



# **TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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

Please join us for worship on May 24, Pentecost Sunday, as we celebrate the Rite of Confirmation for Emma Sell and Mark Sheetz. We rejoice as these two young people make affirmation of their faith and we pray that the power of the Holy Spirit be stirred within them!

- Pastor Gene

## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

On behalf of Church Council, I would like to inform the Congregation that Jennifer McCarron has been selected as the new Director of Music/Organist at Trinity effective June 21, 2026.

Please join us in congratulating Jenn and supporting her as she assumes this new role and works to maintain and grow Trinity's music program.

Thank you to the Worship & Music Search Committee who worked extremely hard to find a new Director of Music/Organist for Trinity.

Kay McGowan  
Church Council President

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## *Worship in May*

### **May 3, 2026 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**Sermon Text: John 14:1-14** On the night that he is to be arrested, Jesus shares final words with his disciples. As the one through whom God is known, he promises to go before them and act on their behalf.  
**Contemporary service at 8 AM.**

### **May 10, 2026 - 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**Sermon Text: John 14:15-21** In final words to his disciples on the night of his arrest, Jesus encourages obedience to his commandments and speaks of the Spirit, who will be with them forever.

### **May 17, 2026 – 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**Sermon Text: John 17:1-11** On the night before his crucifixion, Jesus prays to his heavenly Father, asking that those who continue his work in this world will live in unity. **Contemporary service at 8 AM.**

### **May 24, 2026 – The Day of Pentecost**

**Sermon Text: John 20:19-23** The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

### **May 31, 2026 – The Holy Trinity**

**Sermon Text: Matthew 28:16-20** After his resurrection, Jesus summons his remaining disciples and commissions them to baptize and teach all nations in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.



**April Update on Church Financial Status From The Finance Committee:**

As reported in this Newsletter (Financial Reports Section), as of 3/31/26, the General Fund has a Negative balance of \$3,071, an improvement from end of February after a positive month of March where we ended the month +\$1,590.

Comparing to last year, our General Fund balance remains in a better position, so let's continue our positive momentum!

As we go through the rest of 2026, our request remains for all members is to consider the following actions to help us achieve a positive General Fund balance:

- 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. (\$5,122 in 2025!!)
- 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. (We have had increased participation in the program over the past 8 months.)
- Support fundraisers and special events at the church, especially ones that support 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. (\$1,847 in 2025 - let's keep that going!)

If you have already done or are doing these, we thank you for your prayerful consideration and any resulting actions.

If not, kindly consider how you can help, with respect to your current individual or family situation.

The Finance Committee thanks everyone for their financial support of the church and our 2026 budget, along with all other donations and contributions you are providing to the church to support our mission.

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

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

## Christian Education News - May 2026



### Pentecost

On Sunday, May 24, two students will be affirming their baptism. They are **Emma Sell and Mark Sheetz**. **Congratulations** on completing this program, and may your faith continue to grow as active members of our congregation. **God bless you!**



### Calling All Graduates!

Graduate Recognition Sunday will be held June 7. Please call the church office and let us know of any members, friends, or loved ones who are graduating from high school, college, graduate school, basic training or any other academic or career training program.



### Sunday School

With the end of May comes the end of another Sunday School year. **Thank you to our Sunday School teachers and leaders for sharing your time and God's Word in all our classes.** **Thank you to Pastor Zaiser for leading our weekly opening (on guitar) and teaching us some new songs.** **Thank you to those who participated in our classes. Sunday School will resume in September.**



Save the date for our Tropical Trek Vacation Bible School, **July 27-31, 6:30-8:00 p.m.** for ages 5 years old through fifth grade. More details and registration information are coming soon.

### Bechtelsville Community Event

Community Yard Sale - May 2 - Park and community-wide - 7 a.m. Watch for details at Bechtelsville Community Park on Facebook.



# MUSIC News



Dear Members & Friends,

We are happy to welcome beautiful Spring weather and the sounds of sweet music.

We want to welcome three new Senior Choir members: Claire Burkhart, Riley Stauffer and Caylin Snyder, which we appreciate so much!

