

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.

October - November Newsletter

Worship at Camp Mount Luther

Sunday, Oct. 6th – 10 am

Join us as we travel to CML to worship and fellowship together. Chad Hershberger will be sharing the Good News and a fellowship will follow. The camp address is 355 Mt. Luther Lane, Mifflinburg.

Guest Preacher: Pastor Linda Johnson Seyenkulo

Sunday, Oct. 13th – 9 am

Help us welcome and thank Pastor Linda, our missionary in Liberia as she preaches and helps lead worship. Pastor Linda is retiring after many years of service.

Community Fall Festival

Sunday, Oct. 13th – 5-7 pm

Join in the fun in St. Peter's Grove for food, activities and a campfire. The event will go on rain or shine.

Congregational Budget Meeting

Sunday, Nov. 17th after worship

All voting members are invited to our annual budget meeting. Copies of the proposed 2025 budget will be available a couple of weeks before the meeting.

Holiday Bazaar

Saturday, Nov. 23rd – 10 am – 1 pm

Turkey pies, homemade mince meat, mixed pickle, cranberry relish, assorted pies, soups and crafts will all be on sale. The lunch stand will include soups, barbecue, hot dogs, pies and drinks. Turkey pies will only be available at the Bazaar this year.

PASTOR KAREN'S PAGE

And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day. – Genesis 1:3-5

In the coming months two holidays follow one after the other: Halloween and All Saints' Day. History and tradition tell us that these two holidays developed both separately and together. Celebrations of the harvest existed among many cultures, and the early church held vigils to honor the memory of the saints. As both of these days grew in significance among the faithful, a shared purpose emerged. Either holiday can stand on its own, but each has more to teach us when we look at them together.

If you've ever walked out of a movie theater on a summer afternoon, you know the sun can be blinding. But, if you've been at the beach or on the top of a mountain all morning, the afternoon sun doesn't seem so bright; same sunshine, different point of comparison. Halloween has a lot of elements that are far from sacred. But the use of dark colors and masks and the concept of warding off evil is purposeful. On the following day we decorate the church in white paraments—the cloths that cover the altar and pulpit—and we often light candles. We celebrate the goodness of the souls that have gone on to God in the past year. The brightness of All Saints' Day is even brighter because we lived through the eve of darkness.

The Bible is a fantastic book because of its vibrant descriptions of events, landscapes, and emotions. The use of darkness—a place of nighttime, sometimes a place of fear and/or pain, and often a place of waiting—is contrasted with the use of lightness—a place of daytime, sometimes a place of boldness, sometimes a place of peace, and sometimes a place of revelation. It is the light and dark working together that offer us expressions of God's presence in our lives. When we are in the places of fear or pain in our souls, God is with us, offering us boldness and peace.

Questions to Ponder: What was one of your "darkest moments"? How was God with you in the darkness? How did these dark times change the way you viewed the bright times?

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Thank you to all who donated! We collected 25 cases of water and Gatorade for the Fayette Fire Company.





October & November Schedule of Helpers

Acolytes

Oct. 06 Lilly Nace
 Oct. 13 Riley Naylor
 Oct. 20 Cole/Jerry Wagner
 Oct. 27 Maddox Leister

Nov. 03 Cole/Jerry Wagner
 Nov. 10 Takayla Tittler
 Nov. 17 Adeline Mummah
 Nov. 24 Mason DeLancey

Worship Assistants Readers & Communion Helpers

Oct. 06 Trudy Watts
 Oct. 13 Sharon Truitt
 Oct. 20 Lilia Haflett
 Oct. 27 Sandy Kinney

Nov. 03 Greg Neal
 Nov. 10 Kirk Freed
 Nov. 17 Roy Leister
 Nov. 24 Chuck Rishel/Cathy Barnes

Ushers

Oct. 06 Matt & Malea Haflett
 Oct. 13 Dennis & Terri Leister
 Oct. 20
 Oct. 27 John & Angela Monteleone

