TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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FROM THE PASTOR...

Christmas blessings on you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who was and is and is to come! As part of your Christmas celebration this year, please make plans to attend the presentation of our Cantata entitled "Hope Has Dawned, Noel!" by Mary McDonald. It is the first cantata directed by Jennifer McCarron, our new organist/choir director. Along with our cantata choir, Jenn has been hard at work getting this ready, and I urge everyone to attend. Thank you to everyone involved this year for your hard work in making this cantata a success.

All are invited to our Longest Night service on Thursday, December 17th, at 7PM. It is a service of healing for everyone, especially those in the midst of loss and grief. It is a beautiful and uplifting service, so please make plans to attend.

Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year!

Pastor Gene





Worship in December

December 6, 2026 – 2nd Sunday of Advent

Sermon Text: Mark 1:1-8 The Gospel of Mark does not begin with a story of Jesus' birth but with the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord.
Contemporary worship at 8AM. Congregational Meeting to follow the late service.

December 13, 2026 – 3rd Sunday of Advent

Please join us at the 10:30 service for our annual Cantata under the direction of Mrs. Jennifer McCarron. A potluck luncheon will follow in the Parish Hall.

December 17, 2026 – The Longest Night Service

Please join us for a service of prayer and healing at 7 PM.

December 20, 2026 – 4th Sunday of Advent

Sermon Text: Luke 1:26-38 In this annunciation, Luke makes clear that God comes with good news for ordinary people from little known places. This king will not be born to royalty in a palace, but to common folk in a stall. Here Luke highlights the role of the Spirit, a special emphasis in this gospel.
Contemporary worship at 8AM.

December 24, 2026 – Christmas Eve

Please join us for services of candlelight and Holy Communion at 3 PM and 8 PM.

December 27, 2026 – 1st Sunday of Christmas

Please join us at 10:30 for a sermon-in-song by Pastor Gene.



November Update on Church Financial Status From The Finance Committee:

As reported in this Newsletter (Financial Reports Section), as of 10/31/26, we continued the positive momentum from last month in the General Fund in October by gaining back $2,735 to leave our balance in the Negative by $1,040.

A successful Craft Show and continued support of our Gift Card program and our Hoagie fundraiser helped on the Income side of our finances.

General Fund Income this year, however, is $5,954 less than 10/12 of the 2026 Budget amount.

Hopefully we can make up additional ground on the income side through the holidays and the end of the 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 at $4,462 this year -- keep on planning ahead 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. ($2,828 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 – December 2026





Join us for Sunday School each week, 9:15-10:15, as we watch and wait for our Messiah.

Elementary Class

Our elementary class will begin Unit 5: God Leads His Nation. It will continue with our studies of Moses and the Israelites journey from Egypt to the Promised Land.

Adult Discussion Class

In this class Angie and Sheila will continue to share teaching responsibilities. Come participate and grow with this class!

Bechtelsville Community Event

Trinity will be sharing the Christmas spirit with the children in our community by donating gift bags for their Santa event, December 12, 11-1:00, at the park. All are welcome to attend!



MUSIC News

We hope you will all come out and listen to this year's cantata "Hope Has Dawned, Noel." It is written by Mary McDonald and is a blend of familiar tunes, new songs, and traditional carols. The choir has been at work since the last week of September. The cantata will be presented during worship at 10:30am on Sunday, December 13, 2026. Invite your family and friends to come and join us as we celebrate the joy-filled season of hope and love. There will be a potluck luncheon following the service.

The annual choir party will be Monday, December 14, 2026, beginning at 6pm in the parish hall. It is a fun get-together to celebrate the music we share and to thank everyone for all they do throughout the year.

The bell choir, choirs, and instrumentalists will be sharing music during both Christmas Eve services on Thursday, December 24, 2026, at 3pm and 8pm. Please join us as we celebrate our Savior's birth.

There will be additional Christmas carols and music during worship on Sunday, December 27, 2026.

The encore presentation of the cantata will be on Sunday, January 3, 2027, at 3pm. Light refreshments will be served afterwards.

As we approach the Christmas season, I want to wish each of you and your family a very Merry Christmas. May it be a season full of hope, love, joy, and peace.

