



# *TRINITY HIGHLIGHTS*

*May 2023*

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

## *Family in Christ,*

To you, what is church about? Why do you come (or not come)? What do you hope for when you do come? What is worship to be about?

We come to church not to be entertained, although there are some churches that try to do this. It is not to come to worship what “we want.” We gather here each Sunday to worship the one true God. We come to offer our prayer, praise and thanksgiving to the one who loved his creation and his creatures so much that he sent his son, Jesus into the world to show us God. Jesus, the one sent by God to save us from our sins and to give us new life in his name. Jesus. The one who suffered and died for us all and then rose again so that we too would have life everlasting. We come to show God that God has first place in our lives. That God has first place in our worship. We come to worship and praise God alone. We also offer up our prayers to God for the Earth, the world, for one another, for justice and health etc. How have you put God first lately? How have you helped this congregation worship God?

Not everyone likes the same things. Our worshipping community is made up of those who like traditional worship as well as those who like less traditional. But both groups praise God in their own way. We try to walk a fine line between the two. Neither one is right nor wrong, as they are different expressions of the same faith. What is important, however, is to remember who it is we worship. It is the same God, who comes to us as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the Creator, the Redeemer and the Sanctifier. It is the same God who each week is present with us in our worship, and the same Redeemer who, through the Holy Spirit is present with us in and with the bread and wine of communion.

This is what church is about. This is why we gather, to meet with Jesus who through the Spirit is present with us, and to honor the God of all things, who loves us, gives us his grace, and made sacrifices to save us all. We gather in thanksgiving to God, because it’s about God and his mission to love to bless and save the earth. We respond to his love.

*Pastor Denise*





# May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1  AA 7PM	2	3  Worship & Music 7PM Cub Mtg 7:30 PM	4	5  Set Up for Book Sale 6PM AA 8PM	6  Book Sale 9AM to 1PM
7 Sunday School 9AM Worship in Sanctuary and Facebook Live 10:15 AM	8  Outreach 7PM AA 7PM	9  Operations 7PM	10  Council 7PM	11	12  AA 8PM	13
14  Sunday School 9AM Worship in Sanctuary and Facebook Live 10:15 AM	15  AA 7PM	16	17	18 <i>Ascension</i>	19  AA 8PM	20
21  Sunday School 9AM Worship in Sanctuary and Facebook Live 10:15 AM	22  AA 7PM	23	24	25	26  AA 8PM	27
28 <i>Pentecost</i>  Worship in Sanctuary and Facebook Live 10:15 AM	29  AA 7PM	30	31			

# May Worship Assistants

	MAY 7	MAY 14	MAY 21	MAY 28
Assisting Minister	Charlie Ford	Scott Valentine	Don Swart	Dave Wolfe
Communion Assistants	Sue Wunderlich Robin Witmer-Kline Mary Thomas	Mary Thomas Donna Wolfe Rob Marsh	Carol Swart Sue Wunderlich Wendy Hall	Darrell Swart Mary Thomas Robin Witmer-Kline
Communion Cups	Josie Thomas	Josie Thomas	Josie Thomas	Josie Thomas
Ushers	Rob Marsh	Gust Barbuzanes	Norra Swart	Charlie Ford
Singer	Matt Cessna	Hannah Ruffner	Choir	Hannah Ruffner
IT Ministry	IT Team	IT Team	IT Team	IT Team
Communion Preparers	Donna Wolfe Sue Wunderlich	Alice Marsh Scott Valentine	Don and Carol Swart	Charlie and Beth Ford
Media Shout	Ivan Wingert	James Thomas	Scott Valentine	Ivan Wingert



**SATURDAY  
MAY 6**

**9AM TO 1PM**

**ALL BOOKS \$5 A BAG!**

**TRINITY LUTHERAN  
CHURCH**

**1186 JASON DRIVE  
GREENCASTLE**

**Homemade Baked Goods  
also Available**



## BOOK SALE INFORMATION

Trinity will be holding a Spring Cleaning Book Sale with Bake Sale next Saturday, May 6 from 9AM to 1PM. Used books which have been in storage at the church will be on sale for \$5 a bag. Cub Scout Pack 13 will be assisting as one of their community projects. We will also need help from the congregation for setting up, during the sale and with clean-up. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you can help. Talk with Scott Valentine if you have any questions.