The month of May will be busy, as we look forward to Mother's Day—May 10th. Our Annual Mother/Daughter Banquet will be Saturday, May 9th, doors open at 5:30PM, Dinner at 6:00PM, followed by a nice program featuring Marian Gehman with her friends and kind words, plus our usual surprises! Tickets are now available from Diane McElwee, or Karen in the Church Office. I hope we have our usual attendance, because this is one of our Special Music Fundraisers, which provide funds for special music throughout the year.

Our Men's Choir will be singing on Mother's Day, which is always enjoyed by everyone.

We are also planning on our Music Sunday, which will be Sunday, June 7th, so please mark your calendars for that musical date.

Thanks again for all of the special Easter and Lenten Music provided by our choirs. I appreciate their cooperation and support each week.

Enjoy the sunshine and keep on singing!

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

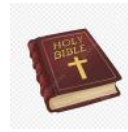
#### NON-MEMBERS:

Number of Attendees -
Rates: 1-50      \$100.00
51-100    \$150.00
Over 100   \$200.00

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## 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.**



## Trinity Hoagies

“Hoagie Fundraiser” for the General Fund. 8”hoagies from Maurizio’s Pizza (formerly Pappa Bernards) cost \$8.00. The hoagies will be ham, Italian and turkey (onion, no onion). There is a sign up sheet posted on the bulletin board.

**Orders are due by Sunday, May 10th and pick up on Friday, May 15th — 11:00AM-11:30AM.**

**Please make checks payable to Dennis Schaeffer. Any questions, please see Dennis Schaeffer. Thank You for your support. Thank you also to Dennis Schaeffer for organizing this fundraiser.**



## 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



## Card Ministry

There are no birthdays in May. Various cards were sent as needed. Donation of Stamps would be greatly appreciated.

- Karen Irely



## Devotionals

Available in the rack in the Narthex. If you enjoy the devotionals, please make a donation to help offset the cost. Thank You.



## The deadline for the June Newsletter

**will be**

**Sunday, May 17th**



**Our sister congregation,**  
The Marienkirche in Borna,  
Germany.

**(Website:  
Kirche-bornaer-land.de)**



## Blood Drive

**Saturday, May 2nd—8AM-2PM**

St. Joseph’s Hill Church, Boyertown  
There is a sign up sheet posted on the bulletin board.

Thank you for giving the Gift of Life.

## PRAYER LIST FOR HEALING/SPECIAL NEEDS

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**Isaiah 53:5 speaks of healing the wounds of Christ.**

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

Kathy Gamler, Richard Eck, Linda Allmendinger, Ralph Rothenberger, Dorothy Romig, Janet Kehl, Elaine Dotterer and Becky Yescavage.

### MEMBERS

Erika Zaiser, Oscar & Angie Smith, Lynn Wolfgang, Betty Moore, Bill Brensinger, Kathy Sell, Donna Day, Anna Spencer, RuthAnn Good, Pete Schmoyer, Mary Snyder, Linda Bewley, Mike Wyda, Marcia Auge, Millie Merkel, Ashley Essig, Suzanne Kerchner, Vicki Mest and Mark Yarnall.

### FRIENDS AND FAMILY — ONGOING NEEDS

Michelle Hiriak, Linda Stark, David & Diane Stauffer, Tammy Nelson, Tracey Knox, Peggy & Wendell Wahlstedt, Mike Bailey, Debbie Reinhard, Kristie Jennings, John McCarron, Joyce Kemp, Larry & Lillian Solar, Anna Bechtel, Jim & Bonnie Ottaviano, Cheryl Summerfelt, Angelic Gonzalez, Shirley Ciaciak, Ilse Kirchheimer, David Lord, Pastor Burl Latshaw, Linda Gilbert, Krista Buchert, George Bayer, Dennis Groves, Tanner Antalosky, Scott Thomas, Bill Kelsch, Jake Breyer., Carole Sell, Gerry Smith, Sherry Trimble, Claire Trimble and Jeff Trimble.

### RECENTLY ADDED

Walt Keirse, Betty Moyer, LeeAnn Prince, Mark Kushnir, Clayton Smith, Dennis Weller and David Panetta.

### FAMILIES OF:

Barbara Stewart, Sandy Melcher, Naomi Bryson and Helene Kushnir.

### THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Christopher Heffner, BillyRay Pearce, Jr., Noah Heydt, Ben Rhode, Steven Herbst, David Crews, Jeff Lydic, 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 in the middle east and economic stability.