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

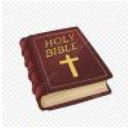
NON-MEMBERS:

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.



Worship & Music…...

CHRISTMAS DECORATING – Please join us to decorate the church for Christmas the evening of Wednesday, December 2 at 6:00 pm. Hot chocolate and cookies will be provided.

POINSETTIAS and LUMINARIES – Orders are being taken for poinsettias for Christmas Eve. The price is $12 (Single-branched 6½" pot, 5 blooms +). Envelopes are available in the narthex. Please write your name, specify color (pink, red or white), and who your order is in memory or honor of. **Poinsettia orders due December 6**. Labeled luminaries will be set out for the Christmas Eve services. Envelopes are available to reserve a luminary, one for $3 or two for $5, in honor or in memory of loved ones. **Luminary orders are due December 13.** Please place envelopes in offering plates.



Bible Study

Bible Study will resume Wednesday, January 6th at 7PM



Angel Tree

Trinity is once again participating in the Angel Tree project for the Boyertown Area Multi-Service. Return the gift unwrapped. Gift bags/wrapping paper included with your gift is greatly appreciated. Please put the tag with your gift. Thank you for your participation in making a child's Christmas brighter this year. **Gifts and tags must be returned by Sunday, November 29th. Thank you for making a child's Christmas brighter! A Special Thank You to Waynette Shafer for organizing this event and making the angels.**



Card Ministry

Various cards were sent as needed during November.

Christmas card bags for home bound members will once again be available during Advent for the following: Linda Allmendinger, Elaine Dotterer, Richard Eck, Kathy Gamler, Janet Kehl, Nadine Lydic, Dorothy Romig, Ruth Weiser and Becky Yescavage.

There is a December Birthday for our Homebound Member. Richard Eck will be celebrating his **91st Birthday** on December 17th. Please help Richard celebrate by sending him a card. His address is 60 S. Reading Ave., Apt. 101, Boyertown, PA 19512.

- 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, December 13th and pick up on Friday, December 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.**



Winter Weather

In the event of inclement winter weather, news of cancellations or postponements of church activities will be posted on the following:

1) Channel 69 2) Online at WFMZ.com, or log on to the Trinity's website: www.trinitybech.com



The deadline for the January Newsletter will be Sunday, December 13th (A Week earlier, due to Christmas Week) & The deadline for the Annual Report is Sunday, January 3, 2027. If you need a copy of your report from last year, please contact Karen in the Church Office.



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

A free-will offering is scheduled for the third Sunday of each month.

No free-will offering during December. Thank you for supporting the various Christmas giving opportunities.

Thank you for your contributions to these special causes!

Words of Thanks….

Maddy Wyda would like to express a Special Thank You to Mardell Blanford, Sharon Renninger, Janice Sheetz, Susie Logan & Marcia Auge for all of their help to make the church landscape areas beautiful.

A Huge Thank You to the congregation for their tremendous support with the Samaritan's Purse, Elf Project & Christmas Sharing at Topton. The amount of items were overwhelming!
- Kathy Kuser

Thank you to all who ordered baked items. A total of 74 items were sold.

Shoofly Pies—21

Funny Cakes—19

Sticky Buns—17

Pumpkin Rolls—17

- Linda Brunner

Youth Ministry

Pizza and Pumpkins was a great success! Pumpkins were carved and lit, crafts were made, games were played, and of course Monster Mash was sung. Thank you to all who participated or helped.

Gingerbread houses will be made and displayed is in the narthex for all to see.

Christmas Cookie Cheer is our next event on December 19th from 9am to 12noon.

We will not be selling cookies like they have in the past. Jenn and her team did a great job making all those dozens of cookies in the past, but we wanted to try to get the kids involved in this once again. That being said, we are making cookies for the shut-ins. The children are going to make cut out cookies to place in boxes they have decorated for them. We would like to have a variety of cookies in each box, this is where we could use your help. Starting Dec. 1 through the 19th we would love any extra dozen or two of cookies you might have. We will use these for the boxes so shut-ins get a variety of cookies. Any extra boxes that are not given to the shut-ins can be bought for $5 starting Dec. 20th. Proceeds will go to the General Fund.

