kathy Kuser. Thank you for your support of this ministry.



Card Ministry

There are no Homebound Members Birthdays in November. Various cards have been sent as needed.

- Karen Irely



Shoefly Pies & Pumpkin Rolls

Orders for Shoefly Pies & Pumpkins Rolls will be taken Sunday, November 9th & November 16th. Delivery on Sunday, November 23rd. Price is \$8.00 per item. Any questions please see Linda Brunner.

The deadline for the December Newsletter will be Sunday, November 16th



Keystone Blood Drive

There will be a Keystone Blood Drive on Saturday, November 1st and St. Joseph’s Hill Church, 244 Koch Road, Boyertown.

8am-2pm

Thank You for giving the Gift of Life.

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.



Christmas Cookies

It is that time of year again where cooler weather and holidays are approaching. The Annual Cookie Baking will occur Saturday, December 6, 2025, beginning at 9:00am. Pick up will be on Sunday, December 7, 2025 after worship.

We will be baking peanut butter, chocolate chip, sugar, oatmeal raisin, and snickerdoodles. If you want gluten free, please note GF on signup sheet in the respective column(s).

Cost will be \$8.00 per dozen or \$14 for 2 dozen. There will be a signup sheet in the narthex.

Thank you for your support! Looking forward to your orders!



Scout Troop 511

Hoagie Sales:

Next orders are due by Tuesday, November 4th and pick up will be Wednesday, November 12th. 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.

New Email Address

Kathy Farrington

roysgracemutt@gmail.com

Change of Address & Phone No.

Gloria Christman

359 Fox Pointe Dr.

Dover, DE 19904

302-359-0629



Our sister congregation, the Marienkirche in Borna, Germany.

(Website:

Kirche-bornaer-land.de)

PRAYER LIST FOR HEALING/SPECIAL NEEDS

“And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of His glory in Christ Jesus.” - Philippians 4:19

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:

Homebound

Barbara Stewart, Kathy Gamler, Richard Eck, Linda Allmendinger, Ralph Rothenberger and Dorothy Romig.

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, Anna Spencer, RuthAnn Good, Pete Schmoyer, John Logan, Carole Mest, Bob McElwee, Eileen Heffner, Tammy Strunk, Mary Snyder, Wendy Bowers, Linda Bewley, Tammy Kemp, Sherri Schaeffer and Mike Wyda.

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, Kristie Jennings, Christine & Matthew Owens, Helen Ann Kelly, Marianne Sloan, David Parish, Chris Owens, Fred Kroncke, John McCarron, Joyce Kemp, Verna & Kelly Pomar, Rose Hiems, 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, Angelic Gonzalez, Shirley Ciaciak and Karen Smith.

RECENTLY ADDED

Ilse Kirchheimer

FAMILY OF:

Jerry Bryce

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 peace throughout the world.

JOY AND THANKSGIVING

Thank You God, for al the blessings we have received this year!



Worship Assistants for November, 2025

	Assisting	Ushers	Server	Lector	Acolyte	Crucifer
Nov. 2nd	Vicki Mest	Bill Eddinger* Bob McElwee	Sheila Eddinger	Kathy Farrington	Erika Zaiser	
Nov. 9th		Mardell Blanford* Sharon Renninger		Maddy Wyda	Mark Sheetz	
Nov. 16th		Kay McGowan* Linda Brunner	Erika Zaiser	Laura Moser	Diane McElwee	
Nov. 23rd	Jenn McCarron	Randy Kehl* Cathy Yoder		Randy Kehl	Vicki Mest	Diane McElwee
Nov. 30th		Janice Sheetz & Heidi Yescavage		Sheila Eddinger	Erika Zaiser	

