



TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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FROM THE PASTOR...

Please mark your calendars for our Community Thanksgiving Service Tuesday, November 24th, at 7 PM, here at Trinity Lutheran Church, Bechtelsville. This service is a beautiful expression of the community we share with other churches in our area, so please come on out and celebrate our unity in Christ! We will be collecting non-perishable food items for Multi-Service's community food bank. The monetary offering that evening will benefit the needy in our community. Since we are hosting this year, providing refreshments after the service will be our responsibility. Please consider making a dessert to share. Thank you!

- Pastor Gene





Worship in November

November 1, 2026 – All Saints Sunday

Sermon Text: Matthew 5:1-12 In the Beatitudes, Jesus provides a unique description of those who are blessed with God's favor. His teaching is surprising and shocking to those who seek wealth, fame, and control over others. **Contemporary worship at 8AM.**

November 8, 2026 – 24th Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon Text: Matthew 25:1-13 Jesus tells a parable about his own second coming, emphasizing the need for readiness at all times.

November 15, 2026 – 25th Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon Text: Matthew 25:14-30 Jesus tells a parable about his second coming, indicating that it is not sufficient merely to maintain things as they are. Those who await his return should make good use of the gifts that God has provided them. **Contemporary worship at 8AM.**

November 22, 2026 – Christ the King Sunday

Sermon Text: Matthew 25:31-46 Jesus compares himself to a king who moves among his subjects to see how he is treated: what is done for the least of those who belong to his family is truly done for him.

November 29, 2026 – 1st Sunday of Advent

Sermon Text: Mark 13:24-37 Jesus encourages his followers to look forward to the day when he returns in power and glory to end all suffering.



October Update on Church Financial Status From The Finance Committee:

As reported in this Newsletter (Financial Reports Section), as of 9/30/26, we continued the positive momentum from last month in the General Fund in September by gaining back \$4691 to leave our balance in the Negative by \$3775.

A super effort and result on the Basket Party, with 75% of the proceeds going to the General Fund, was a key driver of the positive monthly result.

General Fund Income this year is \$4740 less than 9/12 of the 2026 Budget amount.

Hopefully we can make up additional ground on the income side through the Fall season and end of year, with assistance from everyone on our fundraiser opportunities and supplemental giving where possible.

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. (The Gift Card Program is our top Fundraiser and ahead of profits compared to last year - keep on planning and supporting and Thank You.)
- 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. Or, set up automated Giving from your Retirement accounts as several members have done, if that may work for your situation. A number of members have completed a Giving 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. The Basket Party and Craft Show had excellent support and results.
- 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. (\$2713 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 - November 2026



Elementary Class

In our Enduring Faith curriculum for November, we will learn about Joseph and forgiveness, the birth of Moses, and how God rescued His people from Egypt.

Adult Discussion Class

Join this class as Sheila will continue with her study of Elijah. Angie will be continuing with the study of Revelation. Come and grow your Bible knowledge and understanding with this class.



**Save the
Children®**

Every month our Sunday School sponsors Save the Children. This program provides funding for communities where children are most in need, in this country and others. You can learn more about Save the Children at savethechildren.org.



Bechtelsville Community News

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

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

December 3 - Tree lighting in the park

December 12 - Santa in the Park



November is a time we celebrate Thanksgiving with our families and friends and begin to prepare for the upcoming holiday season. It is a time when we reflect on those things for which we are most thankful. I would like to personally thank each and every one of you for your encouragement, support, and love. I am grateful for the opportunities you have given me thus far; I am truly blessed. For those who share their voices in song, thank you. For those who share their instrumental musical gifts, thank you. For those who help behind the scenes to enable music to be heard and offered via IT and sound systems, thank you. For our Parish Secretary who helps with administrative details and phone calls, thank you. Thank you to each and every family member- spouses, parents, children- who sacrifice their time so that we can fill this place with music, thank you. For continued guidance and support, I wish to thank Pastor Gene and LaRue Sheetz. I am blessed to share my love of music with all of you. May God continue to bless us all with his love and grace.

The bell choir, adult choir, and cantata choir are all busily working on various offerings to share with you during the coming weeks.