Book Sale posters are on the table in the Lobby. Please take and post around the area to let people know about the sale. You can take a picture of the poster and post it on your Facebook page.

Donations of Baked Goods are needed for the sale. Donations can be dropped off Thursday from 9 AM to 1PM, Friday evening from 6PM to 8PM and before 9 AM on Saturday. If you can donate anything, please sign up on the form on the bulletin board. Contact Beth Ford if you have any questions.



## MUSIC NOTES

*Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!*

Lots to celebrate! "But now Christ has been raised from the dead. . . The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law; but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." (I Cor. 15:20, 56, 57)

And in the month of May we look to Christ's ascension and the pouring out of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost as well as honoring mothers and those who serve in our military.

Along with the individuals who sing each Sunday, for whom I am most grateful, the choir will sing the third Sunday this month, May 21. As always, anyone is welcome at 9:15 AM! Choir will take a break in June and we can discuss the third Sunday in July and August when we convene in May.

Since a couple of folks have asked me about seeing music for the songs we sing that are not in the hymnal, Carol Hughes and Scott Valentine are updating the music booklets we used prior to COVID. They are available in a bin as you enter the sanctuary each Sunday. Please feel free to pick one up to use during the service. The songs are alphabetized and you can then return the booklet to the bin as you exit.

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

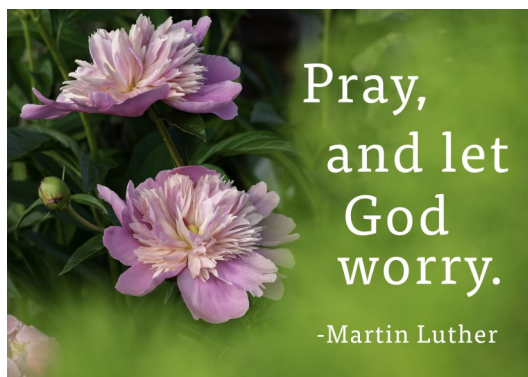
May 21 will be the last meeting of the Adult Sunday School class until the new session begins in September. Don Swart has retired after many years of teaching. James Thomas will be the new teacher for the class. The class meets at 9AM in the Adult Classroom. They are using *Wired Word* which is discussion based on current events.



## FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Barbara Grane at the Greencastle Food Pantry is asking for our help to stock the shelves. 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 7	Fruit and applesauce
May 14	Baked beans
May 21	Toilet paper
May 28	Canned vegetables



- *Thank you to Kristofer Palmer for putting a new roof on the shed and repairing the floor. We are very grateful for your help!*

- *Thank you to Don Swart for your 42 years of teaching Sunday School here at Trinity and*

*for other congregations. We are glad you are still available to substitute!*

- *A big thank you to everyone who helped with the preparation, serving and clean-up for the Community Dinner on Saturday, April 22.*



## 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".



## THANK YOU NOTES

**From Linda Singley:** *During a time like this we learn how much our friends and relatives really mean to us. Thank you to the congregation and pastor of Trinity for all your support. From the family of Minerva Trimmer.*

**From South Central Community Action Program (SCCAP):** *Thanks to your life-changing gift of \$100, we can continue to provide critical services to those in need in our community who need them the most. We thank you for your altruistic heart and entrusting SCCAP to put your generosity to work in our community.*



## 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".

## WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP MEETING



The May meeting of the Greencastle-Antrim Christian Women's Fellowship will be held at 9:30 AM on May 23 in Memorial Fellowship Hall of Evangelical Lutheran, Greencastle. The speaker for May will be Rev. Drahos Oslik who is the Associate Pastor at Evangelical Lutheran, Waynesboro. His topic is *Helping Ukrainian Refugees*. He has made several trips to his home country of Slovakia to help people who have fled the war in Ukraine.



## 2023 CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Matt Cessna - President  
Robin Witmer-Kline—Vice President  
Beth Ford - Secretary  
Don Swart  
Donna Wolfe  
Darrell Swart  
Sue Snyder

*Not Voting Council Members*  
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