



# 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 2025

### Chocolate Egg-Making Has Begun

Mondays and Tuesday mornings throughout Lent

Find more information about how to help on the bulletin board in the hallway. Order forms are available at the entry of the social hall. All final orders are due March 30<sup>th</sup>.

### McAlisterville Ministerium Lenten Service Series

March 5<sup>th</sup> - April 18<sup>th</sup>

This year's theme is, "Parables of the Last Week." You'll find info about services, locations and offering designation in this newsletter.

### TLC Hosting Iglesia Pentecostal Misionera

Sundays - 2:30-5:30pm

Church Council approved offering the sanctuary as a place of worship for surrounding Latin congregations who were meeting separately in their homes. They will gather weekly for worship, food and fellowship. Please pray for both congregations as we share God's blessings.

### Octogenarians Group Interest

Are you 80+ years old? Do you have a partner who's 80+ years old? If so, this group is for you! June and Pastor Jim Bricker are asking for all interested participants to contact them ASAP.

### Annual Road Clean-Up

Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup> - 9 am

More information to come soon about how to help clean the intersecting highways in McAlisterville.

### Holy Week and Easter

Palm Sunday - Last Sunday in Easter - April 13<sup>th</sup> - June 1st

You'll find info on the services offered this year in this newsletter. You'll also find info about the annual Good Friday Flower Sale and Holy Humor Sunday. Please contact Betty Lou if you'd like to help plan HHS.

## Pastor Karen's Page

The 40-day Lenten church season began on Ash Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. During this season, noted by purple cloths on the altar, we journey with Jesus towards Jerusalem and the cross. Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday on April 13<sup>th</sup> culminating with the resurrection of Jesus, our Lord, on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the 50-day celebratory season of Easter on April 20<sup>th</sup>. If you count the days between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday, you'll find there's more than 40. That's because all Sundays in Lent are not counted as days of the season. The Sundays in Lent are like mini-Easters that give us a weekly break from the solemn observance of Lent. On Sundays we share in worship, singing and fellowship. We gather around Christ's Table to share the bread and the cup of resurrection and new life. Sundays can also serve as respites from our daunting workweeks and turbulent national and global events. I treasure Lenten Sundays because they prepare me to experience anew a story, I presume to know well, Jesus' suffering, death and resurrection. But this final week of Jesus' life on earth in a mysterious, miraculous work of God that is beyond all human understanding. Every year Jesus teaches me something new about God and my life as a Christian. Lenten Sundays help me clear away all the stuff that gets in the way of my ability to welcome my crucified and risen Savior into my life and into my heart. I hope they can do the same for you.

April will bring with it the holiest week of the Church year. I warmly invite you and your loved ones to join us throughout Holy Week to experience the Passion Story of Jesus Christ. This is the time to hear again the story that is central to our Christian faith, God's final victory over sin and death through Jesus' crucifixion on the cross and his resurrection to new life. I pray that when we celebrate on Easter morning, that we find that we are a changed people from who we were when we entered the season of Lent on Ash Wednesday. I pray that each of us will be renewed by the life, death and resurrection of Christ. Please join me in this prayer and this holy time in the Church year.

### **Holy Week and Easter Worship Information**

Palm Sunday – April 13<sup>th</sup> – 9 am – TLC Sanctuary

Maundy Thursday – April 17<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 pm – Joint service and meal at LCPC

Good Friday – April 18<sup>th</sup> – 7 pm – Pine Grove UMC – McAlisterville Ministerium Service

Easter Sunday – April 20<sup>th</sup>

Sunrise Service – 7 am – Joint service with LCPC at St. Peter's Grove

Easter Service – 9 am – TLC Sanctuary

Holy Humor Sunday – April 27<sup>th</sup> – 9 am – TLC Sanctuary

### **Good Friday Flower Sale**

April 18<sup>th</sup> – 8am-2pm – Schlegel's

All proceeds benefit the work of the Faith Formation Team. A sign-up sheet with time slots to help sell flowers is on the bulletin board in the church hallway.

Thank you for your service and generosity!

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Just a reminder as you clean out your closets to bring in your used shoes and deposit them in the collection box for Soles 4 Souls.

There is a new Tiger Treats Schedule for March & April on the bulletin board in the hallway.



