

The Newsletter of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church  
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# TRINITY TIDINGS

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Proclaiming "Jesus is Lord,"  
Trinity Evangelical Lutheran  
Church, endeavors to grow  
and build itself up in Christ's  
love, as each member, using  
God-given talents and  
resources, works to reflect  
God's grace, to each other and  
the world.

## March & April Newsletter 2024

### Free Intergenerational Pasta Bar Dinner

Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup> – 4:30 pm

The Faith Formation Team and the youth of TLC invite those who are 65+ to a night of food and fellowship. Please sign up on the green sheet in the lobby ASAP!

### Holy Week Schedule of Services

Palm Sunday – March 24<sup>th</sup> – 9 am

We'll wave our palms as we welcome Jesus with shouts of "Hosanna!" The children and youth will share special chime pieces during the service.

Maundy Thursday – March 28<sup>th</sup> – 7 pm

Continue following Jesus during Holy Week as we gather around the table for Holy Communion. The bread will be made by those taking the Holy Communion classes. There will be a brief optional foot washing service after the altar is stripped in preparation for Good Friday.

\*Holy Communion Class – Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> – 1:30-3:30 pm

Good Friday – March 29<sup>th</sup> – 7 pm – Lost Creek  
Presbyterian Church

Gather around the cross at the last service of the McAlisterville Ministerium Lenten Series. Jodi Strawser will be preaching and all offering will go towards our local fire companies and World Central Kitchen.

The First Sunday of Easter – March 31<sup>st</sup> – 9 am

Join us as we celebrate Jesus' resurrection to new life and witness the empty tomb with shouts of "Alleluia!" There will be no outdoor sunrise service this year.

### Good Friday Flower Sale

March 29<sup>th</sup> – 8 am-2 pm – Schlegel's

A variety of flowers will be on sale outside of Schlegel's. All proceeds benefit the ministry of the Faith Formation Team, which includes Camp Mount Luther.

# April Newsletter

## **Spring Road Clean-Up**

Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> – 8 am

Be on the lookout for information on this year's Spring Road Clean-Up.  
There will be no community breakfast this year.

## **Guest Musician in Worship: Conrad Fisher**

Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> – 9 am

Join us as we continue to celebrate Jesus' resurrection and as we welcome local musician, Conrad Fisher, in worship. There will be a hymn-sing as he shares his testimony.

## **Holy Humor Sunday**

April 14<sup>th</sup> – 9 am

Get ready to laugh as we continue to celebrate Jesus' defeat of death and the devil.  
Thank you to all planning this service.

## **Early Registration for Camp Mount Luther**

Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup>

Be sure to register your campers of all ages before the cost goes up.  
There is more info about summer camp programming on the bulletin board.

## **Bishop Craig Miller in Worship**

Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup> – 9 am

Please help welcome Bishop Miller of the Upper Susquehanna Synod as he leads worship while Pastor Karen is on maternity leave.

## **Sonbeam Sunday**

Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> – 9 am

Help us welcome the staff and families of Sonbeam Early Learning Center as we celebrate 30 years of ministry and service to the community. Chad Harshberger will share the Good News and Pastor James Bricker will preside over communion.  
There will be a special luncheon after worship.

## Pastor Karen's Page

Dear Friends in Christ,

As March rolls around I've become very much aware of my quickly approaching due date (April 13<sup>th</sup>). Greg and I want to thank you all so much for all your prayers, well-wishes and generosity as we prepare for the arrival of our baby girl. (Please continue to pray for an April baby!) The Church Council and Worship Team have been working diligently to ensure that the ministry and worship-life of Trinity will continue while I'm on maternity leave. Thank you to all who will be taking over my responsibilities while I'm away. Trinity is a very busy and active place that cares for one another and serves the community. I certainly don't want to see that mission and ministry wane while I'm on maternity leave.

Pastor Graham Fowler, of Lost Creek Presbyterian Church, has graciously agreed to serve as the on-call emergency Pastor during this time. Soon you'll find sign-up sheets go up on one of our bulletin boards offering ways you can help visit members of our congregation or lead Chapel Time for our Sonbeam children while I'm recovering and getting to know the newest member of my family. Thank you to Peggy Inch for agreeing to teach one of the Confirmation classes!

This newsletter covers March and April. During the next two newsletters, you'll see the Confirmands, Riley and Takayla, take over the Pastor's Page in May and the Church Council, written by Mike Dreese, take over this page in June. My hope is to return mid-June, depending on when our little girl decides to arrive. I've placed the worship schedule for April-June below and I hope you'll welcome all our guest preachers and worship leaders. The Upper Susquehanna Synod offered to cover the expense for two Sundays of worship leaders. Thank you to Rev. James Bricker for leading worship and presiding over Holy Communion multiple times. Again, thank you for all your support during my first pregnancy. We're looking forward to introducing you all to our daughter soon!