The bell choir will be sharing its gifts this month. The ringers will be playing the prelude on both Sunday, November 1, 2026, and Sunday, November 22, 2026 during the 10:30am service.

The adult choir is also working on several anthems to share during worship this month, including a thank you anthem to our veterans, on Sunday, November 8, 2026.

This year, Trinity is the host church for the community Thanksgiving Eve service. Worship will be at 7:00pm on Tuesday, November 24, 2026. Our adult choir will be joining other community choir members in a joint anthem during the service. Our bell choir will also participate during the service. Please come join us in a celebration of community and gratitude as we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving.

The cantata choir is busy at work preparing for this year's cantata by Mary McDonald, "Hope Has Dawned, Noel". We look forward to presenting it to you on Sunday, December 13, 2026, during worship at 10:30am, with the encore (and snow date if needed) on Sunday, January 3, 2027, at 3:00pm.

We will welcome the Vintage Brass Group to kickoff the Advent season, on Sunday, November 29, 2026. They will be sharing their musical gifts during the 10:30am service.

Please join us in the many musical offerings during this month as we celebrate God through music.

I wish each of you a joy-filled and Happy Thanksgiving.

Love in Christ,

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.



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.



PJ Project:

In conjunction with the Boyertown Area Multi-Service, Trinity will once again create “Elf Bags” for needy families for Christmas Eve and are looking for our help to fill these bags. The items needed besides new Children’s Larger size pajamas (10/12 & 14/16), Adult Size pajamas for older children (Small-XL), Children’s Christmas Books, Family games for older children (Card Games, Sorry, Monopoly, etc.), Monetary donations to purchase items needed, hot chocolate packets and microwave popcorn packets. **Please bring your donation to the box in the Narthex by November 15th.** Any questions, please see Kathy Kuser. Thank you for your support of this ministry.



Youth Advent Activity

“It Takes a Village”

Sunday, November 29th

Please sign up to bring your child/ren to our first Sunday of Advent Youth Activity. We plan to begin at 4PM and close the activity by 6PM.

Why? To welcome the Holy Spirit to our hearts and welcome the Christ Child. Our goal is to create a winter gingerbread village. We will use cereal boxes, small dairy or OJ cartons, graham crackers and lots of stale Halloween Candy (i.e. licorice, skittles, gummies, etc.)

We would welcome donations of stale small candies, tubes of white frosting, grahams (outdated is okay...but whole crackers is a must.) If you are feeling the Christmas spirit, tiny candy canes or gumdrops would be nice.

If someone has a train set which we could use for the evening, that would be super fun too!

Your piece of our Christmas village will go home with you!

Pizza, drinks and fruit will be on hand to fuel our imaginations. Please sign up so we can gather enough materials and plan our snacks accordingly!



Christmas Caroling

The Discipleship Committee will be arranging a date in December to do Christmas caroling at Walnut

Woods in Boyertown. If you would like to help us “make a joyful noise unto the Lord” please add your name to the sign up sheet in the narthex or see a committee member. (Walnut Woods does prefer a weekday afternoon for activities). More information to follow once a date has been selected.



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



Card Ministry

There are no Homebound Members birthdays in November.

Various cards were sent as needed.

- Karen Irey



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, November 8th and pick up on Friday, November 13th — 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.



**The deadline for the
December Newsletter
will be**

Sunday, November 15th



Gift of Life

There will be a Miller Keystone Blood Drive at St. Joseph’s Hill Church, Boyertown on Saturday, November 7th 8AM-2PM.

Thank You for giving the gift of Life.

ShoeFly Pies, Sticky Buns & Funny Cakes

Once again orders will be taken for Shoe Fly Pies, Sticky Buns & Funny Cakes. Orders will be accepted until Sunday, November 8th. The cost of the ShoeFly Pies & Funny Cakes—\$8.50 each, Sticky Buns Plain \$8.50 w/nuts \$9.00 each. Pies & Cakes will be delivered on Sunday, November 15th. To place an order please see Linda Brunner. All proceeds will go towards the General Fund. Thank You for your support and to Linda Brunner for organizing this Fundraiser!



Angel Tree

Trinity will once again be participating with the Boyertown Area Multi-Service Angel Tree Program. More details to come.....