# March & April Schedule of Helpers

## Acolytes

March 02 Dex Haflett  
 March 09 Maddox Leister  
 March 16 Ava Morrison  
 March 23 Riley Naylor  
 March 30 Cole Wagner

April 06 Lilly Nace  
 April 13 Mason DeLancey  
 April 20 Dex Haflett  
 April 27 Riley Naylor

## Worship Assistants Readers & Communion Helpers

March 02 Trudy Watts  
 March 09 Lilia Haflett  
 March 16 Kirk Freed  
 March 23 Cheryl Walker/Terri Leister  
 March 30 Greg Neal

April 06 Bob Schwarz  
 April 13 Rich Leitzel  
 April 20 Gary Barnard/Cathy Barnes  
 April 27 Roy Leister

## Ushers

March 02 Matt & Malea Haflett  
 March 09 Dennis & Terri Leister  
 March 16 John & Angela Monteleone  
 March 23 Peggy Nipple & Patty Erickson  
 March 30 Jeff & Kris Yetter

April 06 Raymond & Clarice Pellman  
 April 13 Jessica DeLancey & Ernie King  
 April 20 Ted & Nicole Wilson  
 April 27 Kirk & Renee Freed

## Money Counters

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

## Altar Guild

March Ryan/Nace Family  
 April Patty Erickson

## Communion Bread

March Nace/Spacake  
 April Patty Erickson

*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  
 April

## Recording The Worship Service

March Ernie King  
 April

## Social Time Providers

March 02 Peggy Nipple, Pat Schwarz, Peggy Inch  
 March 09 Dot Spacake, Laura, Riley, Laney Naylor, Pam Clark  
 March 16 Michael & Heather Dreese, Joy Hulslander, Betty Lou Naylor  
 March 23 Sue Leister, Trudy Watts, Robin Losch  
 March 30 Patty Erickson, Emily Robinson, Hannah Celendenin  
 April 06 Terri Leister, Bobbi Leister, Marah Erickson  
 April 13 Jean Fogle, Sandy Kinney, Christa Mummah  
 April 20 Easter  
 April 27 Sue Leister, Trudy Watts, Robin Losch

We need volunteers to help lead our Easter Sunrise Service & prepare St. Peter's Grove. Please sign-up in the hallway of the church.

## 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

10 Derek Shelley  
05 Marin Varner  
10 Daniel Gutwein  
17 Renee Freed  
21 Brooke DeLancey  
21 Morgan Gearhart  
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 Jordan Kerstetter  
06 Benjamin Passmore  
07 Frank Smith  
08 Joshua Clendenin  
08 Avery Morrison  
10 Trudy Watts  
11 Dani Neal  
11 Cathy Smith  
14 Shane Varner  
15 Tucker Hamilton  
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

Lenten Giving Envelopes will be in your mailboxes and you may give through Tithe.ly. This year the money goes to Lutheran Disaster Response. (US Wildfires and Hurricane Response).

Our Advent collection of \$674.00 was split between Tiger Treats and the Juniata County Food Pantry. Thanks so much for your donations.



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## Grant Continues

The Go Tell It IN the Mountains compelling preaching initiative is gearing up for another year. This Lilly Endowment funded program focuses content, context, delivery, and digital resources for preaching.

To enhance preaching content the initiative is cosponsoring a summer 2025 pericope text training on May 21, 2025. Rev. Dr. Allison Deforest of United Lutheran Seminary will present this training at the Lutheran Home in Hollidaysburg and on Zoom.

Specialists creating videos to better understand context. Dr. Gil Waldkoenig of United Lutheran Seminary will cover PA Appalachian context; Ross Murray, founder and director of The Naming Project, will cover awareness to LGBTQ concerns; Mission Insite will assist congregations in understanding their specific contexts through community analysis. Sacred Playgrounds will assess those nominally connected to our faith communities through our camp and campus ministries. Kroger Assessment Team will assess our rostered leaders, Authorized Lay Worship Leaders (ALWL), and congregational leadership. Another training video is being developed to learn the basics of AI and use of AI in presenting and distributing a sermon or series of sermons.