### JOY AND THANKSGIVING

We give thanks for the beauty of Spring and pray for our new Confirmants: Emma Sell and Mark Sheetz.



## Worship Assistants for May, 2026

	Assisting Minister	Ushers	Server	Lector	Acolyte	Crucifer
May 3rd	Erika Zaiser	Kay McGowan* Uta Hahn	Linda Ritter	Diane McElwee	Jenn McCarron	
May 10th		Cathy Yoder* Sharon Renninger		Janice Sheetz	Mark Sheetz	
May 17th		Linda Brunner* Karen Irey		Laura Moser	Diane McElwee	
May 24th	Jenn McCarron	Howard Shafer* Dennis Schaeffer	Waynette Shafer		Erika Zaiser	Diane McElwee
May 31st		Dan & Kathy Kuser		Sheila Eddinger		Uta Hahn

### Above is the Worship Assistant Schedule for May.

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.**

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## WORSHIP SPONSORS

You may sponsor Altar Flowers, **PLEASE NOTE: THE COST OF THE FLOWERS HAS INCREASED TO (1) VASE \$34.00 AND (2) VASES \$68.00. (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. Thank you.**

	FLOWERS	BULLETINS
May 3rd	To the glory of God by Diane & Bob McElwee, in Honor of 40 Years of Marriage and also in Memory of Col. Glenn L. Wagner, USMC by the Family.	To the glory of God by Jerry & Carolyn Bryce, in Honor of Our Military, keeping us safe and Our First Responders, in God's Name!
May 10th	To the glory of God by Mr. Randy Kehl, in Memory of Susan Kehl and Martha Kehl.	To the glory of God by Mrs. Kathy Murphy, in Loving Memory of her Father Steward R. Schaeffer.
May 17th	To the glory of God by Ms. Linda Bewley, in Memory of her Son J. Keith Freese and also in Memory of Eugene & Erma Reidenauer by The Reidenauer Family.	To the glory of God in Memory of Eugene & Erma Reidenauer by The Reidenauer Family.
May 24th	To the glory of God, by Mrs. Rebecca Yescavage, in Memory of her Husband Carl Yescavage and also by Mrs. Linda Brunner, in Memory of her Husband Leroy Brunner.	To the glory of God by Bill & Sheila Eddinger, in Memory of Stanley Stoudt.
May 31st	To the glory of God, by Ms. Elizabeth Anderson, in Memory of her Sister Shirley Anderson McDonald Douglas.  <b>The Extra Bouquet of Flowers</b> are presented to the glory of God, in thanks to LaRue Sheetz, for the many years she has served this church as Director of Music.	To the glory of God in Honor of LaRue Sheetz, for the many years she has served this church as Director of Music,



### Eternal Flame Candle

You may sponsor the Eternal Flame Candle for \$34.00/month, in Memory/Honor Of:

**The Eternal Flame Candle is presented to the  
Glory of God by  
Dan & Kathy Kuser  
In Memory of Alice Weller**

**The following devotion was used to open the Church Council Meeting in April, was submitted by Kurt Yescavage ...**

**ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER**

**READ 1 THESSALONIANS 5:4-11**

**Encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.**

**1 Thessalonians 5:11 (NIV)**

After I retired, I worked part-time at a hardware store. But I was surprised when the boss didn't even talk to me! He never gave me directions or assignments. Each day, I had to guess at what I was to do. I longed for some indication of how I was doing. I was hungry for encouragement, but it never came. Finally, after several months, I asked him if he approved of my efforts. He laughed as if I should have known what he had been thinking, "You're fantastic!" he said. "You've cleaned up the place nicely. Even the regional manager has noticed. And every time the delivery truck comes, you get the product out on the shelves on time. I swelled with pride and a sense of accomplishment. I had finally gotten encouragement, but it was sad that I had to wait so long.

As Christians, we need to encourage others. Many people are desperate for attention; they may feel lonely, neglected, or unsuccessful. They feel unloved and unwanted.

Why do we withhold our encouraging affirmation of others? It could be apathy, ignorance, or simply lack of love. Whatever the reason, let's break our habit of silence and pick up the habit of offering loving encouragement to others.