Worship Assistants for November, 2026

	Assisting Minister	Ushers	Server	Lector	Acolyte
Nov. 1st	Vicki Mest	Kay McGowan* Bob McElwee	Diane McElwee	Kay McGowan	Erika Zaiser
Nov. 8th		Cathy Yoder* Janice Sheetz		Eileen Heffner	Diane McElwee
Nov. 15th	Erika Zaiser	Linda Brunner* Uta Hahn	Sheila Eddinger	Sheila Eddinger	Vicki Mest
Nov. 22nd		Dennis Schaeffer* Karen Irey		Pat Beekley	Kathy Farrington
Nov. 24th		Kay McGowan Sharon Renninger			
Nov. 29th		Dan & Kathy Kuser		Maddy Wyda	Diane McElwee

Above is the Worship Assistant Schedule for November.

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

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

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WORSHIP SPONSORS

You may sponsor Altar Flowers, **PLEASE NOTE: THE COST OF THE FLOWERS HAS INCREASED TO (1) VASE \$34.00 AND (2) VASES \$68.00. (If you wish to sponsor an extra bouquet of flowers for a date that is already taken, you may do so for an additional cost \$40.00.)** If interested please see Mary Snyder. You may also sponsor the bulletins for \$15.00 per week, this helps offset the cost of printing them. **When sponsoring flowers, please use a flower envelope found in the rack in the narthex or clearly mark the envelope "Flowers". If you sponsored flowers in the past but no longer wish to, please let Mary Snyder (610-473-8885) or the church office know. Thank you.**

	FLOWERS	BULLETINS
November 1st	To the glory of God in Memory of Robert & Cynthia Eshbach, by their Family and also by Mr. & Mrs. John Logan, in Memory of Margaret Hatfield, Joseph Logan, Sr., and Roy S. and Elaine Mutter.	To the glory of God by Howard & Waynette Shafer, in Honor of Our 58th Wedding Anniversary.
November 8th	To the glory of God by The Mutter Family, in Memory of their Brother Randy and in Honor of All Veterans and also by Donald & Patti Miller, in Honor of their Granddaughter Savannah's 8th Birthday.	To the glory of God in Honor of Trinity's Choirs.
November 15th	To the glory of God by Mrs. Virginia Rowland, in Memory of her Husband Charles Rowland and also by Sandy & Mark Yarnall, to the Honor & Glory of God.	To the glory of God by Oscar & Angie Smith, in Memory of Oscar Smith's Father.
November 22nd	To the glory of God, by Mrs. Mary Snyder, in Memory of her Husband C. William Snyder. (One Open Vase)	To the glory of God by Bill & Sheila Eddinger, in Thanksgiving for all of God's Blessings.
November 29th	(2 Open Vases)	Open



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

LaRue Sheetz

In Memory of My Parents

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Frymoyer

November Birthdays

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

November Anniversaries

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



PRAYER LIST FOR HEALING/SPECIAL NEEDS

Romans 8:28 offers hope that in all things God works for the good of those who love him.

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, LaRue Sheetz and Ruth Weiser.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY — ONGOING NEEDS

Michelle Hiriak, Linda Stark, David & Diane Stauffer, Tammy Nelson, Tracey Knox, Debbie Reinhard, John McCarron, Jim & Bonnie Ottaviano, Cheryl Summerfelt, Ilse Kirchheimer, David Lord, George Bayer, 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, Monica Gilbert, John Durkin, David Lynam, Janet Conrad, Judy Moser, Becky Rothenberger, Sue Miller, Keith Weller, Gordon Moser and Verna Pomar.

RECENTLY ADDED

Lorraine Pruit, Matt Weller, Jason Spencer and Ruth Sassaman.

FAMILIES OF:

Larry Clemens, Scott Thomas and Heidi Clark.

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 wisdom and guidance for all who govern.

JOY AND THANKSGIVING

We give thanks to God for the harvest and providing for us throughout the 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 October, was submitted by Terry Kemp ...

Walking in Humble Service

Scripture: Mark 10:43-45 ("Whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant.")

Reflection:

Church council work is an act of discipleship, not just administration. Jesus redefines leadership not as holding power, but as bending down to wash feet. When we make decisions for our congregation's budget, property, and ministry, we ask: Does this reflect Christ's servant heart? Humility on a council means listening well, laying down personal agendas, and trusting God with the results.