## Construction Starts at CML

Camp Mount Luther is thrilled to announce that construction has started on a new bathhouse for Maple Village at the camp. The new bathhouse will replace aging bathroom and shower facilities. It will include increased capacity, privacy, and accessibility for users. Martin's Construction of Mifflinburg is the general contractor for the project. The new bathhouse is expected to be ready for Summer 2025.

On the fundraising side of the project, over \$1.25 million has been pledged toward a \$2 million dollar challenge goal. Chad Hershberger, executive director, says the new year has gotten off to an exciting start. "To be able to watch the progress we are seeing the first few weeks of 2025 toward our dream of this new facility has been so rewarding. Even more rewarding has been the outpouring of support we've seen in our fundraising efforts as we work to provide more inclusive and accessible facilities, Hershberger said.

If you are interested in supporting upgrades at Camp Mount Luther, visit [www.campmountluther.org/f4f](http://www.campmountluther.org/f4f).



Coaches for ALWLs will be trained by Rev. Dilip Abayasekara. New ALWLs will be offered training through Faith+Lead of Luther Seminary. In September 2025

it is the hope to have a full cohort of up to 90 preachers. This monthly cohort will focus on delivery and tools to move away from manuscript reading.

Finally, the Prayer Team has regularly been holding this initiative in prayer. If you'd like to join the Prayer team, or get more information on these programs, Contact the Initiative Director, Rev. John Kratz, at [director@alleghensynod.com](mailto:director@alleghensynod.com).

## From Bishop Miller

Each year, from January 18 – 25, we celebrate the Octave (eight days) of Prayer for Christian Unity. Congregations and individuals are encouraged to join in prayer, especially during this week, that the prayer of Jesus, that all may be one, would be visibly fulfilled in our Christian churches. We are encouraged to pray not only in our own congregations but with our neighboring churches, and to work together in study and service as we seek unity.



And so, on January 22, I attended a service of Prayer for Christian Unity at the Cathedral of St Peter in Scranton. The theme of this service, “Do you believe this”, pointed us to the Nicene Creed. Our homilist, Father Scott Storowski, gave a brief history of the creed and called on us to allow ourselves to be embraced into the wonder and mystery of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and experience God’s transformation of our lives. He reminded us that, because we experience division and hurt, not only in our society but in our church, we must continue to pray for the unity that only God can give through the gift of faith.



This year marks the 1700th anniversary of the Nicene Creed. Composed in the year 325 in the city of Nicea (in modern Turkey) and later revised in the second ecumenical council held in Constantinople, this creed is held among Christians as an expression of our faith into which we baptize and from which we teach. The creed expresses our common belief in God who has become known to us in the three persons of the Trinity.

The primary focus of this creed is in the second and longest article: “We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ...”. When we recite these, we remind one another that the God who has created all things became incarnate, taking on human flesh and bearing our sins on the cross. This incarnation means that our God became truly human, experiencing life as we experience it, with all our joys and sorrows, even the agony of torture and death, for us. In the person of Jesus Christ, then, human flesh was raised into the Trinity, thus breaking the barrier that sin had erected between God and creation. The Holy Spirit, which once spoke through the prophets, now, by the forgiveness of sins, proceeds to create the “one holy catholic and apostolic church,” that is “the communion of saints”. In this church, we proclaim the promise of resurrection to life everlasting as our flesh also is welcomed into the Trinity.

An example of the importance of this creed in our work toward unity comes from the Lutheran World Federation dialog with the Orthodox Communion. In a joint statement issued in May, representatives of the two bodies shared their progress toward an understanding in what has been a church dividing issue for over a thousand years, the inclusion in the third article of the words “and the Son” (the *filioque*), words that were added by the Latin church to the original Greek text. This joint statement recommends removing these words from the creed while continuing to study the meaning of this creed. While this recommendation is not binding on our congregations, I hope it leads us to deeper study of the creed and what it means for us in our Christian life together.

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## Up and Down the Valleys

The **2025 Upper Susquehanna Synod Assembly** will meet June 13-14, 2025. The location has been changed to Camp Mount Luther. This was due to major construction happening this summer in the Degenstein Center at Susquehanna. The theme, “Living into the Good News” will give time for learning and worship while doing the business meeting of our assembly. A dedication and open house for the new Maple Village Bathhouse at camp is also expected. Congregations can pre-register Voting Members through our Assembly webpage.

