



TRINITY HIGHLIGHTS

JUNE 2021

*The monthly newsletter of
Trinity Lutheran Church
Greencastle, PA*

Dear Family,

We've been studying the Apostle's Creed in Confirmation. We say we believe "in the holy catholic church." The youth (and if we're honest, we adults too) had some interesting misconceptions of what we're actually saying when we say that.

We began the conversation talking about church. What IS church? Every youth said, "the place where we worship." I bet that's where many of you would land as well. Except, that we know from experience church is NOT a building. If it were, in this time of pandemics and social distancing, the church really would be closed for business.

Except, Trinity certainly wasn't closed. We continued our ministry to collect food for the food pantry, connect and support each other in the family through prayer, cards and calls, gathered for worship (even if in a different form – on-line), met on-line through Zoom for Meetings, Bible Study, Confirmation and Children's Sunday School, Adult Sunday School, Prayer and continued the work of renewal attending meetings, and workshops finding new ways to relate to one another and our neighbors. It is actually miraculous when we look back at how active Trinity was and is during this tough time.

WE are the church. If tomorrow the building burned down, the church would still exist!

The word catholic (with a small c) means universal not the Christian tradition known as Roman Catholic. All followers of Jesus form the body of Christ called "church."

This month of June, Trinity will shift focus to the second principle which describes who we are at our best and guides our mission and ministry in the world. *"Trinity feeds the hungry physically, emotionally and spiritually."*

We gather together to be fed and nourished by the Word of God in Scripture and the Sacrament of Holy Communion. We feed the hungry spiritually.

We are called to feed our hungry neighbors. One way we do that is supporting the food pantry. In June, the renewal team is challenging the congregation to encircle the sanctuary with canned goods for the pantry. We feed the hungry physically.

The suicide rate has increased markedly since the pandemic. Kay Martin, social worker and liaison for the Greencastle Police, will present a workshop on suicide prevention and how we might help. Date and Time will be announced. It will be broadcast to the community via Facebook Live and on our website. We feed the hungry emotionally.

WE are church together. Asking what Jesus would have us do, we share Christ's love in word and deed with one another and our neighbors. Blessings on your journey!

Pastor Barb





2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Young Adult Zoom 7PM	2 Bible Study 11AM Worship & Music 7PM	3 Prayer 6PM	4 Synod Assembly	5 Synod Assembly
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June Worship Assistants

	JUNE 6	JUNE 13	JUNE 20	JUNE 27
Assisting Minister	Scott Valentine	Charlie Ford	Scott Valentine	Dave Wolfe
Ushers	Charlie Ford	Darrell Swart	Larson Thomas	Dave Wolfe
Singer	Matt Cessna	Zak Reynolds	Hannah Ruffner	Matt Cessna
IT Ministry	Beth Ford Darrell Swart	Tom Sidoli Darrell Swart	Beth Ford Tom Sidoli	Darrell Swart Beth Ford
Communion Preparers	Bud & Donna Wolfe	Sue Wunderlich	Beth & Charlie Ford	Bud & Donna Wolfe

TRINITY GRADUATES

Three members of our Trinity Family will graduate from Greencastle-Antrim High School this year. A graduation blessing for them was held during the worship service on May 23. The three graduates are:

- *Zachary Reynolds son of Will and Jamie Reynolds. Zak plans to major in Piano Performance at Wheaton College.*
- *Hannah Ruffner, daughter of Charlie and Beth Ford plans to major in Music Education at West Chester University.*
- *Brandon Sidoli, son of Tom Sidoli and Lauren Sidoli plans to major in History at Temple University.*



Pastor Barb blesses Zak, Hannah and Brandon



BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study at 11AM on Wednesdays now meets both by Zoom and in person to study the book of Romans. Email the office (tlcsecoffice@gmail.com) or the Pastor if you would like zoom information to participate in the class.

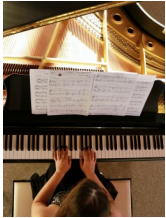


PLEASE PRAY WITH US

Each Thursday evening a group gathers on Zoom for pray for our congregation. Please call the office for the zoom information if you feel called to participate with the group. Otherwise, set your alarm on your phone to pray from wherever you are. That way we are praying together as a family.

SYNOD ASSEMBLY ASSEMBLY

Thank you to Trinity's two delegates to the Lower Susquehanna Synod's 2021 Spring Assembly. James and Lars Thomas will be attending assembly June 4 and 5 with Pastor Barb. The assembly will be held on-line from the church building.



