



TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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FROM THE PASTOR...

On Sunday, October 25th, we're having our annual youth and family Halloween party, 4:30-7, in the parish hall. We'll have pizza, pumpkin carving, and a Halloween costume contest. Please let me know if you and your family will be attending. Also, we'll be hosting cookies and hot chocolate for neighborhood trick-or-treaters Saturday evening, October 31st. If you can help or provide cookies, please let me know.

- Pastor Gene





Worship in October

October 4, 2026 – 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon Text: Matthew 21:33-46 Jesus tells a parable to the religious leaders who are plotting his death, revealing that their plans will, ironically, bring about the fulfillment of scripture. **Contemporary worship at 8AM.**

October 11, 2026– 20th Sunday After Pentecost

Sermon Text: Matthew 22:1-14 Jesus tells a parable indicating that the blessings of God's kingdom are available to all, but the invitation is not to be taken lightly.

October 18, 2026 – 21st Sunday After Pentecost

Sermon Text: Matthew 22:15-22 After Jesus begins teaching in the temple, religious leaders try to trap him with questions. First they ask if God's people should pay taxes to an earthly tyrant like Caesar. **Contemporary worship at 8AM.**

October 25, 2026 – Reformation Sunday

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



September Update on Church Financial Status From The Finance Committee:

As reported in this Newsletter (Financial Reports Section), as of 8/31/26, we reversed the negative trend of the past few months in the General Fund in August by gaining back \$1002 to leave our balance in the Negative by \$8466.

Expenses are \$10,521 higher than our budgeted expenses for 8 months, and approximately \$7200 of that overage is in the Repairs and Maintenance line item.

General Fund Income is also \$5725 less than 8/12 of the 2026 Budget amount.

Hopefully we can make up additional ground on the income side as we enter the Fall season, with assistance from everyone on our fundraiser opportunities.

As we go through the remaining few months of 2026, our request remains for all members 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 profits in 2025, and we are trending higher in 2026 - thank you all for planning your gifting and spending through our Gift Card Program.)
- 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 started or completed 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. (\$2035 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 - October 2026



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

Elementary Class

We will be using Enduring Faith Unit 4: *God Calls a Nation* for our fall classes. As our studies continue in the book of *Genesis*, we will learn about the families of Isaac and Jacob. If you have any young, loved ones in your life, please bring them to Sunday School so we can share God's wonderful Word with them.

Adult Discussion Class

Join this class on Sunday mornings in the parlor as Angie continues the study of the book of Revelation. Sheila will continue with the character study of Elijah. Rumor has it that this is a great discussion class, why not join them!



Bechtelsville Community News

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

October 31 - Trunk-or-Treat in the park



MUSIC News

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Choir has begun anew. Anyone interested in making a joy-filled noise to the Lord is always welcome. Rehearsals are Thursday evenings at 6:30pm in the sanctuary.

The beginning of autumn brings the start of cantata rehearsals. Cantata choir meets on Thursday evenings at 7:30. Anyone interested in participating, is welcome to join us. We will be presenting " Hope Has Dawned, Noel" by Mary McDonald on Sunday, December 13, 2026. Please mark your calendars, and invite friends and family to join us.

Thank you to LaRue Sheetz who filled in for me in September.

Looking forward to sharing music with you during this new month and season.

Musical Blessings,

Jenn 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

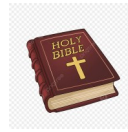
NON-MEMBERS:

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.



Craft Show, Used Book & Bake Sale

Fall has arrived, that means our Annual Craft show will be on Saturday, October 17th – 9AM to 1PM. Tables are still available for Crafters interested in the show. Please contact Cathy Yoder or the Church Office for a registration form.

We have several new crafters: Jewelry, Chocolate Covered Pretzels, Crochet Booties, Wooden Bowls, Halloween & Christmas Items, along with our returning crafters are: Crochet Items, Wreaths & Fall Crafts.

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

Yard signs are available for you to place on your front lawn or place of business. Please see Cathy Yoder for a sign.

Attention bakers! We need your lovingly homemade baked goods for the bake sale at our craft show. So that we have a variety of items, please list what you will be donating on the sign-up sheet in the narthex. Ideas include cookies, cupcakes, brownies, muffins, breakfast buns or cakes, pies, etc. Items may be dropped off Thursday evening, 6:30-8:30, Friday Evening 6:00-8:00, or Saturday by 8:45 a.m. Thank you for your support!