Let us pray:

Almighty God, source of all wisdom and grace, we thank You for gathering us tonight to serve Your church. Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon this council. Give us discerning minds and compassionate hearts. Direct our conversations so that every decision we make honors Your name and builds up our congregation. Grant us courage to follow where You lead, patience with one another, and joy in Your service. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.



Congratulations & God's Blessings

Upon the Marriage of

Geoffrey & Emilie (Stick) Nagle

Married on October 2, 2026

Geoffrey is the son of Ronald & Joanne Nagle

Grandson of Earl & RuthAnn Good



Congratulations & God's Blessings

Upon the Baptism of

Kaisleigh Wren DeAgostino

Baptized October 4, 2026

Kaisleigh is the daughter of Ken Berger, Jr. & Cierra DeAgostino

Granddaughter of Ken Berger, Sr. & Dee Isett-Berger



Words of Thanks.....

To all our friends at Trinity, Thank you for the prayers, thoughts and cards and for Pastor's visit following the loss of Terry's mom. They were greatly appreciated. Terry & Sharon

From the Bechtelsville Park regarding Fall Fest:

A Special Thank You to all who came out and supported the Craft Show, it was a big success!!! Thank you also to the Men in the kitchen and to Dennis Schaeffer & Howard Shafer for arranging the tables and chairs in the Parish Hall and also a Big Thank You to Cathy Yoder for organizing this event and also to Sharon Renninger for organizing the Bake Sale. Many hands make light work!!!

Yesterday's weather couldn't have been more perfect for our Bechtelsville Park Fall Fest. The community & beyond showed up!!

I would personally like to thank everyone that volunteered their time yesterday & all of the time put in over the past year organizing everything to make it the day this community deserves!!

Special shout out & heartfelt thank you to Thomas Berger for giving 200% of his own time the week leading up to the event making sure the park is ready & also Sarah Mason for putting together the huge basket raffle, along with Zane for allowing us to store them all in his pole barn sacrificing his work space for months!

Having the playground this year to show our efforts are paying off was the icing on the cake!

This event is always the first Saturday in October, so mark your calendars now for 2027 so you don't miss out on all of the fun!! Anyone wishing to volunteer, be a vendor, set up as part of the Touch A Truck or in any way support this amazing event, reach out to us through the Facebook page or email us at BechtelsvillePark@gmail.com

God Bless you all!

Kim Parish
Secretary/Treasurer & Event Coordinator

The Boyertown Area Multi-Service would like to thank the congregation once again for your generous donation of 92 pounds of groceries. Your contribution makes it possible for them to further their cause.



Trinity Lutheran Church, Bechtelsville, PA

September 2026

EXPENSES	This Year	9/12 Budget	2026 BUDGET
Benevolence	4,950	4,950	6,600
Pastor's Salary	39,155	40,186	53,581
Housing Allowance	18,178	18,656	24,875
Social Security Allowance	5,115	5,250	7,000
Pension & Health Benefits	31,163	30,975	41,300
Continuing Education	450	413	550
Auto Allowance (mileage)	1,335	2,475	3,300
Secretary's Salary	11,578	11,882	15,843
Organist's Salary	10,500	10,500	14,000
Sexton's Salary	6,351	6,351	8,468
Treasurer's Salary	2,703	2,703	3,604
Financial Sec. Salary	952	952	1,269
Employer's FICA	2,454	2,475	3,300
Insurance	9,639	7,125	9,500
Repairs & Maintenance	14,878	8,250	11,000
Heating Oil	10,542	11,250	15,000
Electricity	3,974	3,750	5,000
Sewer	420	420	560
Cleaning Supplies	-	450	600
Lawn Care	1,600	1,200	1,600
Telephone	963	1,350	1,800
Copier	2,404	2,325	3,100
Office Supplies & Postage	2,470	3,375	4,500
Technology	127	750	1,000
Educational Materials	224	375	500
Worship & Devotional	185	450	600
Music Supplies	900	675	900
Discipleship	60	375	500
Publicity	287	375	500
Social Ministry	34	263	350
Envelopes	525	375	500
Flowers	3,886	3,375	4,500
Convention Expenses	1,101	1,125	1,500
Designated Donations	-	525	700
Miscellaneous	4,386	750	1,000
(Over) / Short	-	-	-
Total Expenses	193,491	186,675	248,900
2026 BUDGET - ytd	186,675		
over (under) budget	6,816		

