



TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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FROM THE PASTOR...

In September, we will return to our regular worship schedule – so please take note of that:

Sunday School – 9:15 AM

Regular Worship – 10:30 AM

Contemporary Worship 1st and 3rd Sundays of the Month – 8 AM

All are welcome to Sunday School – we have classes for all ages. In addition, we have an adult Bible Study on Wednesdays at 7 PM starting September 9th. We'll be studying the Gospel of John.

- Pastor Gene





Worship in September

September 6, 2026 – 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon Text: Matthew 18:15-20 Jesus offers practical advice to his disciples on how individuals—and the church as a whole—should go about restoring relationships when one member has sinned against another.

September 13, 2026 – 16th Sunday After Pentecost

Sermon Text: Matthew 18:21-35 When Peter asks about the limits of forgiveness, Jesus responds with a parable that suggests human forgiveness should mirror the unlimited mercy of God.

September 20, 2026 – 17th Sunday After Pentecost

Sermon Text: Matthew 20:1-16 Jesus tells a parable about God's generosity, challenging the common assumption that God rewards people according to what they have earned or deserve.

September 27, 2026 – 18th Sunday After Pentecost

Sermon Text: Matthew 21:23-32 After driving the moneychangers out of the temple (21:12), Jesus begins teaching there. His authority is questioned by the religious leaders, who are supposed to be in charge of the temple.



August Update on Church Financial Status From The Finance Committee:

As reported in this Newsletter (Financial Reports Section), as of 7/31/26 the General Fund has lost additional ground the past 2 months to a Negative balance of \$9468.

Expenses are \$14551 higher than our budgeted expenses for 7 months, and approximately \$10000 of that overage is in 2 line items:
Repairs and Maintenance and Heating Oil.

Income is also short by \$2698 for 7 months.

So, we have some work to do as a Congregation in the remaining 5 months to get to a positive position in the General Fund, but do also have several Fall fundraisers that are expected to help, to some degree, on the income side.

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.
- A number of members have done a review and increased their giving in the past 12-18 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. (\$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 - September 2026



SUNDAY SCHOOL RETURNS ON SEPTEMBER 6

All Sunday School classes will start off the new school year on Sunday, **September 6**. We will meet from **9:15-10:15**. The elementary and middle school classes will meet in their regular classrooms in the basement. Our first unit will be **God Calls a Nation** and will begin with stories in **Genesis**, the first book in the Old Testament. We will also continue learning the books of the Bible and finding our stories there.

The **adult discussion class** will return to the parlor for their class, with no age limitations! Sheila will be starting with a character study of **Elijah**. On alternating weeks, Angie will lead the study of "**Revelation**", the last Book of the Bible. Please come out and join them!

Kids' Corner Church Time will be available during worship services on the first and third Sundays of the month. Following the children's sermon, children will be dismissed to the Kids' Corner (aka nursery) for the remainder of the service, returning for the blessing during communion.



Tropical Trek Vacation Bible School was held the evenings of **July 27-31, 6:30-8:00**. It was a great success. There were twelve students and ten staff members plus two additional storytellers. Donations of school supplies and pantry items were received for **Boyertown Multi-Service** as our mission project. Our nightly offerings will also go to **Boyertown Multi-Service**. A video of the week's activities will be available to view on **Trinity's Facebook page, Youtube, and website**. We thank everyone who participated in any way or donated to our mission project!



MUSIC News

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Thank you to all the soloists, instrumentalists, duos, and musical groups for the beautiful music that filled our church over the summer. God surely smiled as we made a joyful noise unto Him in song.

Thank you to Vicki Mest who will be playing her harp during the 10:30am worship service on Sunday, September 6, 2026.

Our senior choir has had a much deserved summer break. Rehearsals begin anew on Thursday, September 10, 2026, at 6:30pm. Their first Sunday will be September 13, 2026. If anyone is interested, please come out and join us.

With the approach of autumn, Christmas is not too far away. Cantata Choir will begin rehearsals on Thursday, September 24, 2026, at 7:30pm. Anyone interested in singing, please come out and join us. We look forward to presenting it on Sunday, December 13, 2026, during the 10:30am service. The Snow Date and Encore Presentation will be Sunday, January 3rd at 3PM. **Also, if anyone would like to sponsor the Cantata, please see me.**

Bell choir rehearsals will begin on Sunday, October 4, 2026, at 9:15am.