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, October 11th and pick up on Friday, October 16th — 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.**



Operation Christmas Child

Once again, we are collecting “filled shoe boxes” for children, as a Christmas Project. Gift suggestions: School supplies, small toys, hygiene items, other items (t-shirts, socks, ball caps, sunglasses, hair clips, etc.) Please include the “How to Pack A Shoebox” Insert along with a check or cash for \$10.00, filled boxes must be returned to church by **Sunday, November 8th**. Thank you for your support! Any questions, please see Kathy Kuser.



Card Ministry

There is (1) Homebound Members
Birthday: Kathleen Gamler on October 8th. Please
remember Kathleen with a card, her address is:
224 Koch Road, Boyertown, PA 19512.

Various cards were sent as needed.

- Karen Irey



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



Finance Committee Meeting
Tuesday, October 20th at 7PM—
Parish Hall.

**All members please make plans to
attend.**



Birth Announcement

*Congratulations & God's Blessings to
Cory & Jen Fox,
upon the birth of their son
Jackson Robert Fox,
born on August 17, 2026, 6 lbs., 2 oz.
Jackson is also the grandson of Lisa Fox.*



Change of Phone Number
Janice Sheetz
610-301-6872

Change of Address & Phone Number

Barry Leister

Walnut Woods

Apt. 326

35 N. Walnut Street

Boyertown, PA 19512

267-245-4712



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
November Newsletter
will be
Sunday, October 18th**

Worship Assistants for October, 2026

	Assisting Minister	Ushers	Server	Lector	Acolyte
Oct. 4th	Vicki Mest	Kay McGowan* Uta Hahn	Linda Ritter	Erika Zaiser	Kathy Farrington
Oct. 11th		Randy Kehl* Heidi Yescavage		Mardell Blanford	Mark Sheetz
Oct. 18th		Dan & Kathy Kuser		Pat Beekley	Erika Zaiser
Oct. 25th	Diane McElwee	Howard Shafer* Dennis Schaeffer	Waynette Shafer	Sharon Kemp	Bob Eshbach

Above is the Worship Assistant Schedule for October.

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

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

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



WORSHIP SPONSORS

You may sponsor Altar Flowers, **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
October 4th	To the glory of God by Mrs. Martha Beekman, in Honor of her Children, Grandchildren & Great-Grandchildren, Calvin, Rhonda and Valerie and also by Wayne & Ginny Williams, in Honor of Our Children & Grandchildren.	To the glory of God by Bill & Sheila Eddinger, in Support of Suicide Prevention and Awareness.
October 11th	To the glory of God by Bob & Diane McElwee, in Memory of their Parents.	To the glory of God by Mrs. Kathy Murphy, in Loving Memory of her Mother Hilda M. Schaeffer,
October 18th	To the glory of God by Mrs. Karen Irely, in Memory of her Husband Barry Irely's Birthday.	To the glory of God by Lois Schwager, in Memory of My Husband Ronald's Birthday.
October 25th	To the glory of God, by Howard & Waynette Shafer, in Memory of Frank, Earl & Gladys Weikel and also by Ms. Elizabeth Anderson, in Memory of her Brother-In-Law Harry E. Byman.	To the glory of God by Mike & Maddy Wyda, in Memory of George Wyda and Bobby Gephart.

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 Sandy & Mark Yarnall
in Honor of
Our Children,
Liz, Mark, Jr. & Michael**



October Birthdays

- 1 Katie Burnley & Heather Xanthopoulos
- 2 Mildred Merkel
- 3 Matthew Renninger
- 4 Timothy Sarte
- 5 Geoffrey Nagle
- 6 Paul Burkhart
- 7 Joleen Szilli
- 8 Kathleen Gamler
- 9 Jennifer McCarron
- 11 Donald Miller
- 12 Lorna Angstadt
- 13 Ryan Matz
- 15 Jacob Eshbach & Suzanne Kerchner
- 16 Seth Endy
- 17 Josh Hish & Donna Repko
- 19 Paul Urban V
- 21 Sheila Eddinger, Chelsea Miller,
Jeffrey Reitnauer & Ginny Williams
- 22 Jere Miller & Chris Pell
- 23 Steven Schaffer
- 25 Mark Brown & RuthAnn Good
- 27 Anna Spencer
- 30 Sara Wagner
- 31 Caylin Snyder



October Anniversaries

- 10/02 Matthew & Cynthia Gehman
- 10/03 Ryan & Lisa Matz
- 10/06 Martin & Ruth Weiser
- 10/09 Paul & Clair Burkhart
- 10/11 Brian & Lauren Buchert &
Scott & Jennifer McCarron
- 10/28 Jason & Melissa Grubbs



PRAYER LIST FOR HEALING/SPECIAL NEEDS

Psalm 41:3 states that the Lord sustains and restores those on their sickbed.