Nov. 03 Peggy Nipple & Patty Erickson
 Nov. 10 Jeff & Kris Yetter
 Nov. 17 Raymond & Clarice Pellman
 Nov. 24 Jessica DeLancey & Ernie King

Money Counters

October Pam King/Heather Dreese
 November Rob Schell & Ernie King

Altar Guild

October Sharon Truitt
 November Dot Spancake

Communion Bread

October
 November

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

October Laura Naylor/Sharon Truitt
 November Sonya Nace

Recording The Worship Service

October Dane Hackenberger
 November Peggy Inch & Jeff Yetter

Social Time Providers

Oct. 06 Renee Freed, Sonya Nace, Betty Ryan
 Oct. 13 Clarice Pellman, Cheryl Wilson, Hannah & Derek Shelley
 Oct. 20 Susan & Dane Hackenberger, John & Angela Monteleone
 Oct. 27 Terri Leister, Bobbi Leister, Marah Erickson
 Nov. 03 Jean Barnard, Cathy Barnes, Pam King
 Nov. 10 Peggy Nipple, Peggy Inch, Pat Schwarz
 Nov. 17 Dot Spancake, Laura, Riley, Laney Naylor, Pam Clark
 Nov. 24 Patty Erickson, Emily Robinson, Hannah Celendenin

Trinity's Birthday Calendars

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

October

04 Bralynn Clouser
05 Matt Gutwein
13 Joanne Roush
16 Ron Flood
16 Robert Prawdzik
18 Terri Leister
19 Dot Spancake
21 Evan Clouser
21 Brian Schell
22 Betty Lou Naylor
23 Trudy Schell
27 Rex Naylor
31 Chuck Rishel

November

03 Joanne Wright
05 Dane Hackenberger
06 Ruth Nace
06 Joseph Prawdzik
06 Tina Ryan
06 Cheryl Walker
07 Morgan Burkepile
08 Piper Hamilton
09 Angelia Monteleone
09 John Monteleone
11 Clara Fogleman
12 Patricia Schwarz
13 Pastor Karen
14 Kirk Freed
14 Marah Erickson
14 Tom Clark
14 Layla Ruff
15 Ava Morrison
17 Valerie Robinson
17 Michael Ryan
19 Barbara Leach
19 Cole Snyder
19 Jon Watts
24 Mitch Hack
26 Lilia Haflett

Seafarers' Bags: please remember to return your Seafarer Bags. We collected 10 bags and thank you for participating in this worthy cause to help provide items for the ship's cargo workers.



Below is a list of food items needed for our “Tiger Treats” program. We want our meals to be as healthy as possible, so we are asking that food donations NOT include soda, chips, candy, pastries, cookies, or snack cakes. Also, please do not donate items in glass containers or items that would require a child to use a can opener or a sharp knife. Items that need to be heated must be microwavable.

Donations could include:

Canned pasta meals (with pull-top lids)	Granola bars
Macaroni & cheese meals (microwaveable)	Snack crackers (peanut butter or cheese filling)
Soup (with pull-top lids)	Goldfish crackers (single serve bags)
Cereal (single servings)	Cheez-Its crackers (single serve bags)
Instant oatmeal	Pretzels (single serve bags)
Shelf/Boxed milk (single servings)	Popcorn (individual serving size)
Pudding cups	Juice boxes or pouches
Applesauce cups	Hot chocolate packets
Fruit cups	Peanut butter (individual serving size)
“Cup-of-Noodles”	Raisins (individual serving size)
Pop tarts	Nuts or trail mix (individual serving size)
Jell-O cups	Fruit Snacks



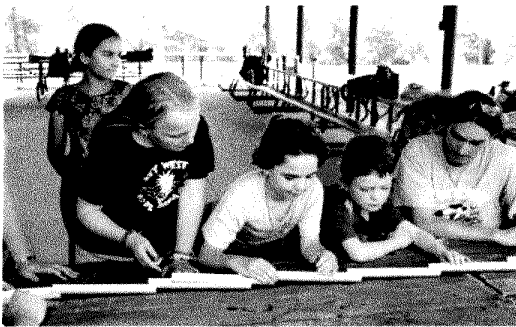
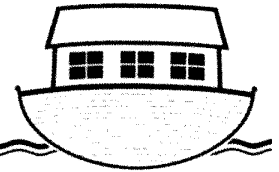
A weekly volunteer signup sheet is pinned on the board in the narthex. Go to the Lutheran Church in Richfield at 6 pm on Wednesday’s to assemble food bags for the elementary school children.