MUSIC NOTES

What a treat to see almost 60 of you in the service on Pentecost Sunday, May 23! What a treat to honor and thank the graduating high school seniors, Zak Reynolds, Hannah Ruffner and Brandon Sidoli, and to have Hannah and Zak sing "The Prayer" that same day! As these young adults plan to leave for college in August, there are new faces in the Tech Room whom Brandon has trained and for whom I am most grateful - Beth Ford, Tom Sidoli and Darrell Swart.

You will soon see a relatively new face up front joining those who sing. I won't divulge the name right now, just keep watching! James Thomas, Scott Valentine and Ivan Wingert remain faithful to the Media Shout projection, and Scott and Matt Cessna continue as singers. All these volunteers contribute greatly to our worship services, so please thank them when you see them!

In June we focus on feeding the hungry physically, emotionally and spiritually; in July on being welcoming; and in August on being courageous to use our God-given gifts courageously. Pastor and I pray and brainstorm weekly on how to present the focus in a challenging and creative manner.

Still in the works is a concert by Hannah and Zak, most likely Sunday, August 15 at 6:30 PM, so stay tuned for confirmation of date and details!

A NOTE FROM THE FINANCE TEAM

We know many of our members travel during the summer or have other commitments. Your consistent support is vital to our church and mission, especially during the summer months.

If you think you'll miss church services this summer, consider electronic giving. It takes just a few moments to get started, and your regular donations will help sustain us throughout the year. Visit <https://tlcgreencastle.org> to set up secure contributions from your bank account, credit card or debit card. Trinity also offers the give+plus mobile app or the Simply Giving options for automated giving. Contact Pam Arnold for assistance with any of these options.

As always, you may drop off your offerings at the church office or mail directly to the church.

We sincerely thank you for your generosity to our community and various ministries!

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JUNE FOOD COLLECTION

At Trinity we feed the hungry physically. In June, the renewal team is challenging the congregation to line the sanctuary with canned goods to feed our hungry neighbors. How far can we get around the room?

COMING SOON!



At Trinity we feed the hungry emotionally. Kay Martin will be giving a workshop on suicide prevention for our congregation and the community. Details for a date and time will follow soon



YOUTH CORNER

The Young Adult Group which meets for a weekly Zoom Bible Study is holding a retreat at Grave Lodge, Nawakwa beginning Friday evening, May 28 and ending Saturday evening. This is for youth age 18 and older. If others are interested in joining they need to contact Rachelle Gehr.

This Young Adult Group does a short devotion and checks in every Tuesday on Zoom. Please contact Rachelle Gehr if you or someone you know would like to join.



I would like to thank the church for the scholarship that I received. It was a true gift to be able to serve the church for over 1 year. I would also like to thank everyone who sent me cards and gifts. It means a lot that I touched so many people with my work.

Brandon Sidoli

SPIRITRUST LUTHERAN AUXILIARY

The annual Spiritrust Lutheran Services Membership Drive is currently underway through 6/30/2021. Membership Envelopes are on the table as you enter the church. If interested, please fill-out a membership envelope, place check or cash in envelope and turn into the Church Office by no later than 06/30/2021. Checks should be made payable to "SpiriTrust Lutheran Auxiliary". Those attending church "virtually" who would like Auxiliary membership information mailed to them, please contact Susan Snyder.. We were unable to participate in the Auxiliary Membership drive in 2020 due to Covid, so please pray about it and if you are able to participate in 2021, please do.

JUNE SPECIAL APPEAL

The special appeal for June is Trinity's Camp Fund and Youth Education Fund. The Camp Fund helps each year to send our members to Lutheran summer camps. The Youth Education Fund allows many of Trinity's youth to take advantage of opportunities to work and worship with other youth within the Lower Susquehanna Synod and surrounding communities. The Youth Education and Camping Funds are strictly based on outside giving and are not budgeted into the annual general budget. Please consider giving to help support these worthy causes. If you desire to make a monetary donation, please mark your envelope for "Special Appeal".



R3 team continues our renewal focus

- The renewal team is continuing to take videos of the congregation asking, "What does it mean to be passionate about God?"
- Trinity will be exploring one principle a month through the summer. June's principle is "Feeding the hungry physically, emotionally and spiritually."
- Bring canned goods for the pantry. Support one another with prayer, cards and calls. Gather for worship, bible study and prayer. Information will follow about a suicide prevention workshop.
- Please continue to share your God moments with the Congregation. Call the office or comment on Facebook each week sharing where you've seen God.