Peace,  
Pastor Karen

**Worship Schedule** – Subject to change based on baby's actual arrival date  
( ) – Contingency plan for early or late arrival

- (April 7<sup>th</sup> – Guest Musician – Conrad Fisher)
- April 14<sup>th</sup> – Holy Humor Sunday – Rev. James Bricker
- April 21<sup>st</sup> – Bishop Craig Miller (expenses covered by Synod)
- April 28<sup>th</sup> – Sonbeam Sunday (30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary) – Chad Hershberger – Camp Mount Luther
  - ◊ Rev. James Bricker presiding over Holy Communion
- May 5<sup>th</sup> – Dr. Karla Bohmbach (expenses covered by Synod)
- May 12<sup>th</sup> – Mother's Day – Dr. Karla Bohmbach
- May 19<sup>th</sup> – Pentecost – Rev. James Bricker
- May 26<sup>th</sup> – Chad Hershberger – Camp Mount Luther
  - ◊ Rev. James Bricker presiding over Holy Communion
- June 2<sup>nd</sup> – Lowell Kratzer
  - ◊ Rev. James Bricker presiding over Holy Communion
- (June 9<sup>th</sup> – Lowell Kratzer
  - ◊ Rev. James Bricker presiding over Holy Communion)

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**Trinity Medical First Responder Team** is available to talk with individuals about specific severe allergies that the team should be aware of in an emergency.

If you would like to let the team know about your severe allergy/ sensitivities and the response that is required, please let Betty Lou know, and a team member will reach out to discuss your concerns.



# March & April Schedule of Helpers

## Acolytes

March 03	Mason DeLancey
March 10	Takayla Tittler
March 17	Cole/Jerry Wagner
March 24	Lilly Nace
March 28	(Maundy Thurs.)
March 31	Dex Haflett
April 07	Riley Naylor
April 14	Takayla Tittler
April 21	Dex Haflett
April 28	Adeline Mummah

## Worship Assistants Readers & Communion Helpers

March 03	Kris Yetter
March 10	Susan Hackenberger
March 17	
March 24	Sonya Nace
March 28	(Maundy Thurs.)
March 31	Clarice Pellman
April 07	Marley Wilson
April 14	Peggy Nipple
April 21	Malea Haflett
April 28	Renee Freed

## Ushers

March 03	Jessica Delancey & Ernie King
March 10	Ted & Nicole Wilson
March 17	Kirk & Renee Freed
March 24	Tim Inch & Matt Snyder
March 28	(Maundy Thurs.)
March 31	Ann Lock & Betty Lou Naylor
April 07	Rob & Trudy Schell
April 14	Jerry & Steph Wagner
April 21	Chuck & Mindy Rishel
April 28	Sharon Truitt/Geraldine Gerber

## Money Counters

March	Sandy Kinney & Peggy Nipple
April	Pam King & Trudy Schell

## Altar Guild

March	Ryan/Nace/Delancey Families
April	Patty Erickson

## Communion Bread

March	Ryan/Nace/Delancey Families
April	

*Volunteers for providing the bread are asked to place it in the sacristy. Please let the Altar Guild know you are providing it.*

## Medical Team Responders

March	Sonya Nace
April	Angela Monteleone

## Recording The Worship Service

March	Ernie King
April	Peggy Inch/Jeff Yetter

## Social Time Providers

March 03	Dot Spancake, Laura, Riley, Laney Naylor, & Pam Clark
March 10	Jean Barnard, Cathy Barnes, Pam King
March 17	Peggy Nipple & Peggy Inch
March 24	Clarice Pellman, Derek & Hannah Shelley, Cheryl Wilson
March 31	Easter
April 07	Susan & Dane Hackenberger, Angie & John Monteleone
April 14	Betty Lou Naylor, Joy Hulslander, Mike & Heather Drees
April 21	Sue Leister, Trudy Watts, Robin Losch
April 28	Susan & Dane Hackenberger, John & Angie Monteleone

## Trinity's Birthday Calendars

**TIDINGS** contains calendars listing the birthdays of members of Trinity for March & April. We hope that you will use this calendar to greet our members as they celebrate another year of life.