USSARK

September 2024

The monthly printable publication of the Upper Susquehanna Synod
with news highlights from the digital *Headwaters* newsletter and uss-elca.org

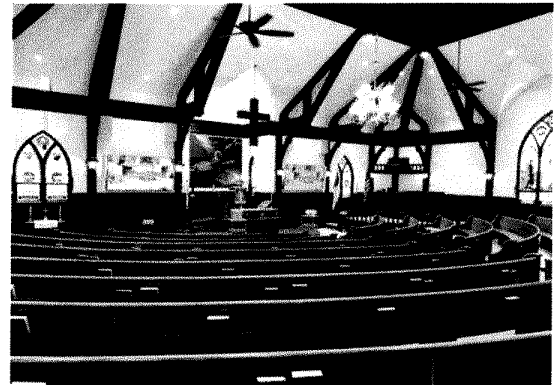


Learning About "Created to Be"

Camp Mount Luther recently ended their summer camping season. Around 336 participants took part in programs during the six-week session. Before the campers arrived, the staff participated in two and a half weeks of intense training. This summer, 178 campers enjoyed on-site programs including mini, day, weeklong, and family camps. This year's theme at Camp Mount Luther was "Created to Be." Campers and staff explored how God gives us freedom to be our authentic selves and what it means to be siblings in Christ—humans who are brave enough to encourage and stand up for each other, sharing burdens as well as joys.

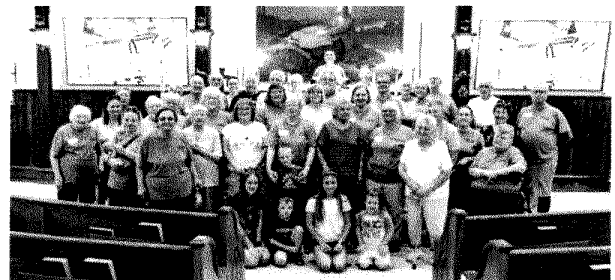
Highlights this summer included: Servant and Leadership Training for senior high, and theme weeks for Night Owl, Water Adventure, and Christmas in July. A new "Create-A-Camp" option gave some flexibility for scheduling for busy families. A Family Camp was also held for participants of all ages. The adult Bible studies were led by Rev. Jim Bricker of McAlisterville.

Again, this summer, there were several off-site camps at local churches, led by Mount Luther staff. This year, 158 campers were able to experience camp through these off-site opportunities. Off-site camps were held at Zion Lutheran, Turbotville; Trinity Lutheran and Lost Creek Presbyterian, McAlisterville; Buffalo Valley Lutheran Parish, Mifflinburg; The Table, First Presbyterian, and Trinity United Church of Christ, Bloomsburg; United in Christ Lutheran, West Milton, Christ's Lutheran, Lewisburg and Milton Lutheran; and St. Peter, Kreamer.



Church Reopens

Salem, Selinsgrove (*Pastor Stina Schaeffer*) celebrated the reopening of their church building after a devastating fire during Holy Week 2023. In July, they had a ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house at Salem Lutheran Church in Selinsgrove. The event featured speeches from Pastor Stina Schaeffer, State Representative David H. Rowe, Snyder County Commissioner Joe Kantz, Wendy Dombroskie from Senator Culver's office, and T-Ross Brother's Tommy Michaels. Guests enjoyed a tour of the beautifully restored church along with some delicious snacks and refreshments. Salem and Zion, Kratzerville, have worshipped together for much of the time since fire nearly destroyed the building during Holy Week 2023 and Zion's pastor announced his retirement. Together they blessed this restored space and dedicated it once again to God's service.