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, Nadine Lydic, Clair Burkhart, Carole Mest, Bob McElwee, Chester Heydt and Lisa Fox.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY — ONGOING NEEDS

Michelle Hiriak, Linda Stark, David & Diane Stauffer, Tammy Nelson, Tracey Knox, Peggy & Wendell Wahlstedt, Debbie Reinhard, John McCarron, Jim & Bonnie Ottaviano, Cheryl Summerfelt, Ilse Kirchheimer, David Lord, George Bayer, 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, Aliscia Shafer, Monica Gilbert, John Durkin, David Lynam, Larry Clemens, Janet Conrad and Judy Moser.

RECENTLY ADDED

Becky Rothenberger, Jenn Riegner, Sue Miller, Keith Weller, Gordon Moser and Verna Pomar.

FAMILIES OF:

Franklin Adam, Rev. Dr. Richard O'Hara, William Rohrbach, Charles Hoffman, Anna Bechtel, Joyce Kemp, Gail Marasco and Thomas David Hawthorne.

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.



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)



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

September is a spiritual season of harvest, transition and fresh starts grounding your faith in daily routines, services and quiet reflection.

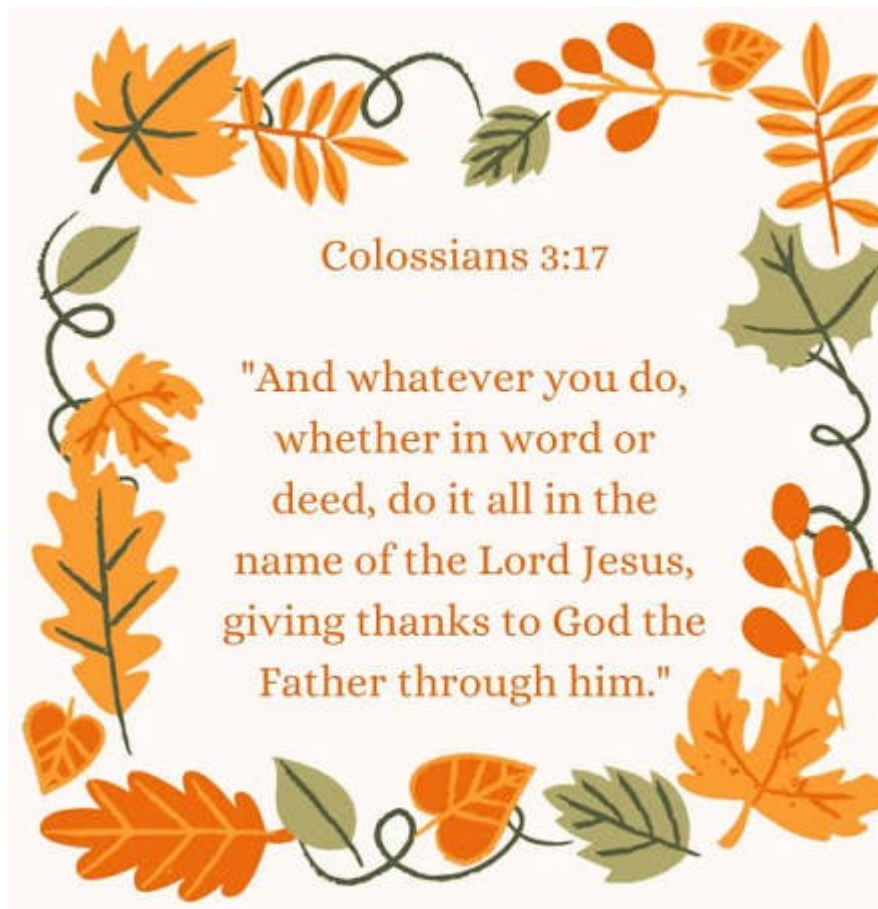
Take time to notice the changing colors of nature and thank our creator for the small gifts in your day.