Thank you all for your encouragement and continued support of our music program here at Trinity.

Blessings and Happy Singing,

Jenn McCarron
Director of Music



Bechtelsville Community Park Events

10/3 -Fall Fest, 11-3:00 - Activities include: touch-a-truck, bike rodeo, car seat safety checks, petting zoo, basket raffle (donations welcomed), carnival games, free crafts, food, and more. (We will be running the carnival games again. Volunteers are also needed for other activities. I will post a sign-up sheet with more details.)

10/31-Trunk-R-Treat, 6-8:00



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

There are no Shut-In Birthdays in September.

Various cards were sent as needed.

- Karen Irey



Craft Show, Used Book & Bake Sale

Come One, Come All to our 23rd Annual Fall Craft Show. It will be held on Saturday, October 17th— 9AM—1PM. Tables are available for crafters interested in the show. Please contact Cathy Yoder or the church office for a registration form. We will also be having our annual Book Sale, donations of books will be greatly appreciated. They can be dropped off in the Nursery. Lunch will also be available to purchase. Looking forward to seeing you at the show!



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, September 13th and pick up on Friday, September 18th — 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.**



Harvest Home

The celebration of Harvest Home will be Sunday September 20th. It is the time we celebrate God's Harvest. We will be collecting donations for Boyertown Area Multi-Service throughout September. **Nonperishable items** can be placed in the box in the Narthex. Please see the list of top pantry needs in this newsletter.



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

PRAYER LIST FOR HEALING/SPECIAL NEEDS

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James 5:14-15 describes the power of prayer and anointing with oil for the sick.

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, Linda Bewley, Marcia Auge, Vicki Mest, Howard & Waynette Shafer, Nadine Lydic and Clair Burkhardt.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY — ONGOING NEEDS

Michelle Hiriak, Linda Stark, David & Diane Stauffer, Tammy Nelson, Tracey Knox, Peggy & Wendell Wahlstedt, Debbie Reinhard, Kristie Jennings, John McCarron, Joyce Kemp, Jim & Bonnie Ottaviano, Cheryl Summerfelt, Angelic Gonzalez, Ilse Kirchheimer, David Lord, Pastor Burl Latshaw, Linda Gilbert, George Bayer, Dennis Groves, Scott Thomas, Bill Kelsch, Sherry Trimble, Jeff Trimble, Walt Keirse, LeeAnn Prince, Dennis Weller, Diane Davidheiser, Marvin Moyer, Melissa Almendinger, Ashley Spencer, Catherine Muth, Robert Hudock, Krista Buchert and Thomas David Hawthorne.

RECENTLY ADDED

Aliscia Shafer, Monica Gilbert, John Durkin, David Lynam, Steve Smith, Larry Clemmons, Jamie Conrad and Judy Moser.

FAMILIES OF:

Michael Ware, Mike Bailey, Joan Good-Saylor, Timothy Groves, Tanner Antalosky, Shirley Ciaciak and Jake Breyer.

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 peace throughout the world.

JOY AND THANKSGIVING

May God bless all teachers and students, as they return for another school year.



Worship Assistants for September, 2026

	Assisting Minister	Ushers	Server	Lector	Acolyte
Sept. 6th	Diane McElwee	Howard Shafer* Dennis Schaeffer	Waynette Shafer	Uta Hahn	Erika Zaiser
Sept. 13th		Bob McElwee* Kathy Kuser		Sharon Renninger	Uta Hahn
Sept. 20th	Erika Zaiser	Kay McGowan* Linda Brunner	Linda Ritter	Sheila Eddinger	Diane McElwee
Sept. 27th		Sharon Renninger* Mardell Blanford		Laura Moser	Kathy Farrington

Above is the Worship Assistant Schedule for September.