From Bishop Craig Miller

On September 5, nearly 100 leaders from faith communities across Pennsylvania gathered in Harrisburg to call for peace and civility during this election season. At a press conference in the Capitol rotunda led off by Bishop Christopher DeForest (Northeast Pennsylvania Synod), speakers from Christian, Jewish, and Muslim communities spoke words of unity, peace, and common concern for our neighbors.



We spoke as one body as we gathered on the steps behind the speakers to say that our government leaders and those who seek elected office must take responsibility for their rhetoric and seek to reduce the possibility for violence as we enter this contentious election season. Our presence that day carried with it the presence of over 330 leaders and members of our religious communities who had signed on to a statement, drafted by the bishops of our seven ELCA synods in Pennsylvania, entitled Choices and Voices for Peace. Even as we spoke that day, more were joining us in our statement.

This groundswell of those calling for calm dialogue over violent, divisive language continues today as more and more individuals add their names to the statement. We continue to call on members of our congregations to add their voices to ours in hope that the violence many fear will mar this election will be overcome with love. You can add your name to the statement at <https://tinyurl.com/3z4rezur>. If you would like to go further, you might write to your elected leaders to ask them to read and sign the statement as well.

Finally, I encourage our congregations to engage in conversations about peaceful dialogue in times of division. The [LAMP website](#) has many resources for use in groups and individually. Let us pray fervently for peace in our nation, our communities, and among our neighbors.

Bishop Miller was given honorary membership in ALLIA and received a Certificate of Appreciation for his "support of the vision to impact our communities through cultural, civic, education and humanitarian efforts" of the association. The Association of Liberian Lutherans in the Americas fosters, solicits and consolidates relationships for enhanced cooperation within and across Liberian communities and partner networks.



Up and Down the Valleys

The Missional Outreach Committee of **Messiah, South Williamsport** (Interim Pastor Jeff LeCrone) invited the congregation to a "Pack the Pantry Challenge" in June.



The congregation stepped up to the challenge and collected 942 items for their food pantry which was set out on the pews and then used to stock their pantry.

Faith Lab is a new initiative from **United In Christ, West Milton** (Pastor Justin Lingenfelter), **Milton Lutheran** (Pastor Gary Schaeffer), and **Christ's, Lewisburg** (Pastor Katy Moran) working together to provide programming for pre-K to 6th graders. Each month they will gather on the second Sunday of the month for Bible study, games, crafts, and a free family dinner sponsored by the host congregation! Parents are also invited to stick around for a time of Bible study with one of the pastors that will focus on the same stories the kids hear during the program!

Seafarers International House's Fall 2024 Port Call Newsletter is about changes on the watch, some joyful, some sad. It covers their expansion to the Port of Duluth and Superior and highlights their Christmas-at-Sea initiative with an article from the Upper Susquehanna Synod's own **Rev. Sarah Hershberger** (Grace, Shamokin). <https://tinyurl.com/prea2akk>

As part of "God's work. Our hands." Day, St. **Matthew's, Bloomsburg** (Pastor Joel Zeiders) had a brief liturgy of thanksgiving and commitment to their Community Blessing Box. The box provides food, personal care items, and clothing to those in need.



In July, during his trip to Jerusalem, **Bishop Miller** shared a prayer shawl from **Trinity, McAlisterville** (Pastor Karen Ward) with Ranan Issa Abu Shanab. Ranan works in the Gender Justice Ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land.

On Saturday, September 7, **Bishop Miller** presented a worship practicum to Lay Worship Leaders at the Synod Office, 100 Mahoning Street, Milton. He covered terminology, preparation for worship, and practical tips. The event ended with a service of Holy Communion including a healing service. About 30 people attended.