If you donate cookies, they can be labeled with the variety and placed in the freezer at church or dropped off on the 19th in the morning.

Sign up sheets are on the board for donating cookies and what kind they are. That way we have a good variety for each box.

The second sheet is for, if you are planning on helping to make and box the cookies that morning.



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
December 6th	To the glory of God by Mrs. Sandy Schaffer, in Memory of her Husband Bob and in Honor of her Grandchildren: Blake and Riot and also by Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Kuser and Karen Hoffman & their Families, in Memory of their Parents, Paul & Alice Weller.	To the glory of God by Chris & Karin Pell, in Honor of Our Parents.
December 13th	To the glory of God by Rick & Kathy Farrington, in Memory of their Son Ricky and also by Mr. & Mrs. Oscar Smith, in Memory of Oscar's Mother and Sister and also by Elizabeth Anderson, in Memory of her Brother-In-Law Harry E. Byman.	To the glory of God by Mr. & Mrs. Oscar Smith, in Memory of Oscar Smith's Mother
December 20th	To the glory of God by Mr. & Mrs. Richard Leiby, in Memory of Loved Ones and also by Chester Heydt, in Memory of Esther, Lester and Janet Heydt.	
December 24th (Christmas Eve)		
December 27th	To the glory of God by Wayne & Ginny Williams, in Memory of Loved Ones and also by Mrs. Diane Morlock, in Memory of her Husband Dale and Parents Beulah Ryan and F. Lawrence DeStefano.	To the glory of God by Bill & Sheila Eddinger, in Honor of All Staff at Trinity.



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

Uta Hahn

In Memory of Husband, Son & Parents

December Birthdays

1 Benjamin Reitnauer
2 Clair Burkhart
3 Emily Flogaus & Eden Johnson
4 Larry Acker, Kayla Birkhoff, Jasmine Carr & Susie Logan
5 Cliff Kerchner & Anita Podulka
8 Landon Hallman & Judy Walsh
9 Ryan Isett
10 Jordan Graef & Sherri Schaeffer
13 Brayden Welsh
14 Tim Buchert
15 Nicole Kratz & Diane Morlock
17 Richard Eck
20 Brian Buchert & Dawn Wagner
21 Lori Smith
22 Neil Fox & Eric Miller
23 Karen Essig, Susan Rothenberger, Barbara Schmoyer & Lisa Wilkes
25 Edward Carr
26 Helen Heydt
27 Patti Miller
29 Cristie & Kellie Bearn



December Anniversaries

12/13 Chris & Karin Pell
12/22 Rick & Kathy Gamler



New Address

Laura Moser
568 Swamp Creek Road
Bechtelsville, PA 19505





PRAYER LIST FOR HEALING/SPECIAL NEEDS

Isaiah 40:29-31 highlights that God gives strength to the weary, and those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.

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, Nadine Lydic, Clair Burkhart, Carole Mest, LaRue Sheetz, Ruth Weiser, Waynette Shafer and Reanna Johnson.

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, Bill Kelsch, Sherry Trimble, Jeff Trimble, Walt Keirsey, LeeAnn Prince, Dennis Weller, Diane Davidheiser, Marvin Moyer, Melissa Almendinger, Catherine Muth, Robert Hudock, Krista Buchert, Monica Gilbert, John Durkin, Janet Conrad, Judy Moser, Becky Rothenberger, Sue Miller, Keith Weller, Verna Pomar, Lorraine Pruit, Matt Weller, and Ruth Sassaman.

RECENTLY ADDED

Peg & Wendell Wahlstedt, Corbin Riegner, Barbara Nuss, Ricky Koons, Catherine Pell, Mary Diefolf and MaryJane Lachmuth.

FAMILIES OF:

Cindy Haas, Paul Holiday and Randy Mest.

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 between all nations and people.

JOY AND THANKSGIVING

We give thanks to God for the birth of his dear Son, our Savior, Christ the Lord!