### March

05	Marin Varner
10	Daniel Gutwein
10	Derek Shelley
11	Lorraine Lauver
17	Renee Freed
21	Brooke Delancey
21	Morgan Delancey
22	Sheldon Kinney
22	Christopher Snyder
22	Wesley Walker
26	Kahla Williamson
30	Roy Leister
30	Dex Haflett
31	Carter Freed

### April

02	Addison Hack
03	Garrett Wilson
04	Ted Wilson
06	Benjamin Passmore
06	Jordon Kerstetter
07	Frank Smith
08	Avery Morrison
08	Joshua Clendenin
10	Trudy Watts
11	Cathy Smith
14	Shane Varner
15	Chuck Ryan
16	Ray Shelley
18	Velma Varner
19	Cathy Barnes
20	Adeline Mummah
21	David Smith
24	George Snyder
25	Kaylee Wagner
25	Jerry Wagner
26	Pam King
27	Ayden Winstead
28	Pam Clark
28	Chris Ruff
30	Katie Lock



Please scan the code or use the link below to update your information for the new church directory. If you have any questions, please contact a member of the IT Team  
<https://forms.gle/N1V2Qxm9ZAJdVYW7>

The Lenten offering this year will be split between The Juniata County Food Pantry and Tiger Treats. You may give online or using the white envelopes in your mailboxes during Lent. Thank You for all your support.



SERVING FAMILIES SINCE 1984.

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your support and your recent thoughtful donation. Because of you, parents and families of sick or injured children are able to stay together and be close to the care they need when they need it the most. Your contribution makes a difference in the lives of the children and families we serve every day and we look forward to sharing more family stories with you. Together we can make a difference!

Thank You!

Renee Gerringer

Director of Donor Relations

**Thanks to Trinity Church we collected \$240.00 from our Advent donations.**



**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Toilet Paper Bowl Total** – Thank you to all who donated this year. We were able to surpass our goal of 3,000 jointly collected rolls of TP with Lost Creek Presbyterian Church and last week's surprise donation from Upper Tuscarora Presbyterian Church in East Waterford. Together we collected 3,453 rolls for the Juniata County Food Pantry! They were delivered this past week.



**ELCA World Hunger Valentine Grams** – Thank you to all who purchased Valentine grams and coloring pages this year. We collected \$180 and were able to purchase 3 piglets, 3 honeybee hives and 3 fruit tree seedlings to help fight hunger around the world.



## 2024 Easter Flower Order Form

All pots are 6½"

Daffodils \_\_\_\_\_ 9.00

Lilly - White \_\_\_\_\_ 10.00

Hyacinths \_\_\_\_\_ 9.00

Tulips \_\_\_\_\_ 9.00

The flowers are in memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_

The flowers are in honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to Patricia Erickson

Return order form and money to Patty Erickson or the church office by March 17<sup>th</sup>.





## 13 Years of Seafarers Collection

In total, 798 Seafarers Bags were loaded up into two vans to be taken to Seafarers International House in New York City in late November. Pastor Marsh Drege, executive director, said they will deliver them to seafarers who will not be home with their loved ones for Christmas. Seven synod volunteers helped to pack the bags, collected by synod congregations, into the vans at the synod office. This year marked the thirteenth year of collection, totaling 7,896 bags. More about Christmas-at-Sea: <https://www.sihnyc.org/christmas-at-sea>



## Holy Closure

In December, Christ, Buckhorn (*Rev. Vicky Schaffner*) celebrated its final worship. The congregation turned its building over to Victory Baptist Church of Bloomsburg (*Pastor Tim Perry*). Remaining assets of the congregation will be shared equally between Camp Mount Luther, the Upper Susquehanna Synod, Boy Scouts, and EOS Therapeutic Riding School.



## Young Adults in Global Mission

The ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM) program invites young adults ages 21-29 into a transformative, year-long journey in international service. As they offer themselves in service, they are shaped by the witness of our global neighbors, sharing in the journeys of companion churches and organizations around the world. Young adults serve in the spirit of accompaniment, walking alongside global companions in a manner that practices mutuality, interdependence, and solidarity.

### Areas of service include:

- health and development
- congregational ministry
- human rights
- education
- homelessness
- addiction recovery
- women's issues
- children and youth

### Current YAGM country programs include:

- Argentina/Uruguay
- Jerusalem/West Bank
- Mexico
- Senegal
- United Kingdom
- Central Europe

Please pray for our global partners. If you wish to join the USS Global Ministry team, email [annzimmerman@hotmail.com](mailto:annzimmerman@hotmail.com). If you'd like to promote YAGM in your congregation, download a bulletin insert here: <https://www.uss-elca.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/YAGM-bulletin-insert.pdf>

## From Bishop Craig Miller

Among the many things on my mind as we enter the season of Lent, a few bear mentioning in this brief column. The first is the Camp Mount Luther Capital Campaign, which seeks to improve facilities for campers and others who use this wonderful place.

I am excited to see this project break ground because of the generosity of this synod, our congregations, and members.

Much of our time and energy in the synod office goes into looking for ways to provide leadership and assistance to our 115 congregations. Our approximately sixty active pastors, including those who are retired but still serve as interims and Sunday supply, are being asked to take on ever-increasing burdens, and I can sense their fatigue and, sometimes, discouragement. I have tasked our Lay Ministry Institute with developing training for our congregation leaders that, along with our robust Lay Worship Leaders program, will help to alleviate the burden on our pastors so that they can focus on the mission for which God called them.