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

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

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



WORSHIP SPONSORS

You may sponsor Altar Flowers, **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
Sept. 6th	To the glory of God by Pastor Gene & Erika Zaiser, in Honor of their Son Gene's 29th Birthday and also by Mr. & Mrs. Terry Kemp, in Honor of their Wedding Anniversary.	To the glory of God by Bill & Sheila Eddinger, in Honor of All Educators.
Sept. 13th	To the glory of God by Sharon & Randy Renninger, in Memory of her Mother Cynthia Eshbach's Birthday and also by Mrs. Ruth Reinhard, in Memory of her Grandson Chad's Birthday.	To the glory of God by Lois Schwager, in Memory of her Grandson Colin Hiriak's Birthday.
Sept. 20th	To the glory of God by Mr. Dennis Brooke, in Loving Memory of his Wife Ruth and also by Ms. Kim Shaner, in Honor of all of her Nieces & Nephews.	To the glory & honor of God by Mark & Sandy Yarnall.
Sept. 27th	To the glory of God, by Ms. LaRue Sheetz, in Memory of her Parents Mr. & Mrs. Charles Frymoyer's Wedding Anniversary and also by Mrs. Mary Snyder, in Honor of her Daughter Kathleen's Birthday.	No Sponsor

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 Janice Sheetz
in Memory of
Robert & Cynthia Eshbach and James Eshbach**



September Birthdays

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

September Anniversaries

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



Words of Thanks....

The Boyertown Area Multi-Service would like to thank the congregation for your generous donation of groceries.

Thanks to you, they are able to make it possible to further their cause.



The deadline for the October Newsletter will be Sunday, September 20th

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

RENEWED STRENGTH

Isaiah 40:28-31

Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be afraid.

It's easy to feel overwhelmed and worn out. Our days are filled with responsibilities, challenges, and endless demands on our time and energy. Sometimes it can feel like we're running a race with no finish line in sight. However, Isaiah 40:31 offers a powerful reminder: "Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength."

This verse paints a beautiful picture of what it looks like to rely on God. Like an eagle soaring effortlessly through the sky, we can rise above the challenges and trials of life. Eagles don't fly; they glide on the wind, using air current to carry them without having to expend unnecessary energy. When we trust in God, we don't have to strive and struggle alone, relying only on our strength. Instead, we're invited to lean on God, allowing God's power to sustain us.

When we feel weary, we can take a moment to pause and place our hope in God, surrendering our burdens and exhaustion. And we can trust that God will lift us up. Just as an eagle soars on the wind, we can rise above our circumstances because we're sustained by the One who never grows tired or weary. Letting God's strength be our strength, we can find rest in God's promise to carry us through every challenge.

Prayer: Dear God, thank you for being our strength and for renewing our energy. Help us to rely on you, so that we may soar like eagles. In Jesus' name, Amen

Thought for the Day: I can overcome my challenges because God sustains me.

A blue square with a white eagle in flight on the right side. The text is in a serif font, centered on the left side of the square.

But they that wait upon the Lord shall
renew their strength; they shall
mount up with wings as eagles;
they shall run, and not be weary;
and they shall walk, and not faint.

Isaiah 40:31

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)



Trinity Lutheran Church, Bechtelsville, PA

June 2026	GENERAL FUND	MEMORIAL FUND	OTHER FUNDS	Total Funds
Balance, Beginning of Year	7,781	78,498	43,800	130,079
+ Receipts this year	126,071	295	16,814	143,180
- Disbursements this year	140,724	-	12,440	153,164
Balance, End of Month	(6,873)	78,793	48,174	120,095

GENERAL FUND		OTHER FUNDS		Balance
	This Year			
INCOME				
Current	107,131	Bldg. Maint. Reserve		27,597
Plate Offerings	2,542	Organ Maint. Reserve		15,576
Sunday School & VBS	403	Benevolence		425
Interest Earned - CD, etc.	371	Hunger Appeal		170
Special Offering Envelopes	4,522	Special Music Reserve		4,035
Thrivent Choice	1,609	Sound System		(8)
Flowers	2,511	Miscellaneous Funds		378
Fund Raisers	848	Payroll Taxes Withheld		-
SCRIP Programs (net)	2,531	Total		48,174
Miscellaneous	3,603			
Total	126,071			
2025 BUDGET	248,900	124,450		
gain / (short-fall) =		1,621		
		ASSETS	"Market"	Gain
		Checking Account		13,495
		Petty Cash		100
		Vanguard Wellesley Fund	116,208	80,000 36,208
		Vanguard Money Market	26,660	26,500 160
		Total	142,868	120,095 36,368
			Gain inception thru 2025	32,519
		Vanguard Wellesley Fund	Gain (Loss) this year	3,849

The General Fund has a negative balance.

