



TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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JULY & AUGUST, 2026

FROM THE PASTOR...

I hope this newsletter finds you enjoying summer and relaxing! I want to bring a few things to your attention as we look forward to July and August:

- There will be a congregational meeting after church on July 19th to discuss a proposal to replace the air conditioning units for the office and the narthex.
- There will be a video presentation of our mission trip to North Carolina this past spring on July 26th during worship.
- Vacation Bible School this year will take place July 27th – 31st, 6:30 PM – 8 PM. Registration forms will be available in the narthex or from the church office.
- Our annual worship in the park and congregational picnic will take place, Sunday, August 2nd, starting at 9 AM, in the Bechtelsville Park (right across from the church). Our contemporary worship team will lead the service.
- Our Vacation Bible School closing presentation will be during worship on August 9th.

Please make plans to attend church this summer and participate in these special events! May God bless you with a safe and healthy summer.

- Pastor Gene



Worship in July & August

July 5, 2026 – 6th Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon Text: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 Jesus chides people who find fault with both his ministry and that of John the Baptist. He thanks God that wisdom and intelligence are not needed to receive what God has to offer.

July 12, 2026 – 7th Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon Text: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 In Matthew's gospel, both Jesus and his disciples "sow the seed" of God's word by proclaiming the good news that "the kingdom of heaven is near." Now, in a memorable parable, Jesus explains why this good news produces different results in those who hear.

July 19, 2026 – 8th Sunday After Pentecost

Sermon Text: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 Jesus tells a parable about the coexistence of good and evil in this world. God's judgment will remove all evildoers and causes of sin, but not until the end of human history.

July 26, 2026 – 9th Sunday After Pentecost

Sermon Text: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 Throughout Matthew's gospel, Jesus and his disciples proclaim the good news that "the kingdom of heaven is near!" Here, Jesus offers several brief parables that explore the implications of this announcement for people's lives. **We will be having a presentation of the 2026 mission trip to North Carolina.**

August 2, 2026 – 10th Sunday After Pentecost - Annual Picnic & Worship in the Park

Sermon Text: Matthew 14:13-21 After John the Baptist is murdered, Jesus desires a time of solitude. Still, his compassion for others will not allow him to dismiss those who need him, and he is moved to perform one of his greatest miracles.

August 9, 2026 – 11th Sunday After Pentecost

Please join us for our Vacation Bible School closing program.

August 16, 2026 – 12th Sunday After Pentecost

Sermon Text: Matthew 15:10-28 Jesus teaches his disciples that true purity is a matter of the heart rather than outward religious observances. Almost immediately, this teaching is tested when a woman considered to be a religious outsider approaches him for help.

August 23, 2026 – 13th Sunday After Pentecost

Sermon Text: Matthew 16:13-20 At a climactic point in Jesus' ministry, God reveals to Peter that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God," and Jesus responds with the promise of a church that will overcome the very gates of Hades.

August 30, 2026 – 14th Sunday After Pentecost

Sermon Text: Matthew 16:21-28 After Peter confesses that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God" (16:16), Jesus reveals the ultimate purpose of his ministry. These words prove hard to accept, even for a disciple whom Jesus has called a "rock."

June Update on Church Financial Status From The Finance Committee:

As reported in this Newsletter (Financial Reports Section), as of 5/31/26, the General Fund has a Negative balance of \$4219, and we lost some ground partly due to 5 Sundays of payroll. Compared to last year, our General Fund balance this year remains in a better position, however, Repairs and Maintenance has hit us hard as we are already over 2026 budgeted expenses in that category for the year.

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. (\$5122 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.
- 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. (\$1248 so far in 2026 - 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.

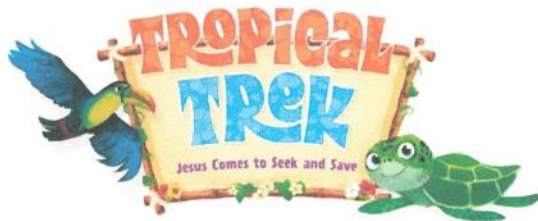
If not, kindly consider how you can help, with respect to your current individual or family situation.

