



TRINITY HIGHLIGHTS

MAY 2022

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

Family in Christ,

I love trees. My very favorite tree is the White Oak. My dad used to find little oak trees in the yard and save them for me to transplant and grow. I have a White Oak growing in my back yard about fifteen feet tall that came from one of those tiny seedlings. It fulfills the proverb, "Mighty oaks from little acorns grow." It is a good reminder to us that small isn't bad.

It is so easy for us to get discouraged when things don't seem to go right. It is so easy to give up when it seems that insurmountable odds are against us. Life can be hard, and in the church, we can get discouraged. We especially get discouraged when we are small, and don't feel like we can do anything, we begin to lose hope.

The past few years we have been dealing with the aftermath of the Covid pandemic. It isn't totally over yet. It has been difficult, and it has been hard on us all as we sought to understand what was going on and tried to figure out how to keep each other safe, but that's what we do as people of faith, we listen to Christ who tells us to love one another. We have weathered this ongoing storm, and all of the ups and downs it has brought with it. Thank you all for hanging in and supporting this community of faith.

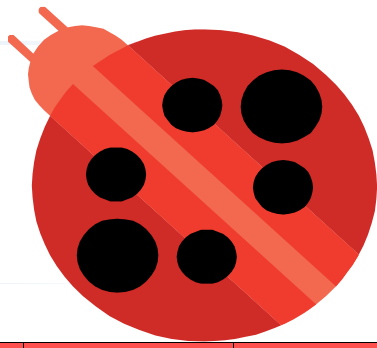
Now what I would like to ask of you all is to continue to support this community of faith, your community of faith. As we attempt to reach out to our community and as we attempt to aid others in need, please also continue to support this facility, this house of worship. Don't give up on us, have faith in God, and please continue to support us and give of your time, your talent, and your treasure. Help us to continue the ministry begun by others ages ago. Pitch in and help as you are able, not only to reach out but to also to reach in. Let us grow together as a faith community and let us grow stronger as a community of people faithful to God. Let's do something for ourselves to strengthen ourselves as a congregation.

Think about this. What might we do towards that goal? Share your ideas with us. Remember, bigger doesn't mean better, and little isn't always less. What can we do together? What will you do to help?

In Christ,

Pastor Denise





MAY 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Sunday School 9AM <i>Worship in Sanctuary and Facebook Live 10:15 AM</i>	2 AA 7PM	3	4 Worship & Music 7PM	5	6 AA 7PM	7
8 Sunday School 9AM <i>Fellowship 9:45 Worship in Sanctuary and Facebook Live 10:15 AM</i>	9 AA 7PM	10	11 Council 7PM	12	13 AA 7PM	14
15 Sunday School 9AM <i>Worship in Sanctuary and Facebook Live 10:15 AM</i>	16 AA 7PM	17	18	19	20 Youth Picnic ELC 7PM <i>AA 7PM</i>	21
22 Sunday School 9AM <i>Fellowship 9:45 Worship in Sanctuary and Facebook Live 10:15 AM</i>	23 AA 7PM	24	25	26	27 AA 7PM	28
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May Worship Assistants

	MAY 1	MAY 8	MAY 15	MAY 22	MAY 29
Assisting Minister	Don Swart	Dave Wolfe	Scott Valentine	Don Swart	Dave Wolfe
Communion Assistants	Carol Swart Darrell Swart Dave Wolfe	Donna Wolfe Sue Wunderlich Mary Thomas	Carol Swart Don Swart Darrell Swart	Dave Wolfe Donna Wolfe Sue Wunderlich	Mary Thomas Carol Swart Darrell Swart
Ushers	Donna Wolfe	Alan Shank	Charlie Ford	Donna Wolfe	Alan Shank
Singer	Scott Valentine	Scott Valentine	Ella Swart	Hannah Ruffner	Matt Cessna
IT Ministry	Tom Sidoli	Beth Ford	Darrell Swart	Darrell Swart	IT Team
Communion Preparers	Don & Carol Swart	Bud and Donna Wolfe	Sue Wunderlich Donna Wolfe	Charlie & Beth Ford	Don and Carol Swart

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS NEEDED

We have returned to receiving Communion as we traditionally did pre-Covid. This means that more people are needed to help as Assisting Ministers, Communion Assistants and Communion Preparers. Please prayerfully consider whether you might be able to serve in this way on Sunday morning.

Donna Wolfe coordinates the worship volunteers and would be very happy to answer any questions you might have about any of these ministry opportunities. She would be very happy to speak with you and provide training.