Notes: For the first 6 months of 2026 the General Fund Balance decreased \$14,854 from \$7,781 to -\$7,073.

General Fund Income was \$1,421 more than 6/12 the 2026 Budget amount, and

General Fund Expenses were \$16,274 more than 6/12 the 2026 Budget amount.

For the first 6 months of 2025 the General Fund Balance decreased \$12,326.

Trinity Lutheran Church, Bechtelsville, PA

June 2026			
EXPENSES	This Year	6/12 Budget	2026 BUDGET
Benevolence	3,300	3,300	6,600
Pastor's Salary	26,790	26,791	53,581
Housing Allowance	12,438	12,438	24,875
Social Security Allowance	3,500	3,500	7,000
Pension & Health Benefits	20,776	20,650	41,300
Continuing Education	300	275	550
Auto Allowance (mileage)	845	1,650	3,300
Secretary's Salary	7,921	7,922	15,843
Organist's Salary	7,000	7,000	14,000
Sexton's Salary	4,234	4,234	8,468
Treasurer's Salary	1,802	1,802	3,604
Financial Sec. Salary	635	635	1,269
Employer's FICA	1,652	1,650	3,300
Insurance	9,639	4,750	9,500
Repairs & Maintenance	11,917	5,500	11,000
Heating Oil	10,542	7,500	15,000
Electricity	2,203	2,500	5,000
Sewer	280	280	560
Cleaning Supplies	-	300	600
Lawn Care	800	800	1,600
Telephone	713	900	1,800
Copier	1,510	1,550	3,100
Office Supplies & Postage	1,885	2,250	4,500
Technology	127	500	1,000
Educational Materials	168	250	500
Worship & Devotional	88	300	600
Music Supplies	497	450	900
Discipleship	40	250	500
Publicity	208	250	500
Social Ministry	-	175	350
Envelopes	525	250	500
Flowers	2,968	2,250	4,500
Convention Expenses	1,101	750	1,500
Designated Donations	-	350	700
Miscellaneous	4,306	500	1,000
(Over) / Short	15	-	-
Total Expenses	140,724	124,450	248,900
2026 BUDGET - ytd	124,450		
over (under) budget	16,274		

Trinity Lutheran Church, Bechtelsville, PA

July 2026	GENERAL FUND	MEMORIAL FUND	OTHER FUNDS	Total Funds
Balance, Beginning of Month	(6,873)	78,793	48,174	120,095
+ Receipts this month	16,423	-	2,418	18,841
- Disbursements this month	19,019	-	1,290	20,309
Balance, End of Month	<u>(9,468)</u>	<u>78,793</u>	<u>49,302</u>	<u>118,627</u>
Balance, Beginning of Year	7,781	78,498	43,800	130,079
+ Receipts this year	142,494	295	19,233	162,022
- Disbursements this year	159,743	-	13,730	173,473
Balance, End of Month	<u>(9,468)</u>	<u>78,793</u>	<u>49,302</u>	<u>118,627</u>

GENERAL FUND		OTHER FUNDS		Balance
	This Year			
INCOME				
Current	122,386	Bldg. Maint. Reserve		28,572
Plate Offerings	2,647	Organ Maint. Reserve		15,591
Sunday School & VBS	403	Benevolence		370
Interest Earned - CD, etc.	371	Hunger Appeal		125
Special Offering Envelopes	4,522	Special Music Reserve		4,035
Thrivent Choice	2,035	Sound System		(8)
Flowers	2,717	Miscellaneous Funds		480
Fund Raisers	924	Payroll Taxes Withheld		137
SCRIP Programs (net)	2,872	Total		<u>49,302</u>
Miscellaneous	3,618			
Total	<u>142,494</u>			
2025 BUDGET	248,900	ASSETS	"Market"	Gain
gain / (short-fall) =	<u>(2,698)</u>	Checking Account		12,027
		Petty Cash		100
		Vanguard Wellesley Fund	117,022	80,500
		Vanguard Money Market	26,240	26,000
		Total	<u>143,262</u>	<u>118,627</u>
				36,762
				Gain inception thru 2025
				<u>32,519</u>
		Vanguard Wellesley Fund	Gain (Loss) this year	4,243

The General Fund has a negative balance.