Above is the Worship Assistant Schedule for November

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
November 2nd	To the glory of God in Memory of Robert & Cynthia Eshbach, by their Family and also by Mr. & Mrs. John Logan, in Memory of Margaret Hatfield, Joseph Logan, Sr. and Roy S. and Elaine Mutter.	To the Glory and Honor of God by Sandy & Mark Yarnall.
November 9th	To the glory of God by The Mutter Family, in Memory of their Brother Randy and in Honor of All Veterans and also by Donald & Patti Miller, in Honor of their Granddaughter Savannah's 7th Birthday.	To the glory of God in Memory of Jerry & Carolyn Bryce.
November 16th	To the glory of God by Mrs. Virginia Rowland, in Memory of her Husband Charles Rowland and also by Sandy & Mark Yarnall, to the Honor and Glory of God.	To the glory of God by Mike & Maddy Wyda, in Honor of Our 41st Wedding Anniversary and thanks for all the blessings in our lives!
November 23rd	To the glory of God, by Ms. Elizabeth Anderson, in Memory of her Brother-In-Law Harry E. Byman and also by Mrs. Mary Snyder, in Memory of her Husband C. William Snyder.	To the glory of God by Bill & Sheila Eddinger, in thanksgiving for all of God's blessings.
November 30th	To the glory of God, by Ms. Elizabeth Anderson, in Memory of her Nephew William C. Anderson III.	To the glory of God in Memory of Jerry & Carolyn Bryce.


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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
Howard & Waynette Shafer
In Memory of Family**

The following devotion was used to open the Church Council Meeting in October, was submitted by Terry Kemp ...

The woman sat across the table from me and leveled an expectant stare. ‘You aren’t going to hold a Halloween party are you? I don’t want the church to be associated with all that evil.’ I was a brand new youth director in my first full time youth ministry position. I had no idea how to respond. She continued her intense stare and said, “I think we should have a Harvest Party or Fall Festival instead.”

I have always loved Halloween. I grew up in churches that celebrated Halloween with cross-generational parties. I identify Halloween with connection to a larger community and abundant generosity. Anyone can ring the doorbell and get a treat regardless of who they are or where they come from. It is the one night a year when we wander our neighborhood and meet our neighbors in common purpose to wear costumes and get candy.

Halloween’s deep roots in the Christian church—All Hallow’s Eve, the night before All Saint’s Day—provides us an opportunity to laugh at death. We can dress up as the things we fear the most, which for children can help them to overcome and overpower those fears. We can play at being spooky monsters without fear of celebrating or promoting evil. Because we know that death and evil have no power over us. We have been redeemed by Christ on the cross.

Changing the name of Halloween, trying to soften its impact, or to pretend our “wholesome” activities are better than those of the world outside of the church only serves to create an atmosphere of shame. Regardless of whether we have a Fall Festival or a Harvest Party, people will still be celebrating Halloween with their neighbors. Martin Luther said that a theologian of the cross calls a thing what it is. The church is uniquely situated to speak to death, to suffering, and to the gift of life we are given in Christ. Our witness to that life in Christ is more powerful when we work to meet people where they are.

The year the woman asked me that question we held a Fall Festival, because I was new and young and worried about my job. The next year we hosted a community Halloween party. Four times as many people showed up.

Prayer: *Help us to witness to our communities with grace and compassion. Help us to overcome our fears, whatever those may be and trust in the promises you make to us. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen*



November Birthdays

- 2 Lisa Fox & Diane McElwee
- 4 Mary Diemand
- 6 Jeff Angstadt
- 7 Riley Stauffer
- 10 Pam Bershas & Fred Isett
- 12 Owen Heimbach
- 13 Wendy Miller, Nathaniel Sarte,
Carl Schaeffer, Jr., & Jason Welsh
- 15 Leyton Gilbert & Samantha Shine
- 16 Peter Drugatz & Joan Drumheller
- 17 Jason Grubbs, Ruth Weiser &
Philip Xanthopoulos
- 18 Karen Irely
- 19 Craig Snyder
- 20 Vanessa Deskie, Bryan Henshaw,
Peg Lozier, Marlene Mauger &
Brett Moyer
- 25 Raife Gilbert & Deanna Heydt
- 26 Nancy Mest
- 27 Emma Fluharty & Jed Hartline
- 28 Karen Fluharty

November Anniversaries

- 11/02 Howard & Waynette Shafer
- 11/03 Keith & Kelly Endy
- 11/04 Andrew & Brooke Brensinger
- 11/07 Brent & Kathy Sell &
Joe & Samantha Shine
- 11/09 Melvyn & Lori Smith
- 11/12 Kerry & Trina Kratz
- 11/19 Anthony & Heather Johnson
- 11/23 Mike & Maddy Wyda
- 11/30 Bob & Brenda Huggins



Wedding Announcement

*Congratulations and God's Blessings upon
the Marriage of Jenn & Scott McCarron,
who were married at Trinity on
October 11th.*



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





Help us spread holiday joy to those in need



We have a holiday tradition at The Lutheran Home at Topton called Christmas Sharing. We create a “store” in which the residents are treated to a holiday shopping experience. They shop for a gift for themselves which is lovingly wrapped and delivered to them Christmas morning by Santa and Mrs. Claus. There is no cost to the resident. Most of our residents would not receive a gift and experience the joy of the holiday season without this tradition.