Juniata County Food Pantry October Update

Autumn has arrived! Soon to be followed by Thanksgiving and Christmas. Again this year the Food Pantry will join forces with the Boy Scouts, Kiwanis, and **YOU** to bring Thanksgiving and Christmas meals to as many Juniata County families living in poverty as possible. Working as a team and pooling our resources, we can reach more families in need and avoid duplicating services. But we can't do it without **your** help. When the Boy Scouts come to your door in November for their annual food drive- please give generously. And if you can help us to start stockpiling the following foods for the holidays, we would really appreciate it. Our goal is to provide 800 meals: 400 for Thanksgiving and 400 for Christmas.

In August 2024, the Food Pantry served 257 families in need – a total of 719 individuals. Thank you Heaven Bound Church for sending volunteers to help in August!!

HOLIDAY MEAL DONATIONS

(These are the foods that are more difficult for us to secure) TURKEY BREASTS, HAMS (3-5 LBS), whole chicken, canned sweet potatoes, instant potatoes, stuffing, gravy, cranberry sauce and brownie or cookie mix; **OR A \$20 DONATION WILL PURCHASE ONE COMPLETE MEAL!**

PO Box 44, 114 N. Main St, Mifflintown, 17059

Phone # 717-436-9718

Hours: Tues 9-12 & 1-5, Sat 9-12

*Our vestibule is open to receive non-perishable donations any hour, any day, but please deliver perishable foods when we are open. Cash or gift card donations may be deposited through the mail slot inside the vestibule. Thank you!

Visit our Website: www.jcfoodpantry.com

Like us on Face Book!

Update: After repairing the parsonage roof in the amount of \$4,295.00; the Building Fund balance is \$5,113.34



**FOUNDATIONS
FOR THE FUTURE**
CAMP MOUNT LUTHER

**CAMP MOUNT LUTHER
FOUNDATIONS FOR THE FUTURE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**

April 10, 2024

Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed!

Dear Brothers and Sisters at Trinity Lutheran,

Resurrection joy is the message we are called to share with all those we meet. It is the word of hope, promising forgiveness, and new life in Christ. It is the word that claims us and sends us into the world to continue God's work of reconciliation for the sake of all creation. Sharing this good news is at the heart of the ministry of Camp Mount Luther, a place where campers of all ages can experience joy and hope amid a welcoming and safe environment.

We are grateful you agreed to participate in our Foundations for the Future Capital Campaign, for Gary Banard's leadership on behalf of the camp, and for the generous goal you set. Because of your support, and growing support across our synod, Camp Mount Luther can hope for an even brighter future by providing better facilities for all campers. Thank you so much for helping us reach our goals.

Now for an update. We are ten months into the first year of the campaign and just three months into our visits with synod congregations. The response from congregations has been very positive, with several of them setting generous goals for their campaign efforts. As the total of promised gifts is calculated, it is with great joy that I share that we have reached 50% toward our BASE GOAL! We're still hoping to eventually reach our stretch goal of 2 million.

We now look forward to a groundbreaking ceremony at the start of the summer camping season and for the contractors to start construction in the fall. As long as all the pieces fall into place, we are hopeful for the bathhouse to be completed and ready for the summer or 2025!

None of this would be possible without the continued financial support of Camp Mount Luther by your congregation, other congregations, individuals, and organizations. On behalf of Camp Mount Luther and our Foundations for the Future Capital Campaign – THANK YOU!

With Grateful Hearts,



Barb Collins

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Campaign Coordinator and Co-Chair



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News from Sonbeam Early Learning Center

If you are in the building on any given weekday morning or afternoon, what a blessing to hear the children and staff talking, laughing, and playing. Our church is active and alive!

Please join in congratulations for our staff members, Katie Beward and Teresa Lukens, for receiving their CDA, Child Development Associate credentials! CDA credentials are the gold standard for early childhood professionals. The class schedule is extensive and rigorous! Congratulations!

The Sonbeam Board has been reviewing our systems for support for families and staff. We have decided to continue with the Board oversight of the center, hire an Assistant Director, as well as create a new position called Child Care Coordinator. The Child Care Coordinator would have responsibilities to support families and financial stakeholder needs. The board advertised for this position and received a lot interest! More information to come soon as we work through the interview process and onboard for this new position.