Notes: For the first 7 months of 2026 the General Fund Balance decreased \$17,249 from \$7,781 to -9,468.

General Fund Income was \$2,698 less than 7/12 the 2026 Budget amount, and

General Fund Expenses were \$14,551 more than 7/12 the 2026 Budget amount.

For the first 7 months of 2025 the General Fund Balance decreased \$15,846.

Trinity Lutheran Church, Bechtelsville, PA

July 2026

EXPENSES	This Year	7/12 Budget	2026 BUDGET
Benevolence	3,850	3,850	6,600
Pastor's Salary	30,912	31,256	53,581
Housing Allowance	14,351	14,510	24,875
Social Security Allowance	4,038	4,083	7,000
Pension & Health Benefits	24,238	24,092	41,300
Continuing Education	300	321	550
Auto Allowance (mileage)	1,056	1,925	3,300
Secretary's Salary	9,140	9,242	15,843
Organist's Salary	8,167	8,167	14,000
Sexton's Salary	4,940	4,940	8,468
Treasurer's Salary	2,102	2,102	3,604
Financial Sec. Salary	740	740	1,269
Employer's FICA	1,919	1,925	3,300
Insurance	9,639	5,542	9,500
Repairs & Maintenance	14,523	6,417	11,000
Heating Oil	10,542	8,750	15,000
Electricity	2,831	2,917	5,000
Sewer	420	327	560
Cleaning Supplies	-	350	600
Lawn Care	1,200	933	1,600
Telephone	713	1,050	1,800
Copier	1,756	1,808	3,100
Office Supplies & Postage	1,945	2,625	4,500
Technology	127	583	1,000
Educational Materials	196	292	500
Worship & Devotional	88	350	600
Music Supplies	497	525	900
Discipleship	60	292	500
Publicity	215	292	500
Social Ministry	-	204	350
Envelopes	525	292	500
Flowers	3,278	2,625	4,500
Convention Expenses	1,101	875	1,500
Designated Donations	-	408	700
Miscellaneous	4,333	583	1,000
(Over) / Short	-	-	-
Total Expenses	159,743	145,192	248,900
2026 BUDGET - ytd	145,192		
over (under) budget	14,551		

September 2026

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



Dear Members & Friends,

I cannot begin to thank you enough for my wonderful surprises on June 14th! The luncheon was delicious and then the other surprises, never did I expect to see Elvis that day, I enjoyed him tremendously! He was very kind and gentle with my favorite solos. Wow, what a surprise! Then the gifts I received, the windchimes with my name engraved. I have them on our porch, when I see them and hear them chime, I think of all of you. Then, the monetary gift, was a great surprise!

I hope every hymn, prelude and postlude, I played for you meant as much to you, as your gifts to me.

I really miss playing the organ, but I will help Jenn McCarron whenever I can in worship. After playing the organ all my life, it is a real adjustment to become a church member again.

Thank you from my heart for all you have done for me. It was the greatest ever and I appreciate every one of you for being so kind and grateful.

I definitely enjoyed my 23 years here at Trinity and will never forget them.

Lots of music and love thru those years.