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 - July/August 2026



July 27-31
6:30-8:00 PM
Ages 4 years to Grade 5

Join us for a Tropical Trek VBS this summer where kids explore God's Word and discover how God finds and helps us in every situation. We can trust in Him! We'll have five fun nights of stories, music, crafts, and more.

Registration forms can be found in the narthex or downloaded from Trinity's website, or call the church office, 610-369-1281.

Support our VBS Mission Project!

During the month of July we will be collecting school supplies and pantry items for Boyertown Multi-Service. Donations can be placed in the appropriate boxes in the narthex.



Backpacks	1-2 inch binders
Spiral notebooks	composition notebooks
Zip-up pencil cases	#2 pencils
Pencil sharpeners	erasers
Black & blue pens	highlighters
Fine & med. dry erase markers	colored pencils
Glue sticks	sharpies
Pocket folders (solid colors)	children's scissors
Index cards	loose leaf paper
Construction paper	art supplies
Boxes of tissues	



cereal
 oatmeal
 pancake mix
 pancake syrup
 juice boxes
 fruit/applesauce cups
 granola bars
 fruit snacks
 pretzels
 popcorn
 peanut butter/jelly
 crackers
 healthy kids' snacks

Hello Trinity,

We all wish LaRue Sheetz a very joy-filled retirement and we so enjoyed LaRue's musical gifts during her 23 1/2 years as our Director of Music.

I am honored to begin this new chapter together in our musical journey here at Trinity with you.

The choirs are given a well-deserved break this summer and we look forward to them sharing their talents with us again come September. For now, special music will be heard from others in our midst, and we are excited to hear musical offerings from soloists and instrumentalists during July, August and September 6th. There are openings remaining, so, if you are interested, please see me or sign up on the sheet in the Narthex. We look to fill this place with continued music.

A Special Thank You to the Men's Choir for sharing their talents with us in worship on July 5th.

May we all continue to offer our songs of faith and praise during this summer season so we can make a joyful noise unto the Lord.

I look forward to working together as we continue a joy-filled musical program here in this place. May you have a restful and memorable summer.

Keep singing!

Jennifer McCarron
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, Special Music Fund, and the Sound System Fund. Designated gifts may be directed to any of these, and gifts in memory of loved ones will be recorded in our Memorial Book.

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



Need a ride?

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

Visitor Cards

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



ARE YOU PLANNING TO HAVE A PARTY THIS YEAR?

Need a location?

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

MEMBERS:

Number of Attendees -

Rates:	1-50	\$75.00
	51-100	\$100.00
	Over 100	\$150.00

NON-MEMBERS:

Number of Attendees -

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

Sanctuary Etiquette

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



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

Please return when you are finished.

Thank you.



Card Ministry

Dorothy Romig will be celebrating her birthday on August 23rd. Her address is: Walnut Woods, 35 N. Walnut Street, Apt. 105, Boyertown, PA 19512. Please remember Dorothy with a card!

Various cards were sent as needed.

- 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.



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, July 12th and pick up on Friday, July 17th — 11:00AM-11:30AM.

Orders are due by :

Sunday, August 9th and Pick Up will be on Friday, August 14th—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.



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



The deadline for the September Newsletter
will be
Sunday, August 16th

PRAYER LIST FOR HEALING/SPECIAL NEEDS

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Psalm 103:2-3 Reminds us not to forget God's benefits, including forgiveness and healing of diseases.

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, 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, Marcia Auge, Vicki Mest, Greg Mest, Howard & Waynette Shafer, Nadine Lydic and Claire Burkhardt.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY — ONGOING NEEDS

Michelle Hiriak, Linda Stark, David Stauffer, Tammy Nelson, Tracey Knox, Peggy & Wendell Wahlstedt, Mike Bailey, Debbie Reinhard, Kristie Jennings, John McCarron, Joyce Kemp, Jim & Bonnie Ottaviano, Cheryl Summerfelt, Angelic Gonzalez, Shirley Ciaciak, Ilse Kirchheimer, David Lord, Pastor Burl Latshaw, Linda Gilbert, George Bayer, Dennis Groves, Tanner Antalosky, Scott Thomas, Bill Kelsch, Jake Breyer., Carole Sell, Sherry Trimble, Claire Trimble, Jeff Trimble, Walt Keirse, Betty Moyer, LeeAnn Prince, Dennis Weller, David Panetta, Mel Harrington, Diane Davidheiser and Marvin Moyer.