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

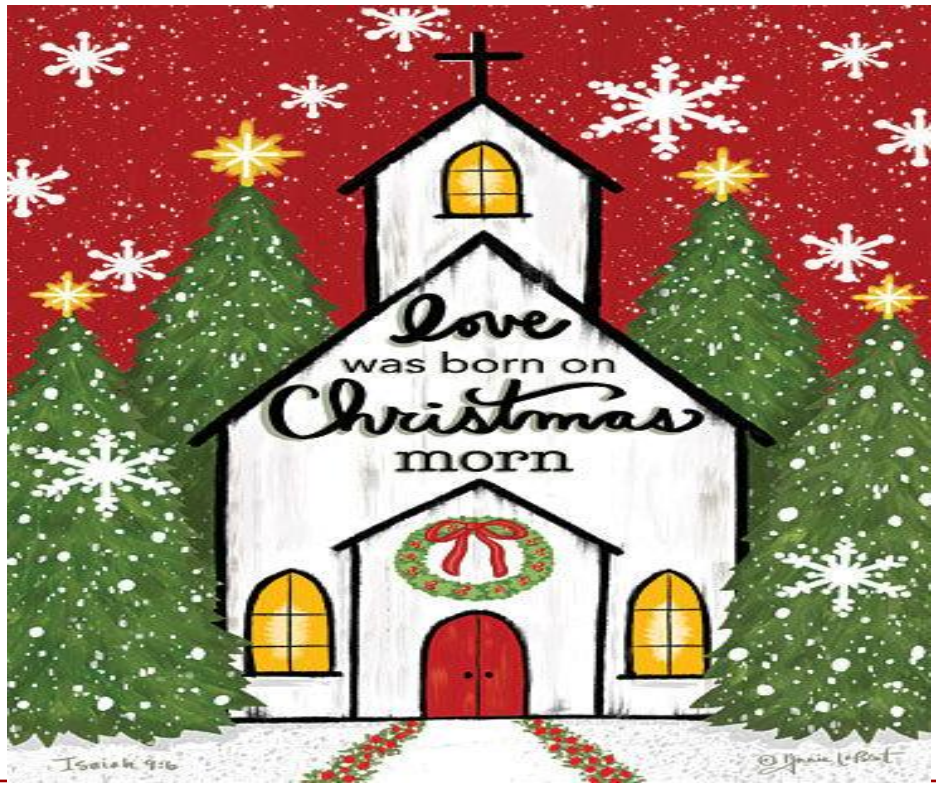
(If you have a Loved One in the Military and they are not listed here, please contact the Church Office, to be included with this listing. Thank You.)

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 November, was submitted by Karen Irey …

SHIFTING FOCUS

Read Matthew 6:25-34

Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness.

As I cleaned my home, I placed a stack of books on the left side of the stairs to take to the second floor. A few minutes later, I walked upstairs without the books and soon heard my dog barking frantically below. My poor pup was distressed, believing that the books, which were not actually blocking the way, were an insurmountable barrier. I chuckled, but then paused. How often do I allow life's distractions to hinder my daily time with God?

I often intend to spend time each day in prayer and reading scripture, but then a long to-do list, unexpected responsibilities, or even my own exhaustion stand in the way. The truth is, much like my dog, I can perceive obstacles where a simple shift in focus would reveal a clear path.

After a few moments, my dog realized he could simply go around the books and continue up the stairs. In that moment, I understood a valuable lesson: I have a choice. We all do. We can allow distractions, busyness, and responsibilities to get in the way of our daily time with God or we can intentionally step around them, making God our priority. Today, I choose to shift my focus and move closer to God.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, help us to see past distractions and prioritize time with you. Give us wisdom and discipline to seek you first each day. Amen

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY : I can step around life's distractions to be with God.



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR DECEMBER

	Assisting Minister	Ushers	Server	Lector	Acolyte	Crucifer	Pole Candles	Banner Bearer
Dec. 6th	Diane McElwee	Howard Shafer * Bob McElwee	Waynette Shafer	Sheila Eddinger	Katthy Farrington			
Dec. 13th		Kay McGowan* Uta Hahn					Bob & Diane McElwee	
Dec. 17th					Diane McElwee			
Dec. 20th	Vicki Mest	Dan Kuser* Linda Brunner	Sheila Eddinger	Marcia Auge	Erika Zaiser			
Dec. 24th 3PM	Vicki Mest	Kay McGowan* Randy Kehl	Linda Ritter	Kathy Farrington	Erika Zaiser		Dennis Schaeffer Bob McElwee	Diane McElwee
Dec. 24th 8PM	Erika Zaiser	Dennis Schaeffer* Bob McElwee	Diane McElwee	Diane McElwee	Diane McElwee	Bob McElwee	Howard & Waynette Shafer	
Dec. 27th		Sharon Renninger* Heidi Yescavage		Susan Logan	Mark Sheetz			