God bless all of you,

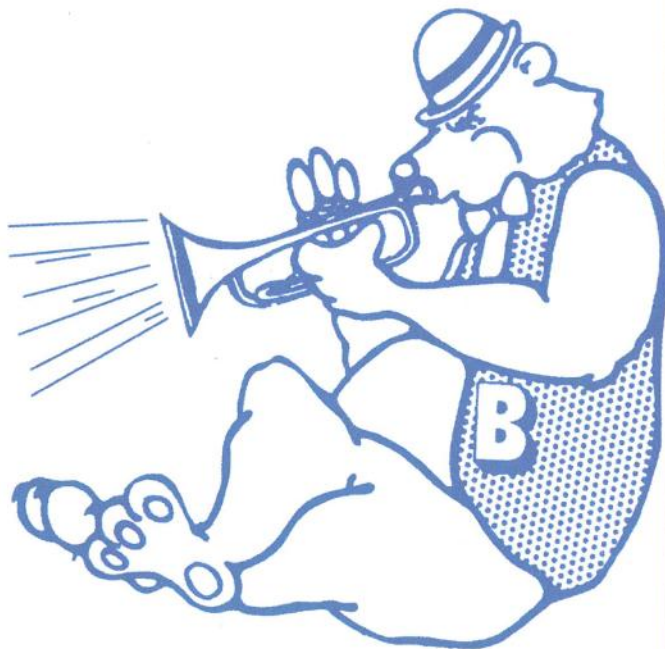
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THE BOYERTOWN AREA ALUMNI MARCHING UNIT

Honoring First Responders

Friday September 11, 2026
Boyertown Middle School West
7:00-9:00PM



FEATURING:
Boyertown Area
High School
&
Middle School
East & West
Show Choirs



Free Will Offering At Door

Please join us for a
BASKET PARTY
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH
9:00AM (Doors Open)
10:30AM (Drawing Begins)



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

Refreshments will be available to purchase.

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
1749 S. MAIN STREET
BECHTELSVILLE, PA 19505
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Website: www.trinitybech.com

Fall Craft Show



Saturday, October 17, 2026

9:00AM-1:00PM

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

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

Please Stop In & Join Us

Our Building is Handicapped Accessible



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

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

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

THANK YOU FOR HELPING THOSE IN NEED.



Monthly Free-will Offerings 2026

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

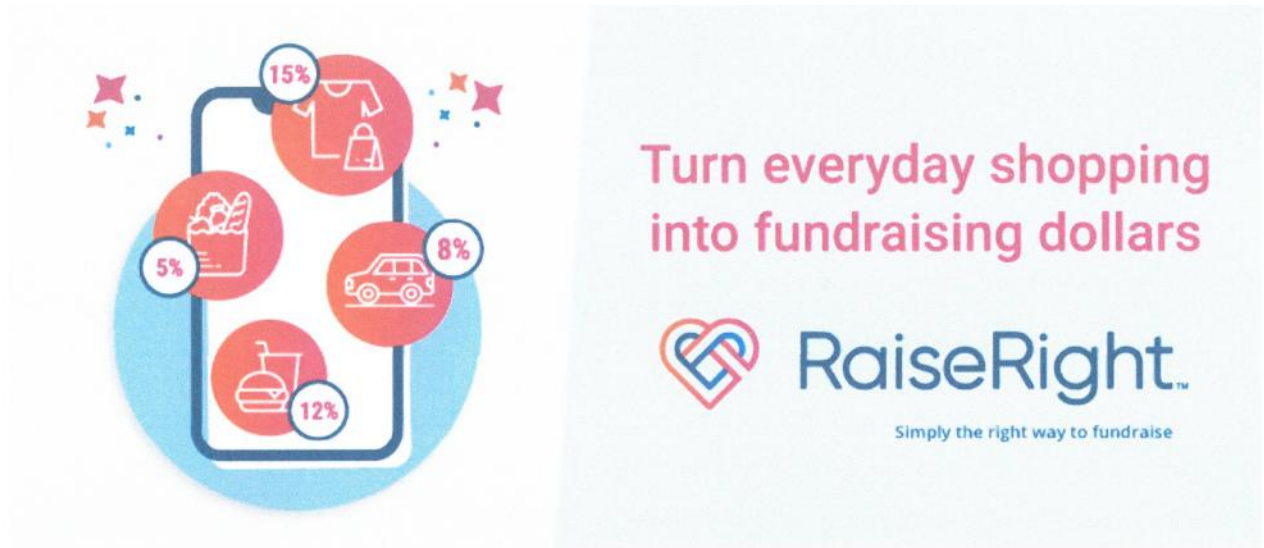
September 20 – Boyertown Area Multi Service

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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