Additionally, in the beginning of September, Katie Beward interviewed and accepted the position of Assistant Director of Sonbeam. Katie has been a blessing to Sonbeam and to the board on a daily basis! We appreciate her ideas and support of the staff and children!

Sonbeam is in the process of renewing our STAR 4, our food program certification, and starting our license renewal as well.

If you are interested to help at Sonbeam, please talk with a board member anytime!

Your Sonbeam Board members are:

Laura Naylor

Christa Mummah

Dot Spancake

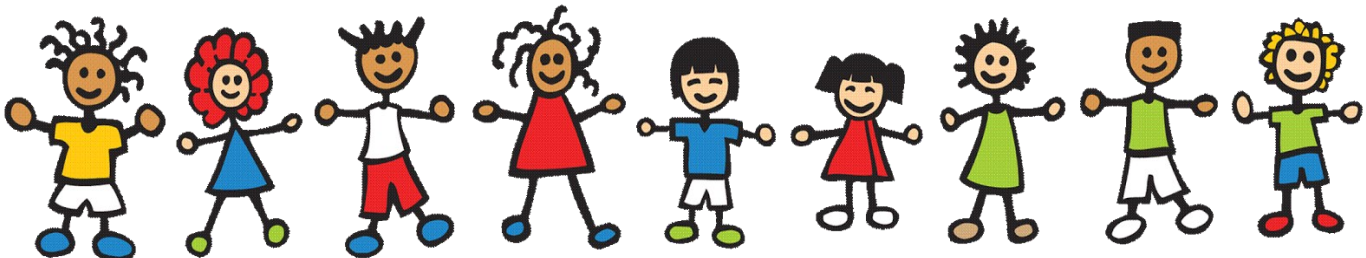
Angie Monteleone

Heather Dreese


Tricia Benner, Sonbeam Parent Representative

Pastor Karen Ward

Sonya Nace, Sonbeam Chairperson



October

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 10:15 am Chapel Time 6:30 Choir practice	3	4 4-5 pm Register for Christmas Angels	5 9-10 am Register for Christmas Angels
6 20th Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 am Worship at Camp Mt. Luther 5 pm Council meets	7	8	9 10:15 am Chapel Time 6:30 Choir practice	10 7:15 pm Faith Formation mtg.	11	12
13 21st Sunday after Pentecost, Penny Sunday Social Time Adult & Children's SS Class & Confirmation CROP WALK Reg. 1:30 Walk begins at 2 pm 5-7 pm, Community Fall Fest	14	15 7 pm Mutual Ministry mtg.	16 National Boss's Day 10:15 am Chapel Time 6:30 Choir practice	17 Pastor Karen on vacation 	18	19
20 22th Sunday after Pentecost → 9 am Worship Live and Online Social Time Adult, & Children's SS Classes meet Sharing the Season with Pumpkins & Mums	21 Pastor Karen back	22	23 10:15 am Chapel Time 6:30 Choir practice	24 Christmas Angels sign ups ending	25	26
27 Reformation Sunday 9 am Worship Live and Online Social Time Adult & Children's SS Class & Confirmation	28	29	30 6:30 Choir practice	31		

November

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 All Saints Sunday, Dime Sunday 9 am Worship Live and Online Social Time Adult, & Children's SS Classes meet 5 pm Council meets	4	5	6 10:15 am Chapel Time 6:30 Choir practice			9 Synod Council to meet at Trinity Veterans Parade in McAlisterville
10 25th Sunday after Pentecost, Penny Sunday Social Time Adult & Children's SS Class & Confirmation	11 	12	13 10:15 am Chapel Time 6:30 Choir practice	14	15	16
17 26th Sunday after Pentecost 9 am Worship Live and Online Budget meeting following worship Social Time Adult & Children's SS Class	18	19	20 10:15 am Chapel Time 6:30 Choir practice	21	22	 Holiday Bazaar 10-1:00 pm
24 Christ the King Sunday 9 am Worship Live and Online Social Time Adult & Children's SS Class & Confirmation	25	26	27 10:15 am Chapel Time 6:30 Choir practice	28 	29	30