CONFIRMATION AT TRINITY

Several of our youth will be affirming their faith during the worship service on Pentecost Sunday, June 5. A time of fellowship will follow the service. Please plan to attend to recognize this step they are taking on their faith journey.

Have you ever noticed.....*People are confusing: they want the front of the bus, the middle of the road, and the back of the church!*



OLD HOME WEEK CHOIR

Registration is open till May 15 to sing in the Old Home Week choir for the worship services Sunday, Aug. 7 at 4:00 and 6:45 PM. Rehearsal schedule follows:

Rehearsal Schedule

Adult Choir (9 Tuesday Rehearsals)

6:15 – 7:40 PM

Greencastle-Antrim High School Auditorium

May 31, June 14, 21, 28 (No Rehearsal on June 7)
July 5, 12, 19, 26

August 2 (Extended Rehearsal: **6:15 – 8:15 PM**)

Adult Choir & Orchestra (Final Rehearsal)

Saturday, August 6 (**2:00 – 4:00 PM**)

Greencastle-Antrim High School Auditorium

If you have any questions, please speak with Sandra Wingert.



HELP NEEDED

The Property Committee is seeking volunteers to help with mowing the church grounds this spring and summer. If you would be interested in helping or need more information, please contact Darrell Swart.

MUSIC NOTES FROM SAUNDRA



Thank you to those who helped musically and technically to make Holy Week services at Trinity meaningful! If you did not attend the Maundy Thursday community service, I would encourage you to take an hour and view it on tlcgreencastle.org under worship videos. It was a very different service and a special blend of the worship traditions in our community. Trinity's Resurrection Day morning choir was a great enhancement to the worship!

Please welcome Dotti Zimmerman as keyboardist on May 8 when Sandra is on vacation.

And soon our college students will be returning and are already planning to contribute their talents to our service.

FELLOWSHIP TIME

Fellowship Hour is now the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month at 9:45 AM. We hope you will come and enjoy fellowship before worship begins.

MAY SPECIAL APPEAL

The special appeal for May is Spiritrust Lutheran Hospice. Most of us know of someone who has been cared for by the staff of Spiritrust Lutheran Hospice. The Hospice team is dedicated to caring for those living with a terminal illness and their families. They assist by managing pain and symptoms, providing support to the family, providing education on what to expect and teaching care giving techniques. They also provide grief support programs in our community. More information about the services of Hospice can be found in the brochures located in the rack by the office door. If you desire to make a monetary donation, please mark your envelope for "Special Appeal".

YOU CAN HELP



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

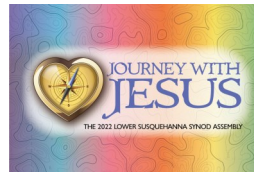
Barbara Grane at the Greencastle Food Pantry is asking for our help to stock the shelves for spring and summer.

To help us focus our efforts, each week we'll assign a food item. Please bring the assigned item when you come to worship to place in the box in the narthex or to the church on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday mornings.

- May 1 - Fruit and applesauce
- May 8 - Potato and rice mixes
- May 15 - Cereal
- May 22 - Canned pasta (like Chef Boy-R-D)
- May 29 - Canned vegetables

CALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED

We are in need of 5 congregational members to serve on the Call Committee. Beth Ford is the Council Representative and will facilitate meetings and communication for the group. This is an important commitment to our congregation and to God, to assist with determining what kind of pastor our congregation needs and the selection of the appropriate person. It is the committee's responsibility to complete the Ministry Site Profile and then interview candidates provided by the Synod. Ultimately a recommendation will be made by the committee and the congregation will vote as a whole. If you are interested in playing a part in the selection process for our next pastor, please let Beth Ford know. For more information on the call process, please visit <https://www.lss-elca.org/rostered-ministers/call-process/call-manual-congregations-institutions/>.



SYNOD ASSEMBLY DELEGATES NEEDED

Two members are needed to represent Trinity at the annual Synod Assembly. The Assembly will once again be held digitally, and all Assembly Participants are encouraged to engage in both the Assembly Edification or Learning Day, scheduled for Saturday, May 14, 2022, and the Assembly Business Days, scheduled for June 3-4, 2022. If you would be willing to serve in this important way, please speak with Matt Cessna or Pastor Denise.



YOUTH NEWS

The Youth continue to have weekly Tuesday night virtual devotions that others are welcome to join. We have about 5-7 regulars that are past graduates of youth group.