*Prayer: Dear God, help us to take advantage of opportunities to encourage others. Help us remember the gifts of encouragement to encourage others. Help us remember the gifts of encouragement we have received. Amen*

**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY**

***Our encouragement can change a person's life.***



## 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  
58 Audrey Drive  
Barto, PA 19504  
(Bill & Debbie Heydt's Son)

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



## May Birthdays

- 1 Linda Bewley, Zachary Birkhoff & Kelly Erkert
- 2 Chase Endy
- 4 Ashley Essig & Erin Sarte
- 6 Richard Deskie
- 9 Ken Berger, Jr. & Susan Stimmel
- 10 Mitch Renninger & Rose Schankweiler
- 11 Barb Bender
- 14 Robin Bearn, BillyRay Pearce & Ben Sell
- 15 Stanley Sarte
- 18 Chandler Schaeffer
- 19 Reanna Johnson
- 20 Tim Schaffer
- 21 Matthew Gehman & Susan Moser
- 22 Melissa Grubbs & Matthew Heffner
- 23 Donna Smith
- 26 Richard Gamler
- 28 Keith Endy & John Logan
- 29 Mary Davidheiser
- 30 Martha Beekman & Shirl Stone
- 31 Victoria Conrad



## May Anniversaries

- 05/03 Robert & Diane McElwee  
 05/04 Wayne & Ginny Williams  
 05/15 Jeremy & Ashley Christman  
 05/17 Matt & Alexis Moyer  
 05/18 Chase & Mikaela Endy  
 05/23 Ben & Mandy Sell  
 05/24 Barry & Rose Schankweiler  
 05/26 John & Susan Logan  
 05/30 Bill & Sheila Eddinger



## Birth Announcement

**Congratulations and God's Blessings to  
 Kenny Berger, Jr. and Cierra DeAgostino on  
 the birth of their daughter  
 Kaisleigh Wren DeAgostino,  
 born on March 12, 2026 at St. Luke's Hospital  
 in Quakertown, 8 lbs., 5 oz., 21 1/2" long.  
 She is also the granddaughter to  
 Ken Berger & Dee Isett-Berger.**



Trinity Lutheran Church, Bechtelsville, PA

March 2026	GENERAL FUND	MEMORIAL FUND	OTHER FUNDS	Total Funds
Balance, Beginning of Year	7,781	78,498	43,800	130,079
+ Receipts this year	64,835	-	8,154	72,989
- Disbursements this year	75,686	-	3,268	78,955
Balance, End of Month	<u>(3,071)</u>	<u>78,498</u>	<u>48,685</u>	<u>124,113</u>

GENERAL FUND		OTHER FUNDS		Balance	
	This Year				
<b>INCOME</b>					
Current	56,981	Bldg. Maint. Reserve		25,892	
Plate Offerings	993	Organ Maint. Reserve		15,531	
Sunday School & VBS	246	Benevolence		360	
Interest Earned - CD, etc.	131	Hunger Appeal		180	
Special Offering Envelopes	2,179	Special Music Reserve		4,426	
Thrivent Choice	332	Sound System		(8)	
Flowers	1,591	Miscellaneous Funds		2,304	
Fund Raisers	-	Payroll Taxes Withheld		-	
SCRIP Programs (net)	1,273	Total		<u>48,685</u>	
Miscellaneous	<u>1,109</u>	<b>ASSETS</b>			
Total	64,835	Checking Account	"Market"	Gain	
2025 BUDGET	248,900	Petty Cash			
gain / (short-fall) =	<u>2,610</u>	Vanguard Wellesley Fund	112,843	80,000	32,843
		Vanguard Money Market	26,500	26,500	-
		Total	<u>139,343</u>	<u>124,113</u>	32,843
			Gain inception thru 2025		<u>32,519</u>
		Vanguard Wellesley Fund	Gain (Loss) this year		323

**Notes:** For the first 3 months of 2026 the General Fund Balance decreased \$10,852 from \$7,781 to -\$3,071.

General Fund Income was \$2,610 more than 3/12 the 2025 Budget amount, and

General Fund Expenses were \$13,461 more than 3/12 the 2025 Budget amount.