**Prayer petitions** are prepared and sent by the Upper Susquehanna Synod Global Ministry Committee. Please use them in your congregation in your intercessory prayers, print them in your bulletin or newsletter. The committee welcomes suggestions for petitions. Click here for prayers for March: <https://www.usselca.org/blog/2025/02/18/global-ministry-prayers/>

**Camp Mount Luther's** Summer 2025 registration remains open! Find out more and register at [www.campmountluther.org/summer](http://www.campmountluther.org/summer). They are also accepting applications for summer staff on their website and are in particular need of female cabin leaders. Candidates must possess a commitment to Christ, a passion for the outdoors, and strong leadership and teamwork skills.



Hello everyone!

My name is Taz Chowdhury-Wray, and I'm the Childcare Coordinator at Sonbeam Early Learning Center. I grew up in New Jersey, and moved to Pennsylvania after graduating college. I have my bachelors degree in Biology from Elizabethtown College and my Masters degree in Healthcare Administration from Purdue University. I'm from Mifflintown, and I have three kids who are 6, 5, and 1. When I'm not at work, I'm spending time with my family at home or at the motocross tracks with my kids for training or race weekends.

There's been a lot going on at Sonbeam!

We hired two new staff members who started last week, Sara Brackbill and Monica Maneval. Sara will be working with us full time while Monica works with us part time until she graduates in May. In addition, we hired Lily Junod and Morgan Slemons to help while they are home from college for the summer.

The kids have been doing lots of fun activities as well:

Before the new year, each class celebrated Christmas with their friends by having a party, pajama day, and snacks. Santa also stopped by to visit the kids in their classrooms.



- On Valentine's Day, each class celebrated their Valentine's Day party with their friends filled with lots of yummy treats, music, and activities! The kids also colored valentine cards for the South View residents.



Upcoming events for Sonbeam:

- On March 24th, we will have the fire company coming over to show the kids the fire trucks and teach them about fire safety.
- In May, we are going to do "Muffins with Mom", which is going to be an event for Mother's Day where we will do activities and have treats.

## This and That

Beginning in March, **the three parking spots at the entrance of Sonbeam Early Learning Center are reserved for parent pick-up and drop-off Monday-Friday.** This is to ensure safe and hassle-free experiences for our Sonbeam families. Please speak to a council member if you have any questions.

Dewey Aldinger's Address - currently deployed

Drew Aldinger UPR-94518, SOTS-1

Apo-AE09305

Address just like this in 2 rows. It will take special postage.

### **Total from Toilet Paper Bowl of Caring.**

The goal was 3,000 rolls and we surpassed our goal and collected 4,737 rolls this year. Trinity Lutheran, East Salem Community Church, Otterbein Global Methodist, Upper Tuscarora Presbyterian Church and Lost Creek Presbyterian Church helped to reach our goal.



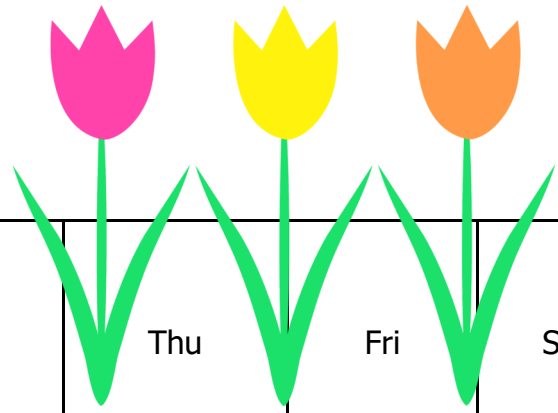
New place to sign up for events/interest and learn more information about every TLC - hallway bulletin board.

Thank you to all who attended this year's Inter-Generational Dinner/ Game Show Night! Thank you to the children and their families who helped host and perform commercials. Thank you to the Faith Formation Team for preparing the food and organizing the event.