RECENTLY ADDED

Melissa Almendinger, Ashley Spencer, Catherine Muth, Parker Bass, Seth Rothenberger, Scott McCarron, Robert McCarron, Krista Buchert and Thomas David Hawthorne.

FAMILIES OF:

Ralph Rothenberger, Robert McCarron, Bill Coates, Gerda Zimmermann, Ronald Matthews. Stanley Kuter, Kristin Yeager and Roxanne Eidle.

THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Christopher Heffner, Noah Heydt, Ben Rhode, Steven Herbst, David Crews, Jeff Lydic and Seth Kurtz .

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

OTHER CONCERNS

We pray for everyone suffering economic distress.

JOY AND THANKSGIVING

God bless our nation on its 250 Anniversary!



Worship Assistants for July & August, 2026

	Assisting Minister	Ushers	Server	Lector	Acolyte
July 5th		Cathy Yoder* Uta Hahn		Eileen Heffner	Uta Hahn
July 12th	Diane McElwee	Dennis Schaeffer* Bob McElwee	Linda Ritter	Craig Snyder	Erika Zaiser
July 19th		Dan & Kathy Kuser		Bob Eshbach	
July 26th	Erika Zaiser	Howard Shafer* Kay McGowan	Waynette Shafer	Sheila Eddinger	Diane McElwee
August 2nd		WORSHIP	IN THE PARK		
August 9th		Dennis Schaeffer* Bob Eshbach	Sheila Eddinger	Diane McElwee	
August 16th		Janice Sheetz* Karen Irey		Kathy Farrington	
August 23rd		Randy Kehl* Linda Brunner	Linda Ritter	Maddy Wyda	
August 30th		Sharon Renninger* Mardell Blanford		Sheila Eddinger	

Above is the Worship Assistant Schedule for July & August.

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, **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
July 5th	To the glory of God by Ms. Elizabeth Anderson, in Memory of her Grandparents Elizabeth & William Grofe.	To the glory of God by Jerry & Carolyn Bryce, in Honor of Our Military, keeping us safe and also to Our First Responders, in God's Name!
July 12th	To the glory of God by The Mutter Family, in Memory of their Parents Roy & Granny Mutter and their Brother Randy and Sister Sherry and also by Mrs. Ruth Reinhard, in Memory of her Grandson Chad Miller.	To the glory of God by Bill & Sheila Eddinger, in Memory of Grace Eddinger.
July 19th	To the glory of God by Mrs. Cathy Yoder, in Honor of her Son James' Birthday and also by Sandy & Mark Yarnall, to the Glory of God.	To the glory of God by Lori & Bob Graef, in Memory of John Graef & Larry Swavely.
July 26th	To the glory of God, in Memory of Ernie & Doris Roberts, by their Loving Daughter Kim and also by Mrs. Diane Morlock, in Honor of her Son Chris' Birthday.	To the glory of God by Lori & Bob Graef, in Memory of Loved Ones
August 2nd	To the glory of God by Sandy & Mark Yarnall, in Honor of their Wedding Anniversary and also by Bob & Diane McElwee, in Memory of Loved Ones.	To the glory of God by Sandy & Mark Yarnall, in Honor of their Wedding Anniversary.
August 9th	To the glory of God by Mrs. Linda Ritter, in Memory of her Husband Dan and their Wedding Anniversary and also by Mr. & Mrs. Brett Moyer, in Memory of Mother Thelma Stauffer's Birthday.	To the glory of God, in Memory of Hope Haas, by Kay (Haas) McGowan.
August 16th	To the glory of God by Chester Heydt, in Memory of All Members of Trinity Lutheran Church past and present.	
August 23rd	To the glory of God by Mrs. Martha Beekman, in Memory of Loved Ones and also by Sandy & Mark Yarnall, to the Glory of God.	
August 30th	To the glory of God by Ms. Elizabeth Anderson, in Memory of her Aunt Martha Grofe Christman.	To the glory of God by Bill & Sheila Eddinger, in Memory of Sue Stoudt.

The following devotion was used to open the Church Council Meeting in June, was submitted by Diane McElwee ...