Finally, with plans for our 2024 Synod Assembly well underway, I anticipate an exciting and informative event June 14-15. This year, we will begin with a morning of workshops, fellowship, and refreshments in the Degenstein Center. Following lunch, we will begin the business of the assembly. Visitors are encouraged to attend the workshops and stay to observe the meeting, then return to congregations and share what you have seen and heard. Watch for information in Headwaters, on our Facebook page, and in other communications.

## Up and Down the Valleys



*In January, Bishop Miller joined the celebration at Sonbeam Early Learning Center, a ministry of Trinity, McAlisterville (Pastor Karen Ward). The ministry earned STAR 4 rating with Keystone STARS. Congratulations Sonbeam!*



**Camp Mt. Luther News:** Camp is accepting applications for Summer Staff. Apply at [www.campmountluther.org/jobs](http://www.campmountluther.org/jobs) or email [chad@campmountluther.org](mailto:chad@campmountluther.org) with questions. Candidates must possess a commitment to Christ, a passion for the outdoors, and strong leadership and teamwork skills. In January, Executive Director Chad Hershberger and Associate Director Jim Vitale represented CML at

Winterfest, a Lutheran Youth event in Lancaster. Jim served as the chaplain for the event. It is hoped that we can get a group from our synod to attend next year!

The **Upper Susquehanna Synod Assembly** will be held on June 14-15, 2024, at Susquehanna University. In acknowledgement of the ELCA World Hunger's

50th anniversary, our theme will be "Fed by Jesus to Feed the World." Our ELCA Representative will be Marie Ann Sliwinski, Senior Director, ELCA Building Resilient Communities. The assembly gives every congregation and member within our synod an opportunity to participate, whether you are a voting member from your congregation, a rostered leader, a Sunday School student, or just one of the folks who sits in the pew and wants to see what all the rest of the believers are up to! Voting members from each congregation will need to be identified by mid- February. Serve your church by being part of this historical event! Talk to your pastor about being your congregation's representative. Cost is \$80 before April 15, \$100 after that. Visitors cost \$15 and meals and housing are billed separately.

**The Buffalo Valley Lutheran Parish** (Pastor Curt Wingert) held a Christmas dinner theater for all ages on December 10. The evening featured a roast beef dinner with the trimmings and a dessert bar. The youth then presented "The Pass-IT-ON-Christmas."

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>1</b> 6 pm Property Comm meets P.K. on vacation	<b>2</b> Social Hall in use
<b>3</b> 3rd Sunday of Lent Dime Sunday 9 am Worship Live and Online Social Time Adult & Children's SS  7 pm Lenten Service @ Brown's Church	<b>4</b> 7 am Egg Making Mixing/Rolling 7:30 Weighing	<b>5</b> 7 am Egg Dipping 8 am Bagging	<b>6</b> 10:15 Chapel Time 6:30 pm Choir practice	<b>7</b> 6 pm Bible Study at Lost Creek Presbyterian	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Turn clocks ahead one hour before going to bed
<b>10</b> Daylight Savings time begins 4th Sunday of Lent Penny Sunday 9 am Worship Live and Online Social Time Adult & Children's SS, Confirmation 7 pm Lenten Service @ Lost Creek Menno.	<b>11</b> 7 am Egg Making Mixing/Rolling 7:30 Weighing	<b>12</b> 7 am Egg Dipping 8 am Bagging 7 pm Mutual Ministry mtg.	<b>13</b> 10:15 am Chapel Time 5 pm Sonbeam mtg. 6:30 Choir practice	<b>14</b> 6 pm Bible Study at Lost Creek Presbyterian	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 4:30 pm Intergenerational Pasta Bar Dinner
<b>17</b> 5th Sunday in Lent 9 am Worship Live and Online Social Time & Baby Shower 5 pm Church Council meets 7 pm Lenten Service @ Pine Grove UMC	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 10:15 am Chapel Time 6:30 pm Choir practice	<b>21</b> 6 pm Bible Study at Lost Creek Presbyterian	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 1:30-3:30 pm Holy Communion Class
<b>24</b> Palm Sunday 9 am Worship Live and Online Social Time Adult & Children's SS, Confirmation 7 pm Lenten Service @ Delaware Menno. Church	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 10:15 am Chapel Time 6:30 pm Choir practice	<b>28</b> 7 pm Maundy Thursday Service	<b>29</b> 8 am - 2 pm Flower Sale at Schlegel's  7 pm Good Friday Lenten Service @ Lost Creek Presbyterian Church	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> 9 am First Sunday of Easter No Sunrise Service this year						



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<b>28</b> 5th Sunday of Easter Sonbeam Sunday 9 am Worship Live and Online Social Time Adult & Children's SS 6 pm Synod Conference mtg. @ Messiah	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>				