For many Labor Day marks the official end of summer, of course there is a deeper purpose to the national holiday, In 1887, Oregon instituted this public holiday to celebrate the contributions of laborers to the development of our country, by 1894 it had become an official holiday. Because of the hard work our laborers put forth, we as a nation should honor our workers.

As Christians, we are called to an even higher standard, everything we do or say should be in the name of Jesus. Attaching his name as we thank God for the opportunities we are given sets our work in a whole new light.

When we labor in His name, the Father sees Jesus' skill, not our feeble efforts that is reason enough to give thanks.

Prayer: Whatever you do, whether in work or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. - Colossians 3:17



Trinity Lutheran Church, Bechtelsville, PA

August 2026	GENERAL FUND	MEMORIAL FUND	OTHER FUNDS	Total Funds
Balance, Beginning of Year	7,781	78,498	43,800	130,079
+ Receipts this year	160,208	295	21,325	181,828
- Disbursements this year	176,455	-	14,882	191,336
Balance, End of Month	(8,466)	78,793	50,243	120,570

GENERAL FUND		OTHER FUNDS		Balance
	This Year			
INCOME				
Current	138,817	Bldg. Maint. Reserve		29,003
Plate Offerings	2,898	Organ Maint. Reserve		15,606
Sunday School & VBS	403	Benevolence		375
Interest Earned - CD, etc.	371	Hunger Appeal		255
Special Offering Envelopes	4,522	Special Music Reserve		4,035
Thrivent Choice	2,035	Sound System		(8)
Flowers	2,956	Miscellaneous Funds		763
Fund Raisers	984	Payroll Taxes Withheld		213
SCRIP Programs (net)	3,392	Total		50,243
Miscellaneous	3,831			
Total	160,208			
		ASSETS		"Market"
2025 BUDGET	248,900	Checking Account		13,970
gain / (short-fall) =	(5,725)	Petty Cash		100
		Vanguard Wellesley Fund	118,118	81,000
		Vanguard Money Market	25,819	25,500
		Total	143,937	120,570
				37,437
				Gain inception thru 2025
				32,519
		Vanguard Wellesley Fund	Gain (Loss) this year	4,918

The General Fund has a negative balance.

Notes: For the first 8 months of 2026 the General Fund Balance decreased \$16,276 from \$7,781 to -8,466.

General Fund Income was \$5,725 less than 8/12 the 2026 Budget amount, and

General Fund Expenses were \$10,521 more than 8/12 the 2026 Budget amount.

For the first 8 months of 2025 the General Fund Balance decreased \$12,814.

Trinity Lutheran Church, Bechtelsville, PA

August 2026

EXPENSES	This Year	8/12 Budget	2026 BUDGET
Benevolence	4,400	4,400	6,600
Pastor's Salary	35,034	35,721	53,581
Housing Allowance	16,264	16,583	24,875
Social Security Allowance	4,577	4,667	7,000
Pension & Health Benefits	27,701	27,533	41,300
Continuing Education	450	367	550
Auto Allowance (mileage)	1,182	2,200	3,300
Secretary's Salary	10,359	10,562	15,843
Organist's Salary	9,333	9,333	14,000
Sexton's Salary	5,645	5,645	8,468
Treasurer's Salary	2,403	2,403	3,604
Financial Sec. Salary	846	846	1,269
Employer's FICA	2,187	2,200	3,300
Insurance	9,639	6,333	9,500
Repairs & Maintenance	14,523	7,333	11,000
Heating Oil	10,542	10,000	15,000
Electricity	3,458	3,333	5,000
Sewer	420	373	560
Cleaning Supplies	-	400	600
Lawn Care	1,200	1,067	1,600
Telephone	963	1,200	1,800
Copier	2,158	2,067	3,100
Office Supplies & Postage	2,293	3,000	4,500
Technology	127	667	1,000
Educational Materials	224	333	500
Worship & Devotional	185	400	600
Music Supplies	497	600	900
Discipleship	60	333	500
Publicity	255	333	500
Social Ministry	-	233	350
Envelopes	525	333	500
Flowers	3,548	3,000	4,500
Convention Expenses	1,101	1,000	1,500
Designated Donations	-	467	700
Miscellaneous	4,354	667	1,000
(Over) / Short		-	-
Total Expenses	176,455	165,933	248,900
2026 BUDGET - ytd	165,933		
over (under) budget	10,521		