Don't Sweat the Small Stuff

It is highly probable that you dread more little things than you do major things. First of all, we have a lot of little things we deal with all the time, but the major things come fewer and farther in between. As I began to examine this area of dread in my own life, I realized it operated in little daily areas like going to the grocery store, doing laundry, running an errand, or looking for a parking place in a crowded shopping mall. I dreaded waiting because, historically, I have not been an extremely patient person. Waiting in lines or traffic or for slow people to get a job done, were things I dreaded and allowed to frustrate me.

Like many of you, I have a lot to do, and I don't like wasting my time waiting. But thank God, I have learned it does no good at all to dread something I have to do anyway. It steals my current joy, and I have lost enough of that in my life, so I am not willing to give up any more of it. I believe it glorifies God when we refuse to live in fear, worry, or dread.

When I find myself in a situation I would rather not be in, whether it is waiting or doing an unpleasant task, I make a decision that I will do it joyfully and not dread it, and then I exercise self-control. I use those faith muscles that God has given to me. You have them, too! If we allow fear and dread in our lives, they breed more fear, but if we practice walking in faith, it becomes easier to do it again and again.

Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him and He will make your paths straight.

Prayer: *Dear Lord, Thank you for all your blessings bestowed upon all of us. Help us to not sweat the small stuff as you guide us throughout each day. Amen*

 **TRUST IN**
The Lord
Proverbs 3:5

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.)

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)



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 for the Month of July by
Kellie Quinley & Jere Miller
In Loving Memory of Family Past & Present**

**The Eternal Flame Candle is presented to the
Glory of God for the Month of August by
Kay McGowan
In Memory of Michael McGowan & My Parents**

July Birthdays

- 1 Yvonne Brown, Drevyn Deskie,
Linda Ritter & Pastor Gene
- 2 Chris Heffner
- 4 Karie Erkert & Joanne Nagle
- 5 Richard Garcia
- 7 Beckett Goggins & Xavier Johnson
- 8 Marcia Auge, Adam Kulp
& Kathy Powers
- 9 Jill Schildt
- 11 Bruce Sarte
- 12 Gwen Greenawalt
- 13 Susan Rhoads
- 14 Ashley Christman
- 17 Kassie Jo Dulin & Darcy Hettler
- 18 Desiree Drugatz, Cyndi Gehman,
Sakura Gehman & Jim Yoder
- 19 Jeremiah Johnson, Heidi Yescavage &
Cathy Yoder
- 20 Grant Sell
- 21 Kyle Seivard
- 23 Emma Sell
- 25 Mary Keirse
- 26 Kevin Hampton & Kathy Kuser
- 28 Luke Grubbs & Alex Renninger
- 29 Bob McElwee & Benjamin Moyer
- 30 James Henshaw
- 31 Grace Hettler, Aaron Kratz &
Samuel Moyer

July Anniversaries

- 07/09 Jim & Cyndi Yoder
07/10 Richard & Pat Beekley
07/22 Lonni & Donna Repko
07/24 Scott & Becky Thomas
07/25 Richard & Vanessa Deskie
07/28 Tim & Mardell Blanford

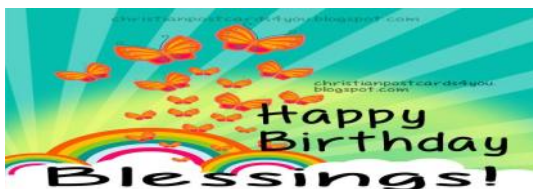


Birth Announcement

*Congratulations & God's Blessings upon the birth
of Maverick Leon Lynam
born on May 20, 2026
6 lbs., 14 oz., 20 1/2" long
He is healthy and doing well.
He is grandson of Greg & Nancy Mest and the
great-grandson to Leon & Carole Mest.*

Wedding Announcement

*Congratulations & God's Blessings upon the
Marriage of Alex & Samantha (McClean)
Renninger. They were married on Saturday,
June 13th. Alex is the son of Jill Schildt.*