Principles

Using the information from conversations with the congregation about our assets, wows and needs, the renewal team discerned these principles for Trinity moving forward. We will use these principles as lens through which to evaluate ministry opportunities moving forward.

Passionate about God

Feeding the hungry physically, emotionally and spiritually

Open, welcoming and friendly

Courage to creatively use our gifts in the community

Priorities

The renewal team also identified these current priorities for ministry for Trinity

Internal: Renew and deepen our connection with each other in the family

External: Renew and deepen our connection with our neighbors in the community and continue working with the Food Pantry



S'more Party May 22, 2021



God has blessed Trinity with an abundance. Many of our family give time, talent and supplies behind the scenes so our work as the people of God can happen. Each month we will take some time to say thank you. You are appreciated! If you know of someone who should be on this list, call the office.

- * Members of our family of faith who tithe in these difficult times stopping by the office, mailing in their donations or using Simply Giving or the on-line Give button on the website.
- * Charlie Ford mowing the lawn.
- * Sue Wunderlich takes the food donations to the pantry.
- * Leah Porto sends out the cards for birthdays and anniversaries from the congregation.
- Bud and Donna Wolfe set up for Pentecost Sunday, change the banners and keep the candles filled with oil.
- Anonymous donation for the pre-packaged communion kits
- * Brandon Sidoli for his weekly commitment to our on-line worship experience.
- * Beth Ford, Darrell Swart and Tom Sidoli training for taking over Facebook Live worship.
- * Scott Valentine for his weekly commitment to creating the worship slides and changing the hymn board notice.
- * Donna Wolfe for maintaining the worship leader schedule.
- * Darrell Swart for donating and preparing the S'more packets of goodies.
- * Pastor Barb, Tom Sidoli, Don Swart for the use of their fire pits for the S'more Party. Bud Wolfe and Don Swart donated the wood for the fires.



POSITION AVAILABLE

The Franklin County Area Agency on Aging has an opening for a Part-Time Food Service Worker for the Greencastle Senior Center. The starting rate is \$10.33 an hour. For more information, contact the Franklin County Human Resources Department.



Clinical Pastoral Training for Laypersons

WHAT: A course designed to teach dedicated and talented persons how to provide pastoral care in a hospital/clinical setting and to give them an opportunity to grow and mature in their role as lay leaders.

WHEN: Tuesdays from 9:00am-12:00pm, from June 15-November 16 at WellSpan Chambersburg Hospital. Weekly visitation practicum sessions also required. Graduation ceremony to be held in early December.

COST: Cost of required course materials (\$35) and required background checks and clearances. Otherwise, free.

Apply by May 28, 2021

www.wellspan.org → Medical Professionals → Allied Health and Other Programs → Clinical Pastoral Training

Space is limited...
Act today!

For more information, contact:

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Thanks to everyone who helped with the S'more Party on May 22.

LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE GENEROSITY OF JESUS

The Gift of Life in the Kingdom

Jesus is the generous giver of abundant life and the riches of the kingdom for all who seek Him first. This is good news for all, especially the poor (see Matthew 6:25–34; Luke 4:18–21; John 10:10).

The Invitation to Depend on God's Provision

Jesus instructs followers not to store up treasures on earth but to store them up in heaven. To live this way requires followers to depend on God for daily bread and everything else (see Matthew 6:9–13, 19–24).

The Report of the first Christ Followers

Materialism, greed, and covetousness hinder people from bearing fruit. The life Jesus offers is one hundred times better than the false security that money can buy. No wonder His followers give freely to underwrite fruitful mission (see Mark 4:1–20; 10:13–31; Luke 8:1–3).

The Paradox of Generosity

The teachings of Jesus are paradoxical: in letting go, we receive, and in grasping, we lose. Jesus says that faithful stewards put God's resources to work and are rich toward God, rather than holding them in fear as slaves to mammon (see Matthew 25:14–30; Luke 12:13–21; 16:1–13).

The Assessment Paradigm of Jesus

Jesus instructs disciples to handle money differently from the world and to care for those that society deems not worthy of care. In so doing, disciples live out the gospel, show their true faith, and gain heavenly reward (see Matthew 25:31–46; Luke 12:32–34).

The Promise of the Holy Spirit

Jesus promised His disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit—the greatest treasure. This gift is for all who believe (see John 14:15–17).

-Gary Hoag

Found on website: Stewardship of Life by Rob Blezard.