Trinity Lutheran Church, Bechtelsville, PA

October 2026	GENERAL FUND	MEMORIAL FUND	OTHER FUNDS	Total Funds
Balance, Beginning of Year	7,781	78,498	43,800	130,079
+ Receipts this year	201,463	295	27,927	229,685
- Disbursements this year	210,283	-	30,026	240,310
Balance, End of Month	(1,040)	78,793	41,701	119,454

GENERAL FUND

		This Year
INCOME		
Current		172,808
Plate Offerings		4,039
Sunday School & VBS		580
Interest Earned - CD, etc.		371
Special Offering Envelopes		4,652
Thrivent Choice		2,828
Flowers		3,344
Fund Raisers		4,313
SCRIP Programs (net)		4,462
Miscellaneous		4,065
Total		201,463
2025 BUDGET	248,900	207,417
gain / (short-fall) =		(5,954)

OTHER FUNDS	Balance
Bldg. Maint. Reserve	19,534
Organ Maint. Reserve	15,636
Benevolence	380
Hunger Appeal	235
Special Music Reserve	4,994
Sound System	(8)
Miscellaneous Funds	822
Payroll Taxes Withheld	107
Total	41,701

ASSETS	"Market"		Gain
Checking Account		22,854	
Petty Cash		100	
Vanguard Wellesley Fund	119,219	82,000	37,219
Vanguard Money Market	14,935	14,500	435
Total	134,155	119,454	37,655
	Gain inception thru 2025		32,519
Vanguard Wellesley Fund	Gain (Loss) this year		5,135

Notes: For the first 10 months of 2026 the General Fund Balance decreased $8,821 from $7,781 to -$1,040.
General Fund Income was $5,954 less than 10/12 the 2026 Budget amount, and
General Fund Expenses were $2,866 more than 10/12 the 2026 Budget amount.
For the first 10 months of 2025 the General Fund Balance decreased $4,446.

Trinity Lutheran Church, Bechtelsville, PA

October 2026

EXPENSES	This Year	10/12 Budget	2026 BUDGET
Benevolence	5,500	5,500	6,600
Pastor's Salary	43,277	44,651	53,581
Housing Allowance	20,091	20,729	24,875
Social Security Allowance	5,654	5,833	7,000
Pension & Health Benefits	34,626	34,417	41,300
Continuing Education	550	458	550
Auto Allowance (mileage)	1,612	2,750	3,300
Secretary's Salary	12,796	13,203	15,843
Organist's Salary	11,667	11,667	14,000
Sexton's Salary	7,057	7,057	8,468
Treasurer's Salary	3,003	3,003	3,604
Financial Sec. Salary	1,058	1,058	1,269
Employer's FICA	2,722	2,750	3,300
Insurance	9,639	7,917	9,500
Repairs & Maintenance	15,043	9,167	11,000
Heating Oil	10,542	12,500	15,000
Electricity	4,286	4,167	5,000
Sewer	560	467	560
Cleaning Supplies	-	500	600
Lawn Care	1,600	1,333	1,600
Telephone	1,088	1,500	1,800
Copier	2,650	2,583	3,100
Office Supplies & Postage	2,685	3,750	4,500
Technology	127	833	1,000
Educational Materials	252	417	500
Worship & Devotional	427	500	600
Music Supplies	900	750	900
Discipleship	141	417	500
Publicity	319	417	500
Social Ministry	219	292	350
Envelopes	525	417	500
Flowers	4,156	3,750	4,500
Convention Expenses	1,101	1,250	1,500
Designated Donations	-	583	700
Miscellaneous	4,412	833	1,000
(Over) / Short	-	-	-
Total Expenses	210,283	207,417	248,900