August Birthdays

- 1 Laura Moser
- 2 Carlie Bearn & Cody Harner
- 3 Destiny Hudock
- 4 Catherine Sarte & Katie Stephen
- 5 Kyle Rhoads
- 6 Greg Mest & Carol Rothermel
- 7 Victoria Horan, Tyler Schaeffer & Luke Trethaway
- 8 Madeline Buchert,
Norma Jeane Christman,
Jenny Frederick & Carol Kirner
- 9 Tammy Renninger
- 11 Dennis Brooke & Mary Snyder
- 12 Linda Heimbach & Kearston Rhoads
- 13 Skye Leister
- 14 Rebecca Thomas & Aidan Urban
- 15 Thomas Berger & Brandon Stauffer
- 17 Justin Miller
- 18 Michael Renninger
- 20 Bill Eddinger
- 21 Jeremy Benfield
- 22 Mardell Blanford & Lynn Wolfgang
- 23 Dorothy Romig
- 24 Pat Brensinger, Nell Harrison & Tammy Kemp
- 26 Martin Weiser
- 27 LaRue Sheetz
- 28 Joe Dulin
- 29 Waynette Shafer
- 31 Heather Bowers

August Anniversaries

- 08/07 Greg & Nancy Mest
Mark & Sandy Yarnall
- 08/14 Bill & Pat Brensinger
James & Joanne Henshaw
- 08/22 Cliff & Suzanne Kerchner
- 08/24 Richard & Shannon Delp
- 08/25 Glenn & Connie Haas
- 08/27 Matt & Katherine Renninger
- 08/31 Daniel & Deanna Heydt



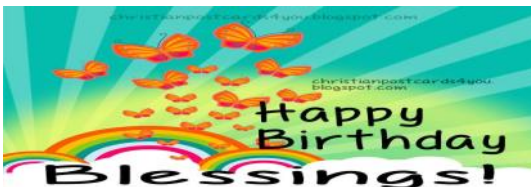
Words of Thanks...

Thank You All who bought Shoefly Pies & Sticky Buns. A total of 37 Shoefly Pies were bought and 26 Sticky Buns. A total of \$200.00 will be going to the General Fund! A Special Thank You to Linda Brunner for organizing this fundraiser.

Address & Phone No. Change

Alex Renninger

2035 Weisstown Road
Boyertown, PA 19512
610-331-4618



Graduate Recognition
Congratulations and God's Blessings
To The Class of 2026

Congratulations to our College Graduates:

Timothy Eddinger, grandson of Bill & Sheila Eddinger, graduated from Messiah University, with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing, he will continue his studies at Messiah University to obtain his Masters Degree in Nursing and also to Bradley Yescavage, son of Kurt & Heidi Yescavage, grandson of Becky Yescavage, graduated from Pennsylvania State University, College of Engineering with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Aerospace Engineering.

Congratulations to our High School Graduates:

Ryan Isett, son of Fred & Rachel Isett, graduated from Boyertown Area Senior High School and will be attending University of Pittsburgh and also to Luke Rothermel, son of Jonathan and Sheri Rothermel, grandson of Carol and Jerry Rothermel, graduated from Wellsboro High School and will be attending Lock Haven University in the Physicians Assistance Program.

May God grant you the desires of your heart and make all your plans succeed. May He guide your steps, bless your hard work, and surround you with His grace in every new endeavor.



Welcome to Trinity's Newest Members
Received into Membership on June 7, 2026

Paul, Claire,
Paul & Michael Burkhart
45 Franklin Street
Bechtelsville, PA 19505

Randi Marks
1012 Soffa Road
E. Greenville, PA 18041

Chris & Karin Pell
20 Sunrise Drive
Boyertown, PA 19512

Jolene Szilli
540 Route 100
Bechtelsville, PA 19505



Color for Relaxation

In case you missed church, the week I announced ‘adult’ coloring books and crayons, let me explain. I tried ‘adult’ coloring books this past winter and found it to be very relaxing!

If you’d like to try adult coloring, there are assorted ‘adult’ coloring books and crayons/or pencil crayons, over near the stage/choir room area.

Definitely, keep the book you chose if you like coloring!

If you tried coloring and disliked it - please do bring your book back for someone else to use.

You could also tear out your own creations to keep and admire; then return the book for someone else to use – or leave your finished artwork intact for others to admire. You may keep the crayons or colored pencils if you desire. Happy coloring!