The most popular items are listed below. *New, unwrapped items can only be accepted.*

Trinity will be receiving donations until Sunday, November 23rd.

Thank you for your support!

Items for Men

Flannel Shirts—Medium to 3XL
Shirts—Medium to 3XL
Sweatshirts—Medium—3XL
Sweat Pants—Medium to 3XL
Pajamas—Small to 3XL
Hats
Watches

Items for Women

Pajamas Sets—Medium to 3XL
Slippers with soles and backs
Sweaters—Medium to 3XL
Blouses—Medium to 3XL
Pull on Jeans—Medium to 3XL
Sweat Pants—Medium to 3XL
Purses
Dress Scarves
Jewelry

General Gifts for Anyone

Blankets
Wallets
Stuffed Animals
Home Décor (non-breakable)



Trinity Lutheran Church, Bechtelsville, PA

September 2025	GENERAL FUND	MEMORIAL FUND	OTHER FUNDS	Total Funds
Balance, Beginning of Year	5,394	71,724	35,234	112,353
+ Receipts this year	171,010	19,779	28,862	219,651
- Disbursements this year	178,222	13,005	15,328	206,555
Balance, End of Month	(1,817)	78,498	48,768	125,449

GENERAL FUND		OTHER FUNDS		Balance
	This Year			
INCOME				
Current	148,488	Bldg. Maint. Reserve		26,905
Plate Offerings	6,639	Organ Maint. Reserve		15,381
Sunday School & VBS	378	Benevolence		360
Interest Earned - CD, etc.	471	Hunger Appeal		175
Special Offering Envelopes	3,079	Special Music Reserve		4,786
Thrivent Choice	1,243	Sound System		(8)
Flowers	3,442	Miscellaneous Funds		238
Fund Raisers	1,968	Payroll Taxes Withheld		930
SCRIP Programs (net)	3,129	Total		48,768
Miscellaneous	2,174			
Total	171,010			
		ASSETS	"Market"	Gain
2025 BUDGET	241,000	Checking Account	28,849	
gain / (short-fall) =	(9,740)	Petty Cash	100	
		Vanguard Wellesley F	107,404	77,000
		Vanguard Money Mar	19,500	19,500
		Total	126,904	125,449
				30,404
				Gain inception thru 2024
				21,443
				Vanguard Wellesley F Gain (Loss) this year
				8,962

The General Fund has a negative balance.

Notes: For the first 9 months of 2025 the General Fund Balance decreased \$7,211 from \$5,394 to -\$1,817. General Fund Income was \$9,740 less than 9/12 the 2025 Budget amount, and General Fund Expenses were \$2,528 less than 9/12 the 2025 Budget amount.

For the first 9 months of 2024 the General Fund Balance decreased \$15,306.

Trinity Lutheran Church, Bechtelsville, PA

September 2025

EXPENSES	This Year	9/12 Budget	2025 BUDGET
Benevolence	4,500	4,500	6,000
Pastor's Salary	38,387	39,398	52,530
Housing Allowance	18,178	18,656	24,875
Social Security Allowance	5,086	5,220	6,960
Pension & Health Benefits	29,640	29,105	38,806
Continuing Education	450	413	550
Auto Allowance (mileage)	2,251	2,250	3,000
Secretary's Salary	11,350	11,649	15,532
Organist's Salary	10,120	10,120	13,493
Sexton's Salary	6,227	6,227	8,302
Treasurer's Salary	2,650	2,650	3,533
Financial Sec. Salary	927	927	1,236
Employer's FICA	2,132	2,415	3,220
Insurance	8,882	4,500	6,000
Repairs & Maintenance	9,055	7,500	10,000
Heating Oil	9,076	12,750	17,000
Electricity	3,283	3,750	5,000
Sewer	420	420	560
Cleaning Supplies	133	450	600
Lawn Care	1,600	1,200	1,600
Telephone	1,191	1,500	2,000
Copier	2,299	2,250	3,000
Office Supplies & Postage	2,286	3,375	4,500
Technology	112	450	600
Educational Materials	252	375	500
Worship & Devotional	469	375	500
Music Supplies	900	675	900
Discipleship	60	375	500
Publicity	312	375	500
Social Ministry	158	300	400
Envelopes	521	375	500
Flowers	4,060	3,375	4,500
Convention Expenses	781	750	1,000
Designated Donations	-	750	1,000
Miscellaneous	475	1,352	1,803
(Over) / Short	-	-	-
Total Expenses	178,222	180,750	241,000
2025 BUDGET - ytd	180,750		
over (under) budget	(2,528)		