2026 BUDGET - ytd	207,417
over (under) budget	2,866

December 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 6:00 Church Decorating 6:30 TLC Stitchers	3 6:30 Sr. Choir Practice 7:30 Cantata Practice	4	5
6 8:00 Cont. Worship Serv. 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service Congregational Mtg.	7	8 7:00 Church Council Mtg.	9 6:30 TLC Stitchers	10 2:00 Discipleship Comm. Mtg. 6:30 Senior Choir Practice 7:30 Cantata Practice	11	12 10:00 Cantata Rehearsal
13 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Christmas Cantata Potluck Luncheon	14 6:00 Cantata Party	15	16 6:30 TLC Stitchers	17 7:00 Longest Night Service Senior Choir Practice	18 11:00 –11:30 Hoagie Order Pick Up	19 9:00 Youth Ministry Cookie Cheer
20 8:00 Cont. Worship Serv. 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service	21	22	23	24 3:00 & 8:00 Christmas Eve Candlelight Services	25 	26
27 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service	28	29	30	31		

Presenting

The Boyertown Alumni Marching Unit

22nd Holiday Concert

Saturday
Dec. 5, 2026
7:00 PM

Free Admission



Light Refreshments before the concert

FREE-WILL OFFERING for Boyertown Area Multi-Service

MStar Church, Bechtelsville

100 Limekiln Road

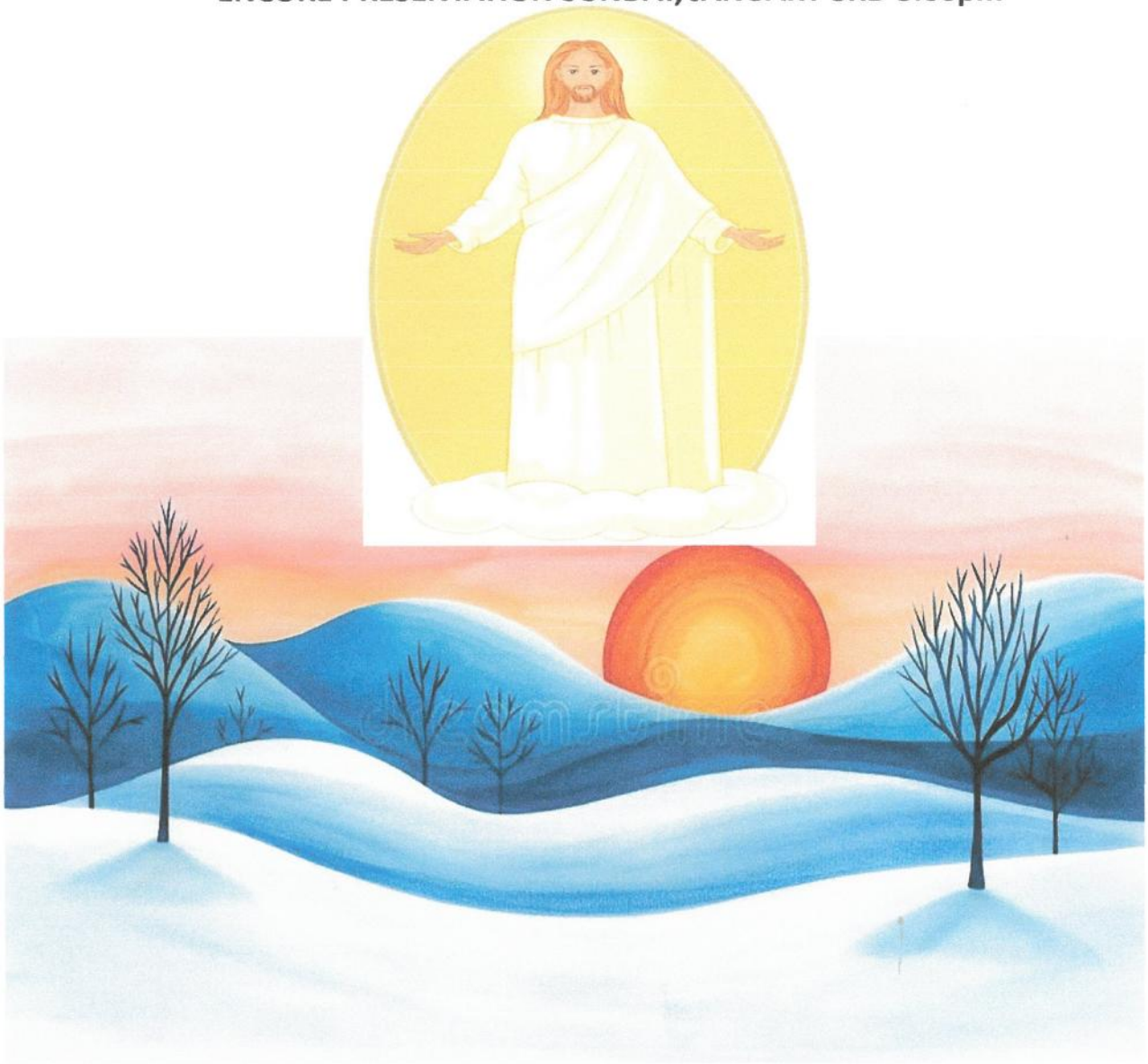
TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