Trinity Lutheran Church, Bechtelsville, PA

September 2026	GENERAL FUND	MEMORIAL FUND	OTHER FUNDS	Total Funds
Balance, Beginning of Year	7,781	78,498	43,800	130,079
+ Receipts this year	181,935	295	24,262	206,493
- Disbursements this year	193,491	-	28,865	222,355
Balance, End of Month	(3,775)	78,793	39,198	114,216

GENERAL FUND		OTHER FUNDS		Balance
	This Year			
INCOME				
Current	155,538	Bldg. Maint. Reserve		17,753
Plate Offerings	3,279	Organ Maint. Reserve		15,621
Sunday School & VBS	479	Benevolence		395
Interest Earned - CD, etc.	371	Hunger Appeal		140
Special Offering Envelopes	4,627	Special Music Reserve		4,744
Thrivent Choice	2,713	Sound System		(8)
Flowers	3,201	Miscellaneous Funds		552
Fund Raisers	3,991	Payroll Taxes Withheld		-
SCRIP Programs (net)	3,857	Total		39,198
Miscellaneous	3,880			
Total	181,935	ASSETS		"Market"
		Checking Account		17,616
2025 BUDGET	248,900	Petty Cash		100
gain / (short-fall) =	(4,740)	Vanguard Wellesley Fund	114,583	81,500
		Vanguard Money Market	15,386	15,000
		Total	129,969	114,216
				33,469
				Gain inception thru 2025
				32,519
		Vanguard Wellesley Fund	Gain (Loss) this year	950

The General Fund has a negative balance.

Notes: For the first 9 months of 2026 the General Fund Balance decreased \$11,556 from \$7,781 to -\$3,775.
 General Fund Income was \$4,740 less than 9/12 the 2026 Budget amount, and
 General Fund Expenses were \$6,816 more than 9/12 the 2026 Budget amount.
For the first 9 months of 2025 the General Fund Balance decreased \$7,211.

November 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:00 Cont. Worship Serv. 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service	2	3	4 6:30 TLC Stitchers 7:00 Bible Study	5 6:30 Sr. Choir Practice 7:30 Cantata Practice	6	7
8 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service Hoagie Orders Due	9	10 6:30 Youth Ministry Mtg. 7:00 Church Council Mtg.	11 6:30 TLC Stitchers 7:00 Bible Study	12 6:30 Sr. Choir Practice 7:30 Cantata Practice	13 11:00-11:30 Hoagie Orders Pick Up	14
15 8:00 Cont. Worship Serv. 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service	16	17 7:00 Worship & Music Mtg.	18 6:30 TLC Stitchers 7:00 Bible Study	19 6:30 Sr. Choir Practice 7:30 Cantata Practice	20	21
22 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service	23	24 7:00 Community Thanksgiving Service	25		27	28
29 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 4:00 Gingerbread House Making	30					



Blood Drive
St. Joseph's Hill Church
244 Koch Road, Boyertown. PA
Saturday, November 7th
8:00 am – 2:00 pm

To schedule an appointment:

Scan the QR Code OR

Call Miller-Keystone at 800-223-6667, ext. 2
and mention **Sponsor Code 2085**



APPOINTMENTS REQUIRED

All donors must present valid ID with:

- First & Last Name
- Photo &/or Signature

Veterans, ask your coordinator about
our complimentary MKBC Military
Challenge Coin.



Before you donate, remember to drink plenty of fluids & eat within 2-3 hours of donation.