*For the first 3 months of 2025 the General Fund Balance decreased \$17,317..*

## Trinity Lutheran Church, Bechtelsville, PA

March 2026

EXPENSES	This Year	3/12 Budget	2026 BUDGET
Benevolence	1,650	1,650	6,600
Pastor's Salary	12,365	13,395	53,581
Housing Allowance	5,740	6,219	24,875
Social Security Allowance	1,615	1,750	7,000
Pension & Health Benefits	10,388	10,325	41,300
Continuing Education	-	138	550
Auto Allowance (mileage)	338	825	3,300
Secretary's Salary	3,656	3,961	15,843
Organist's Salary	3,231	3,500	14,000
Sexton's Salary	2,117	2,117	8,468
Treasurer's Salary	901	901	3,604
Financial Sec. Salary	317	317	1,269
Employer's FICA	782	825	3,300
Insurance	9,643	2,375	9,500
Repairs & Maintenance	10,373	2,750	11,000
Heating Oil	6,417	3,750	15,000
Electricity	995	1,250	5,000
Sewer	140	140	560
Cleaning Supplies	-	150	600
Lawn Care	400	400	1,600
Telephone	402	450	1,800
Copier	758	775	3,100
Office Supplies & Postage	719	1,125	4,500
Technology	-	250	1,000
Educational Materials	84	125	500
Worship & Devotional	(27)	150	600
Music Supplies	450	225	900
Discipleship	20	125	500
Publicity	104	125	500
Social Ministry	-	88	350
Envelopes	525	125	500
Flowers	1,274	1,125	4,500
Convention Expenses	-	375	1,500
Designated Donations	-	175	700
Miscellaneous	308	250	1,000
(Over) / Short	-	-	-
Total Expenses	75,686	62,225	248,900
2026 BUDGET - ytd	62,225		
over (under) budget	13,461		

# May 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 8:00 Cont. Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service	4	5	6 6:30 TLC Stitches 7:00 Bible Study	7 6:30 Sr. Choir Practice	8	9 5:30 Mother/Daughter Banquet
10 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service <i>Hoagie Order Due</i> <i>Mother's Day</i>	11	12 7:00 Church Council Mtg.	13 6:30 TLC Stitches 7:00 Bible Study	14 6:30 Sr. Choir Practice	15 11:00-11:30 Hoagie Pick Up	16
17 8:00 Cont. Worship 9:15 Sunday School New Members Class 10:30 Worship Service	18	19	20 6:30 TLC Stitches 7:00 Bible Study	21 6:30 Sr. Choir Practice	22	23
24 9:15 Sunday School New Members Class 10:30 Worship Service <i>Pentecost</i>	25 	26	27 6:30 TLC Stitches 7:00 Bible Study	28 6:30 Sr. Choir Practice	29	30
31 9:15 Sunday School New Members Class 10:30 Worship Service						





*Join us for our  
Mother Daughter  
Banquet*

**SATURDAY, MAY 9**

*Doors Open 5:30 PM*

*Dinner at 6:00 PM*

*Entertainment after Dinner*

Tickets: Adults \$15.00

Children 5 to 12 \$7.00

Under 5 – No charge

**Trinity Lutheran Church  
1749 S. Main Street  
Bechtelsville, PA**

*To purchase tickets, please see LaRue Sheetz or  
Mardell Blanford or Diane McElwee*

### **Monthly Free-will Offerings 2026**

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

May 17 – geraniums for Pentecost

June 21 – Save the Children

July 19 – Samaritan’s Purse Shoe Boxes

August 16 – American Foundation for Suicide Prevention

September 20 – Boyertown Area Multi Service

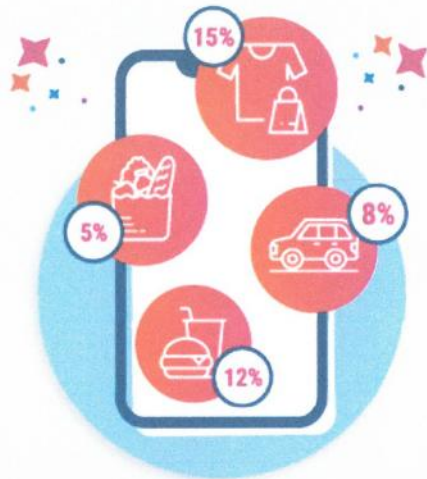
October 18 – Eastern Berks Fire Dept.

November 15 – 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!**

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**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  
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