Suzanne Kerchner



Trinity Lutheran Church, Bechtelsville, PA

May 2026	GENERAL FUND	MEMORIAL FUND	OTHER FUNDS	Total Funds
Balance, Beginning of Year	7,781	78,498	43,800	130,079
+ Receipts this year	104,840	295	15,390	120,525
- Disbursements this year	116,840	-	9,259	126,098
Balance, End of Month	(4,219)	78,793	49,931	124,505

GENERAL FUND		OTHER FUNDS		Balance
	This Year			
INCOME				
Current	89,706	Bldg. Maint. Reserve		27,027
Plate Offerings	1,787	Organ Maint. Reserve		15,561
Sunday School & VBS	403	Benevolence		345
Interest Earned - CD, etc.	291	Hunger Appeal		290
Special Offering Envelopes	4,522	Special Music Reserve		4,610
Thrivent Choice	1,248	Sound System		(8)
Flowers	2,403	Miscellaneous Funds		1,860
Fund Raisers	286	Payroll Taxes Withheld		245
SCRIP Programs (net)	2,282	Total		49,931
Miscellaneous	1,913			
Total	104,840			
2025 BUDGET	248,900	ASSETS	"Market"	Gain
gain / (short-fall) =	1,132	Checking Account		17,905
		Petty Cash		100
		Vanguard Welles	115,870	79,500
		Vanguard Money	27,082	27,000
		Total	142,951	124,505
				36,451
				Gain inception thru 2025
				32,519
				Vanguard Welles Gain (Loss) this year
				3,932

Notes: For the first 5 months of 2026 the General Fund Balance decreased \$12,000 from \$7,781 to -\$4,219.

General Fund Income was \$1,132 more than 5/12 the 2026 Budget amount, and

General Fund Expenses were \$13,131 more than 5/12 the 2026 Budget amount.

For the first 5 months of 2025 the General Fund Balance decreased \$19,166.

Trinity Lutheran Church, Bechtelsville, PA

May 2026

EXPENSES	This Year	5/12 Budget	2026 BUDGET
Benevolence	2,750	2,750	6,600
Pastor's Salary	22,669	22,325	53,581
Housing Allowance	10,524	10,365	24,875
Social Security Allowance	2,962	2,917	7,000
Pension & Health Benefits	17,313	17,208	41,300
Continuing Education	150	229	550
Auto Allowance (mileage)	612	1,375	3,300
Secretary's Salary	6,703	6,601	15,843
Organist's Salary	5,385	5,833	14,000
Sexton's Salary	3,528	3,528	8,468
Treasurer's Salary	1,502	1,502	3,604
Financial Sec. Salary	529	529	1,269
Employer's FICA	1,350	1,375	3,300
Insurance	9,639	3,958	9,500
Repairs & Maintenance	11,197	4,583	11,000
Heating Oil	8,818	6,250	15,000
Electricity	1,637	2,083	5,000
Sewer	280	233	560
Cleaning Supplies	-	250	600
Lawn Care	800	667	1,600
Telephone	603	750	1,800
Copier	1,264	1,292	3,100
Office Supplies & Postage	1,401	1,875	4,500
Technology	127	417	1,000
Educational Materials	269	208	500
Worship & Devotional	39	250	600
Music Supplies	497	375	900
Discipleship	40	208	500
Publicity	176	208	500
Social Ministry	-	146	350
Envelopes	525	208	500
Flowers	2,044	1,875	4,500
Convention Expenses	1,101	625	1,500
Designated Donations	-	292	700
Miscellaneous	363	417	1,000
(Over) / Short	45	-	-
Total Expenses	116,840	103,708	248,900
2026 BUDGET - ytd	103,708		
over (under) budget	13,131		

July 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:30 TLC Stitches	2	3	4 
5 9:00 Worship Service	6	7	8 6:30 TLC Stitches	9	10	11
12 9:00 Worship Service Hoagie Orders Due	13	14 7:00 Church Council Mtg.	15 6:30 TLC Stitches	16	17 11:00-11:30 Hoagie Pick Up	18
19 9:00 Worship Service	20	21	22 6:30 TLC Stitches	23	24	25
26 9:00 Worship Service	27 6:30 Vacation Bible School	28 6:30 Vacation Bible School	29 6:30 Vacation Bible School	30 6:30 Vacation Bible School	31 6:30 Vacation Bible School	