PRESENTS

"HOPE HAS DAWNED, NOEL" A CHRISTMAS CANTATA

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2026

ENCORE PRESENTATION SUNDAY, JANUARY 3RD 3:00pm



1749 S. MAIN STREET, BECHTELSVILLE, PA

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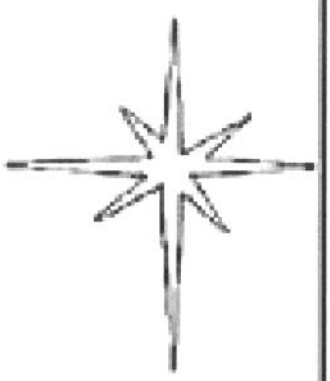
Are You Feeling…..

DEPRESSED, LONELY, STRESSED OUT, AND/OR ***ANXIOUS*** DURING THIS HOLIDAY SEASON?



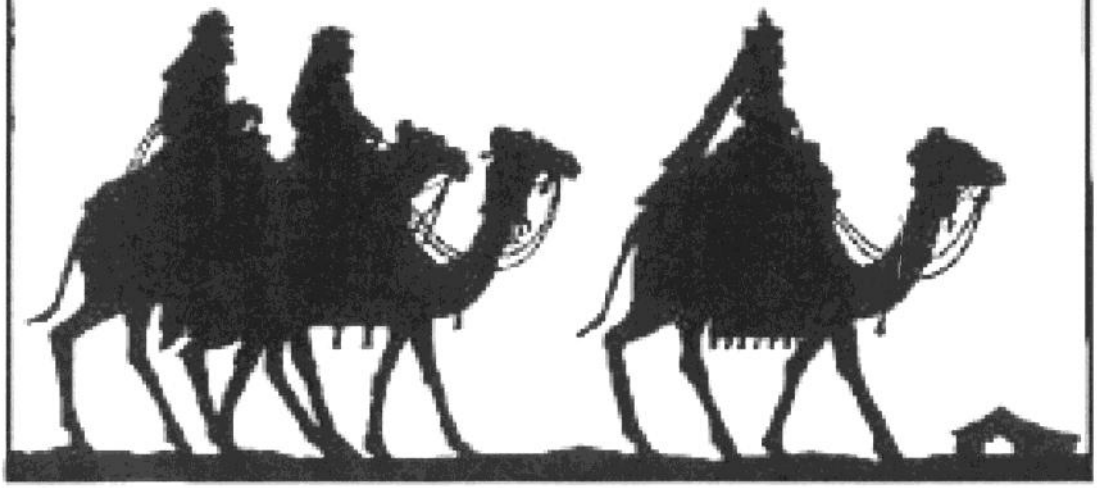
Consider Joining Us at Trinity for a *Worship Service* of HEALING

"THE LONGEST NIGHT"

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17th at 7:00 P.M.

We invite you to this Service to be *released* from these feelings and to know that *you are not alone*!

ALL ARE WELCOME!





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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SEPHORA TEXAS ROADHOUSE Wawa VISA

GIANT REDNER'S weis

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

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