October 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 6:30 Sr. Choir Practice 7:30 Cantata Practice	2	3
4 8:00 Cont. Worship Serv. 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service	5	6	7 6:30 TLC Stitches 7:00 Bible Study	8 6:30 Sr. Choir Practice 7:30 Cantata Practice	9	10
11 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service Hoagie Orders Due	12	13 7:00 Church Council Mtg.	14 6:30 TLC Stitches 7:00 Bible Study	15 6:30 Sr. Choir Practice 7:30 Cantata Practice	16 11:00-11:30 Hoagie Orders Pick Up	17 9:00AM-1:00PM Craft Show
18 8:00 Cont. Worship Serv. 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service	19	20 7:00 Finance Comm. Mtg.	21 6:30 TLC Stitches 7:00 Bible Study	22 6:30 Sr. Choir Practice 7:30 Cantata Practice	23	24
25 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 4:30 Youth Halloween Party Reformation Sunday	26	27	28 6:30 TLC Stitches 7:00 Bible Study	29 6:30 Sr. Choir Practice 7:30 Cantata Practice	30	31 6:00 Hot Chocolate & Cookies Halloween

Fall Craft Show



Saturday, October 17, 2026

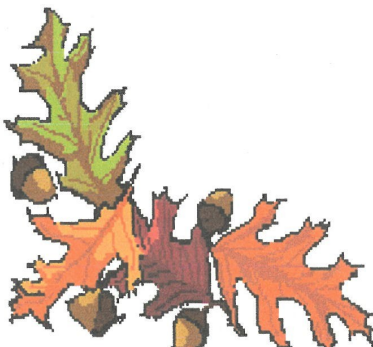
9:00AM-1:00PM

*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





Monthly Free-will Offerings 2026

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

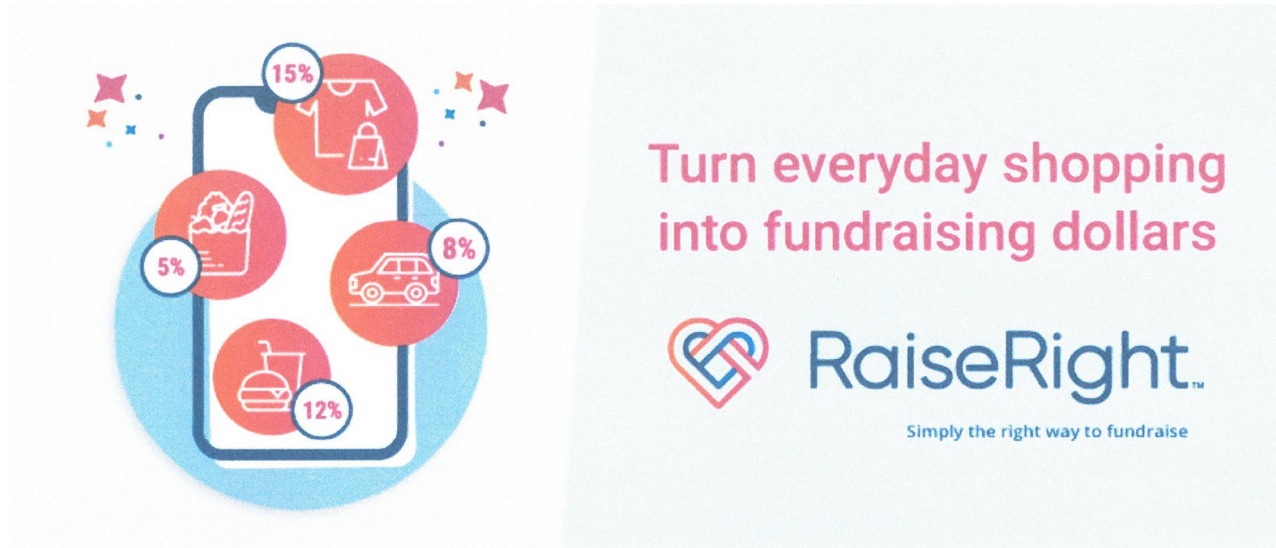
October 18 – Eastern Berks Fire Dept.

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,

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