May 20th at 7pm the youth group will have a picnic at ELC as an attempt to get the youth together again and see what interest there might be for future youth get-togethers or meetings. Mark your calendars now to join us! Come and bring the family - no sign-up needed!



SPIRITRUST LUTHERAN AUXILIARY

The annual Spiritrust Lutheran Chambersburg Auxiliary membership drive will take place during the month of May. Anyone can join with a minimum contribution of \$1.00. Your support allows the Auxiliary to continue to make generous contributions to Spiritrust Lutheran, The Village at Luther Ridge, including donations to the Inn Endowment Fund and Homecare & Hospice Endowment Fund. These funds are essential to providing continued benevolent care. If you would like to join the Auxiliary or need more information, please contact Sue Snyder.

Checks should be made payable to "*Spiritrust Lutheran Auxiliary*".

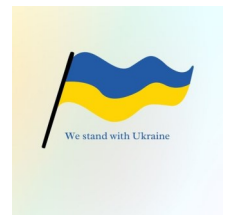
LUTHER RIDGE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteers are currently needed to assist residential living residents and team members on off-campus outings to restaurants, concerts, theater performances, and educational presentations. Please contact Linda Beaver at 717-264-0737 or lbeaver@spiritrustlutheran.org if you are interested in this or would like to explore other volunteer opportunities at The Village at Luther Ridge. Volunteers play an integral role in providing compassionate care and support to those we serve.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Greencastle-Antrim Christian Women's Fellowship will meet on May 24 at 9:30 AM in the Memorial Fellowship Hall of Evangelical Lutheran, Greencastle. The speaker will be Martin Zommerman III. His topic is *Overcoming Anxiety Through Creativity*.

UKRAINE MINISTRY UPDATE



An update from Pastor Drahos Oslik about the situation in Ukraine and Slovakia:

The work is not over. There are more people coming, with an immediate need of help, but there are also those, who now deal with integration into their new "home" and recovery from the trauma they experienced along the way. And our commitment is to stay involved in aiding those in need. So far the fund created by Evangelical, Waynesboro has been able to distribute around \$27,000 to congregations that are working directly with refugees. The financial support is helping with accommodations, food, clothing, transportation and school supplies for kids as well as direct help at the border. We are also helping inside Ukraine, at the border city of Uzhhorod, where thousands of Ukrainians fled to from the areas affected by war. In Uzhhorod we are partnering with Salvation Church, as they are feeding, housing, transporting and helping those looking for safety in their city but not looking to leave their country. THANK YOU! We would have not been able to do this without you! You are all a part of this work as we continue in communication with our partner congregations assessing current needs and coming up with plan of how to continue in helping the refugees. We will keep updating you as we continue in these humanitarian efforts. Thank you so much for all your generous contributions.

Slava Ukraini! Pastor Drahos

(To donate to this effort, you can include a donation in your Trinity offering and mark your envelope "*Ukraine*". Donations will be accepted for the foreseeable future. Funds collected will be sent to Evangelical, Waynesboro which has established a special account to support the work being done for the refugees. The funds will be wired directly to the Lutheran church in Pribelce, Slovakia and will be used for food, clothing, hygiene products, medicine and needed transportation.)

A copy of the entire letter with pictures is on the bulletin board in the Lobby.

Getting Rid of 'All the Crap'

And Jesus said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." -Luke 12:

The father of small children was commiserating about how hard it is to keep the house clean with energetic, active, creative kids at home. "What really gets to me about cleaning the house," he said, "is all the crap." Crap. Not just the toys and stuffed animals that overflow from toy bins, under beds and closets. The adult stuff, too – the gadgets crowding the kitchen, the cleaning products jammed under the sink, the stuff crammed in the medicine cabinet, the yard junk all over the lawn, and on and on.



The crap factor comes to mind in Jesus' parable of "the rich fool" in Luke 12:17-20. The fool has so much stuff, he wants bigger barns to hold it all. The parable should strike a chord with us in America, where accumulation is such a big problem that self-storage (our "bigger barns") is a booming business.

A man of few possessions, Jesus kept everything simple. He must have known how hard it is to focus on godly living when our lives are cluttered with stuff. Of course, Jesus' parable talks about possessions, but the same principle applies to the mind and heart's clutter of ideas, loyalties and desires that distract us from God. How cluttered is your house? Your mind? Your soul?

For the month of May, consider a house cleaning to get rid of unneeded, unnecessary stuff. And prayerfully consider what "clutter" may be in your mind, heart and soul as well. What needs to be tossed out, recycled or donated in order that your house and your spirit can focus on what's truly important? That is, the things of God.

--Rob Blezard

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