November 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 8:00 Cont. Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service <i>All Saints' Sunday</i>	3 6:30 Scouts	4 6:30 Scouts	5 6:30 TLC Stitches	6 6:30 Sr. Choir Practice 7:30 Cantata Practice	7	8
9 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service	10 6:30 Scouts	11 6:30 Scouts 7:00 Church Council Mtg.	12 6:30 TLC Stitches	13 6:30 Sr. Choir Practice 7:30 Cantata Practice	14	15
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Earn up to 15% on Christmas presents, hostess gifts, and holiday entertaining

Give the gift that gives back

If you need a Christmas present, hostess gift, or groceries for holiday entertaining, gift cards are always a great choice – whether you shop using gift cards or give them as gifts. It's even more thoughtful because you're giving back to Trinity.

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PRESENTS
Favorite Christmas Selections
Through the Years

By LaRue C. Sheetz

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2025

10:30 AM

Followed by a Potluck Luncheon

(SNOW DATE SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 2026
ENCORE PRESENTATION 3:00PM)





Join us

Recognizing frauds and scams

Elder fraud scams are on the rise. Join us for an informative talk by Berks County Detective Pamela Mathias on the senior frauds and scams prevalent in our community. Your family and friends are welcome to attend.

Detective Mathias' presentation will cover:

- An overview of the world of criminal fraud
- Common pressure tactics and emotional manipulation
- Recognizing unrealistic promises and threats
- Identifying unusual payment methods
- Steps to take if you or a loved one becomes a victim

In honor of Veterans Day, please consider bringing a donation of pre-packaged snacks or cookies for residents of the Southeastern Veterans Center in Spring City, PA.

Event details

Thursday, November 13

5:30 p.m.

Good Shepherd UCC

35 W. Philadelphia Ave., Boyertown

Light refreshments will be provided.

Reserve your place by Nov. 9

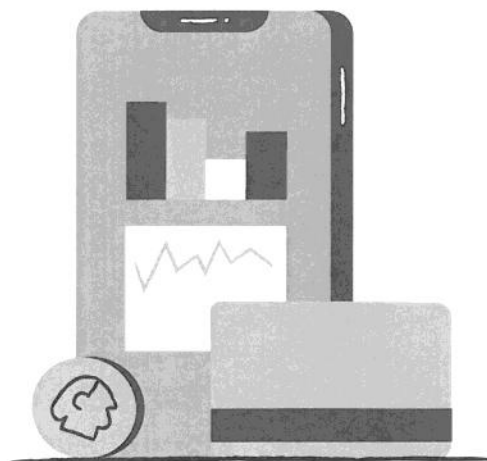
Seating is limited. Reserve your seat by calling Kay DeMito at 215-368-488, emailing kay.demito@thrivent.com or scanning the QR code.



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About the presenter

A county detective with the Berks County DA's office since 2014, speaker Pamela Mathias has a passion for protecting seniors from frauds, scams and abuse. She holds a dual position working in both the Crime and Forensic Service Units. Previously, she was a patrol officer and detective for the Berks-Lehigh Regional Police Department. Detective Mathias is a member of the Berks County Elder Abuse Task Force, works closely with the Berks County Area Agency on Aging, and has delivered numerous presentations to Berks County residents since 2018.



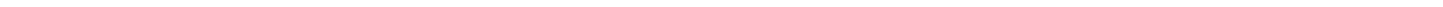
Monthly Free-will Offerings 2025

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

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.

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Our mission is to serve Jesus Christ by providing
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Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

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