August 2026

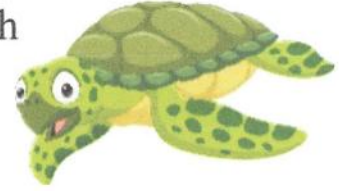
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2 9:00 Worship in the Park	3	4 6:30 Worship & Music Mtg.	5 6:30 TLC Stitchers	6	7	8
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Tropical Trek

Vacation Bible School

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
1749 S. Main St.
Bechtelsville, PA 19505
610-369-1281
July 27-31, 2026
6:30 – 8:00 PM
Ages 4 years through Grade 5



(Cut here and return form)

Registration Form 2026

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address & Town: _____ Phone: _____

Name of your church: _____

Would you like more information about this church? _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone Number _____

Child's Name: _____ Age: _____ Birthday: _____

Last Grade Completed: _____ Allergies or other concerns: _____

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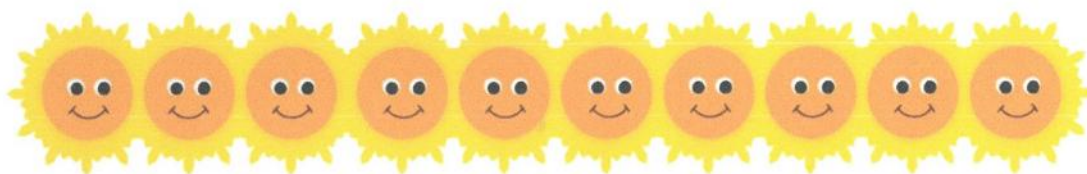
Last Grade Completed: _____ Allergies or other concerns: _____

***We request permission for your child to be included in photos while attending our VBS. We would like to share a photo montage/video as part of our worship service (date to be determined). (Join us or watch on Trinity's Facebook page.)

_____ I give my permission for my child's photograph to be used for this purpose.

_____ I do not give my permission to photograph my child during this VBS.

Parent's signature: _____



Community Worship in the Park

August 2, 9:00 A.M.

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Bechtelsville,
invites you to join us
for a contemporary worship service at the
Bechtelsville Community Park.

Fellowship picnic and games for all generations to follow.

Hamburger barbeque, hotdogs, beverages,
and paper products will be provided.

Guests are asked to bring a side dish or dessert, and lawn chairs.

Bring a friend ~ all welcome!

In case of inclement weather, activities will be held in the church.



Fightins™

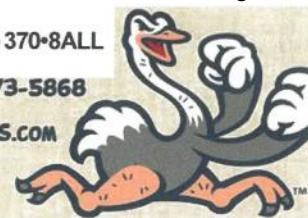
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P.O. BOX 15050
READING, PA 19612-5050



PHONE (610) 370-8ALL

FAX (610) 373-5868

WWW.FIGHTINS.COM



Buffet Time: 5:45 - 8:15

GAME DATE: Saturday, Aug. 29, 2026

GAME TIME: 6:45 PM

GATES OPENING: 4:45 PM

TICKET PRICE: \$ 43

PLEASE NOTE:
THIS STADIUM IS
CASHLESS

FOR TICKETS CONTACT:

Dennis Schaeffer

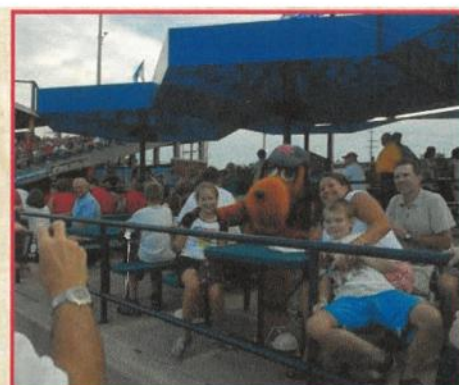
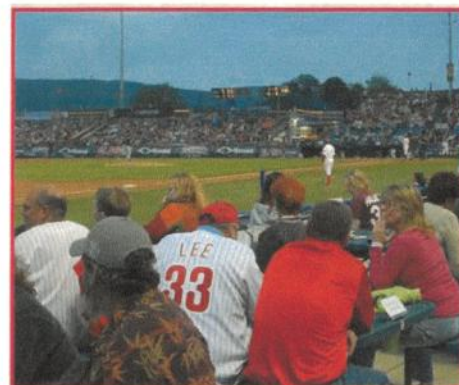
AT Church or Home (Cell 610-763-6546)