GIVEaPINT.org | 800-B-A-DONOR |



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**SALUTE TO OUR
VETERANS**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8
3:00 PM**



Featuring
Boyertown East West Middle School Show Choir &
Keynote Speaker: Commander John Greason,
U.S. Coast Guard (Retired), Bronze Star Recipient

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
45 N. READING AVE, BOYERTOWN**

sponsored by Boyertown Rotary Club

CHRISTMAS *Sharing* 2026

A HOLIDAY TRADITION AT THE LUTHERAN HOME AT TOPTON

We have a holiday tradition at The Lutheran Home at Tipton called **Christmas Sharing**. We create a "store" in which the residents are treated to a holiday shopping experience **FREE OF CHARGE**. The 2026 Christmas Sharing event is scheduled for the week of **December 7th**. They shop for a gift for themselves and a gift for a loved one and their gift gets wrapped and delivered to them by **Mr. and Mrs. Claus**.

♥ Most of our residents would not receive a gift and experience the joy of the holiday season without this tradition. ♥

PLEASE DONATE *NEW ITEMS ONLY!*

WOMEN'S GIFTS

HIGH DEMAND

- Tops (M, L, 2X, 3X)
- Pajamas (M, L, 2X, 3X)
- Nightgowns (M, L, XL, 2X, 3X)
- Slippers with Soles & Backs (L, XL)
- Elastic Waist Slacks (2X, 3X)

ALWAYS NEEDED

- Tops (XL)
- Pajamas (XL)
- Elastic Waist Slacks (M, L, XL)

MEN'S GIFTS

HIGH DEMAND

- Slippers with Soles & Backs (XL)
- Pajamas (L, XL, 2X, 3X)
- Sweat Pants (2X, 3X)
- Dark Colored T-Shirts (L, XL, 2X, 3X)
- Flannel Shirts (2X, 3X)

ALWAYS NEEDED

- Flannel Shirts (M, L, XL)

GENERAL GIFTS

- Perfume / Cologne
- Body Wash
- Aftershave Lotion
- Combs / Brushes
- Children's Games, Toys
- Jewelry
- Watches
- Books
- Blankets
- Purses



Gift Wrapping Supplies Needed

Gift Boxes • Gift Bags • Wrapping Paper • Tape

DONATIONS ACCEPTED

**October 1 –
November 18, 2026**

DROP-OFF LOCATION

**EverTrue Lutheran Home
at Tipton**

Reception Desk –
Henry Health Care Admission Entrance

QUESTIONS?

Tanjie Kramer
Director of Lifestyle Enrichment

610-682-1425

Your generosity helps bring the joy and magic of Christmas to residents who might otherwise go without a gift this holiday season.

Thank you for sharing the spirit of Christmas!





**TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN
CHURCH**

PRESENTS

**“HOPE HAS DAWNED, NOEL” A CHRISTMAS
CANTATA**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2026





Earn up to 15% on Christmas presents, hostess gifts, and holiday entertaining

Give the gift that gives back

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

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Walmart

CARRABBA'S
ITALIAN GRILL

SEPHORA



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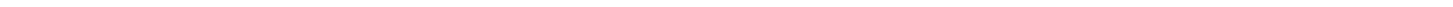


A free-will offering is scheduled for the third Sunday of each month. They are as follows:

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!



**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

Live Generously with Thrivent

Now is a great time to think about applying for an Action Team or directing your Thrivent Choice Dollars if you haven't done so already.

Thrivent Action Teams are a way to live generously in your community. Clients with membership can gather a team of friends, family, or neighbors to host a fundraiser, educational event, or service activity. Thrivent provides the resources you need to get started - including up to \$250 in seed money. Please visit thrivent.com/actionteam to apply. Don't forget to apply for your project at least 14 days in advance of your project date to give Thrivent the time to prepare and send your kit. If you have any questions, please reach out to your Financial Advisor or call Thrivent at 800-847-4836 and ask for Action Teams.*

Thrivent Choice lets you direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars to causes you care about; churches and non-profit organizations that are part of the Thrivent Choice Directory. Eligible clients can also nominate organizations to be part of the Thrivent Choice Directory.

IMPORTANT CHANGE in 2026 to this program. All Thrivent Choice dollars must be directed by December 31, 2026. No longer will members be able to direct previous years dollars at the end of March 2027. For more information about Thrivent Choice please visit thrivent.com/thriventchoice. If you have any questions, please reach out to your Financial Advisor or call Thrivent at 800-847-4836 and ask for Thrivent Choice.

*When calling Thrivent, please have your Thrivent Member ID available. Your Thrivent ID is found on your statements.

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