The McAlisterville Ministerium Lenten Service Schedule was in last month's newsletter on the pastor's page)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>1</b>
<b>2</b> Transfiguration Sunday, Dime Sunday 9 am Worship Live and Online Social Time Adult & Children's SS 2:30-5:30 Spanish Speaking Worship	<b>3</b> 7 am Egg Mixers 7:30 Egg Rollers	<b>4</b> 7 am Egg Dippers 8 am Baggers	<b>5</b> 10:15 am Chapel Time  7 pm Community Ash Wednesday Service	<b>6</b> 6 pm Joint Book Study @ Lost Creek Presbyteri- an Church or Zoom	<b>7</b>	4-7 pm Inter- generational Game Night & Meal  Turn Time Ahead 1 Hour
<b>9</b> Daylight Savings Time begins 1st Sunday in Lent Penny Sunday 9 am Worship Live and Online Social Time Adult, Children & Con- firmation classes 2:30-5:30 Spanish Speaking Worship 7 pm Lenten Worship @ LCP Church	<b>10</b> 7 am Egg Mixers 7:30 Egg Rollers	<b>11</b> 7 am Egg Dippers 8 am Baggers  6 pm Mutual Ministry mtg.	<b>12</b> 10:15 am Chapel Time  1 pm Staff Mtg.  6:30 Choir practice	<b>13</b> 6 pm Joint Book Study @ Lost Creek Presbyteri- an Church or Zoom	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 2-6 pm Social Hall & Kitchen in use
<b>16</b> 2nd Sunday in Lent 9 am Worship Live and Online Social time Adult & Children's SS Classe 10:30 Council mtg. 2:30-5:30 Spanish Speaking Worship 7 pm Lenten Worship @ Brown's Global Meth- odist	<b>17</b> 7 am Egg Mixers 7:30 Egg Rollers	<b>18</b> 7 am Egg Dippers 8 am Baggers  5:15 pm Son- beam Board mtg.	<b>19</b> 10:15 am Chapel Time  6:30 Choir practice	<b>20</b> 6 pm Joint Book Study @ Lost Creek Presbyteri- an Church or Zoom	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> 3rd Sunday in Lent 9 am Worship Live and Online Social Time Adult, Children's & Con- firmation Classes 2:30-5:30 Spanish Speaking Worship 7 pm Lenten Worship @ Lost Creek Mennonite	<b>24</b> 7 am Egg Mixers 7:30 Egg Rollers  5:30 Faith Formation Team mtg.	<b>25</b> 7 am Egg Dippers 8 am Baggers	<b>26</b> 10:15 am Chapel Time  6:30 Choir practice	<b>27</b> 6 pm Joint Book Study @ Lost Creek Presbyteri- an Church or Zoom	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 9 am High- way cleanup
<b>30</b> 4th Sunday in Lent Healing Service Social Time Adult, Children's & Con- firmation Classes 2:30-5:30 Spanish Speaking Worship 7 pm Lenten Worship @ Free Spring COB	<b>31</b> 7 am Egg Mixers 7:30 Egg Rollers					

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 6 pm-Last Joint Book Study @ Lost Creek Presbyterian Church or Zoom	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 9 am Rain Date Highway Clean-up
<b>6</b> 5th Sunday in Lent Dime Sunday 9 am Worship Live and Online Adult & Children's SS Classes 2:30-5:30 Spanish Speaking Worship 7 pm Lenten Worship @ Otterbine Global Methodist	<b>7</b> 7 am Egg Mixers 7:30 Egg Rollers <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">Last week of egg Making</div>	<b>8</b> 7 am Egg Dippers 8 am Baggers	<b>9</b> 10:15 am Chapel Time  6:30 Choir practice	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> Palm Sunday, Penny Sunday 9 am Worship Live and Online Social Time Adult, Children & Confirmation classes 2:30-5:30 Spanish Speaking Worship 7 pm Lenten Worship @ Delaware Mennonite	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 5:15 pm Sonbeam Board mtg.	<b>16</b> 10:15 am Chapel Time  6:30 Choir practice	<b>17</b> Maundy Thursday 6:30 pm Joint Worship and meal with Lost Creek Presbyterian Church	<b>18</b> 8-2 pm Flower Sale @ Schlegel's  7 pm Good Friday Worship @ Pine Grove UMC	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> <b>Easter</b> 7 am Joint Sunrise Service @ St. Peter's Grove With Lost Creek Presby.  9:00 am Resurrection Worship in Sanctuary  2:30-5:30 Spanish Speaking Worship	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 10:15 am Chapel Time  6:30 Choir practice	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
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