'67 CLUB PICNIC AREA

2 1/2 HOUR, ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT BUFFET
FANTASTIC LOCATION NEXT TO 3RD BASE
PICNIC SEATING IN BLOCKS OF 10

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT-MENU

BBQ RIBS & CHICKEN, HOT DOGS, HAMBURGERS, VEGETABLE
LASAGNA, MAC & CHEESE, BAKED BEANS, PASTA & POTATO
SALAD, TOSSED SALAD, FRUIT, COOKIES AND PEPSI PRODUCTS



AMERICA 250:
"IN THE MOOD"
to Celebrate

OFFICIAL
FREEDOM
★ FEST ★
EVENT

The Director's
BIG BAND
LIVE AT BOYERTOWN FREEDOM FEST

★ SUNDAY ★
JULY 5
★ 2026 ★

🕒 **2:00 – 5:00 PM**
KEYSTONE FIREHOUSE

\$10
★ ADMISSION ★

★ **DANCE, SWING. CELEBRATE AMERICA** ★
Live horns. Classic swing. Timeless energy.

TICKETS IN ADVANCE:
✉ DirectorsBandBoyertown@gmail.com

ALL AGES WELCOME

A KEY EVENT
OF
BOYERTOWN
Freedom
Fest



Monthly Free-will Offerings 2026

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

July 19 – Samaritan’s Purse Shoe Boxes

August 16 – American Foundation for Suicide Prevention

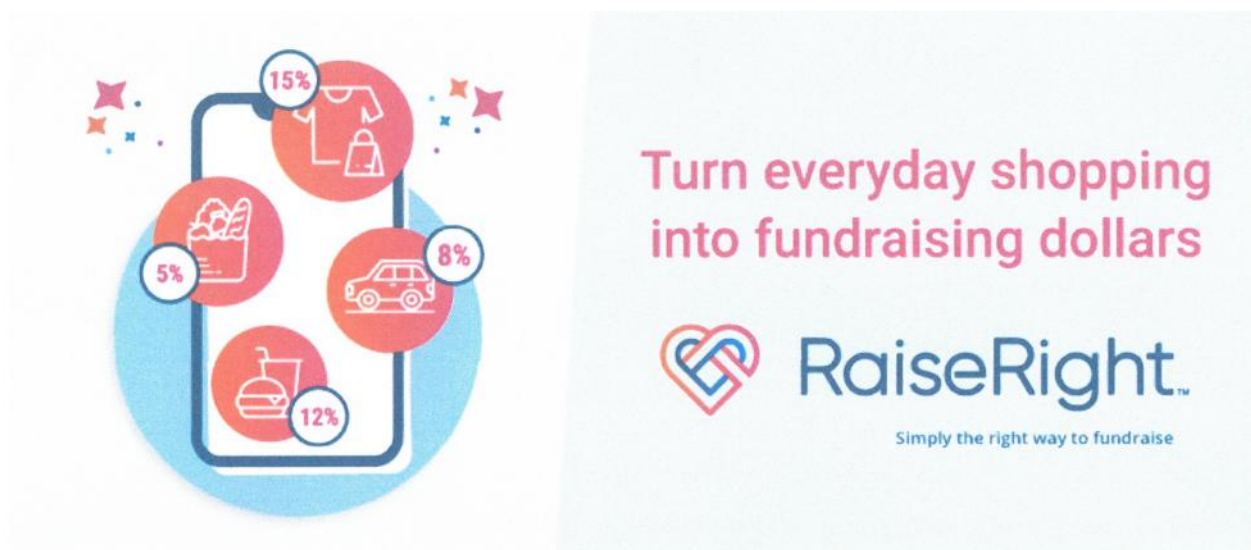
September 20 – Boyertown Area Multi Service

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!



Earn up to 15% on birthday gifts, graduation gifts, dinner out and dinner in!

Give the gift that gives back

If you need a birthday present, Valentine's Day gift, date night dinner and a movie, or groceries for dinner at home, 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.



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

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
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Mardell Blanford—Secretary
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Linda Bewley
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Sheila Eddinger
Kathy Farrington
Karen Irely
Diane McElwee
Sharon Renninger
Kurt Yescavage
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