



TRINITY HIGHLIGHTS

April 2024

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

Family in Christ,

We have weathered the unpredictable weather of the Lenten season and have come out on the other side. As I watched the flowering shrubs blooming in a snow squall, I thought what a wonderful reminder of Christ's death and resurrection!

It is Easter! What joy fills our hearts at the resurrection of our Lord Jesus! Everything he said has come to pass. He was crucified and on the third day rose again! Alleluia!

Despite the fact that Jesus is risen, we learn from the story of Thomas, the doubting one, that in fact the wounds from the crucifixion still remain. Jesus Christ is forever the crucified and risen Son of God. It doesn't lessen the resurrection as it is a visible reminder to us of what he suffered on our behalf. It makes Easter all the more joyful.

We believe in the crucified and risen Christ, always crucified and always risen.

We live our lives in gratitude for the gifts given to us by God. We are Easter people, people of the resurrection who seek to carry this message in word and in deed to others in the world. Easter, the Anglo-Saxon word for "Spring," the season of the resurrection. Spring, the season the dead and dormant earth comes to life again in the greening of the grass, the budding of the trees, the new life coming in the animal kingdom, the awakening of hibernating creatures.

New life is all around. Thanks be to God who gives us the victory in our Lord Jesus Christ, the crucified and risen one. Alleluia!

In His Name, Easter blessings!

Pastor Denise





APRIL

2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 AA 7PM	2	3 Worship & Music 7PM <i>Scouts 7:30PM</i>	4	5 Den Mtg 6PM <i>AA 7PM</i>	6
7 Sunday School 9AM <i>Worship in Sanctuary and Facebook Live 10:15 AM</i>	8 AA 7PM <i>Outreach 7PM</i>	9 Operations 7PM	10 Council 7PM	11	12 AA 7PM	13
14 Sunday School 9AM <i>Worship in Sanctuary and Facebook Live 10:15 AM</i> Conference Assembly 2PM	15 AA 7PM	16	17	18	19 AA 7PM	20 Blood Drive 9AM - 1PM <i>Boy Scout Campout</i>
21 Sunday School 9AM <i>Worship in Sanctuary and Facebook Live 10:15 AM</i>	22 AA 7PM	23	24	25	26 AA 7PM	27
28 Sunday School 9AM <i>Worship in Sanctuary and Facebook Live 10:15 AM</i>	29 AA 7PM	30				

April Worship Assistants

	APRIL 7	APRIL 14	APRIL 21	APRIL 28
Assisting Minister	Charlie Ford	Dave Wolfe	Don Swart	Scott Valentine
Communion Assistants	Carol Swart Darrell Swart	Mary Thomas Donna Wolfe	Carol Swart Wendy Hall	Robin Witmer-Kline Sue Wunderlich
Communion Cups	Josie Thomas	Josie Thomas	Josie Thomas	Josie Thomas
Greeters	Norra Swart	Sally Funk	Shirley Freeman	Robin Witmer-Kline
Ushers	Norra Swart	Rob Marsh	Donna Wolfe	Alice Marsh
Singer	Phyllis McCullough	Matt Cessn Hannah Ruffner	The Choir	Wendy Hall
IT Ministry	IT Team	IT Team	IT Team	IT Team
Communion Preparers	Don and Carol Swart	Donna Wolfe Sue Wunderlich	Don and Carol Swart	Charlie and Beth Ford
Media Shout	James Thomas	James Thomas	Ivan Wingert	Ivan Wingert

PRAYER LABYRINTH

Please take note of the Prayer Labyrinth in the Narthex. It was made by Norra Swart and her family as a project for Confirmation. It symbolizes a spiritual journey and has readings from the Psalms for each steppingstone. There are Bibles in the Narthex which you can use to look up all of the passages that Norra selected. Thank you Norra for this! Members of Trinity, please take the time to explore the labyrinth and journey through the Psalms.



BIBLE AND BREW



Bibile and Brew will meet on Wednesday, April 3 at 6 PM at Rough Edges Brewing, 91 West Main Street, Waynesboro. Anyone age 18 or over is welcome – the more, the merrier!

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS



"As our numbers continue to increase, we continue to be thankful for your continued support. You are truly a blessing to us and those in our community who need food." 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.

- April 7 - Peanut butter and jelly
- April 14 - Cereal
- April 21 - Baked beans
- April 28 - Canned pasta like Chef-Boy



**BLOOD DRIVE AT TRINITY
PLEASE PLAN TO DONATE!**

The Central Pennsylvania Blood Bank will hold a Blood Drive at Trinity on Saturday, April 20 from 9AM to 1PM. Please plan to donate if you are able. It is strongly suggested that you schedule an appointment to donate that day. To schedule your donation, go to 717GiveBlood.org and click on DONATE NOW or call 1-800-771-0059 or scan the QR Code on one of the posters at the church. Walk-Ins are welcome; however, donors with appointments will be taken first and this may result in a wait time.

Everyone who donates will receive a \$5 Giant/Martins gift card and 2 free admission vouchers to a Harrisburg Comedy Zone Show.

The Central Pennsylvania Blood Bank supplies blood to the Chambersburg and Waynesboro Hospitals.

Please help us spread this information out in the community! Posters are available at the church and we ask people on Facebook to share the information on local news sites.

BLOOD DRIVE
 Saturday, April 20th - 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
 Trinity Lutheran - Greencastle
 1186 Jason Drive, Greencastle 17225
In the Fellowship Hall

Everyone will receive 2 FREE admission vouchers to a Harrisburg Comedy Zone Show & a \$5 Giant gift card!



3 ways to schedule your donation appointment:
 • go to 717GiveBlood.org & click on **DONATE NOW**
 • call 1-800-771-0059
 • scan the QR Code

A form of ID is REQUIRED to donate

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

We strongly suggest you schedule an appointment to donate blood. Appointments help us improve your donation experience.
 • Walk-Ins are welcome; however, donors with appointments will be taken first and this may result in a significant wait time.



ATTENTION!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

- Volunteers from the congregation will be needed on Saturday, April 20 to help with the soup and baked goods table. There is a sign-up sheet in the Lobby or you can contact Mary Thomas if you will be able to help.
- We are not able to do Media Shout slides for worship as the hard drive on the computer in the sound booth crashed. We are looking into options for either replacing the computer, Media Shout or both. We have no clue at this point what it will cost. We will inform the congregation when we have more information.

**TRINITY IS HAVING
A SOUP SALE !**



**Chicken Corn
and
Beef Vegetable**

\$12 a Quart

**Pre-Order by April 12 at tlcgreencastle.org
or on the order form at the church.**

**Pick up soup at the church on Saturday,
April 20 between 9AM and 1PM
Homemade baked goods will also be
available for purchase that day.**

**Proceeds support the
church's audio/tech needs.
10% will be donated to the
Central PA Blood Bank.**



WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP MEETING

The April meeting of the Greencastle-Antrim Christian Women's Fellowship will be held at 9:30 AM on April 23 in Memorial Fellowship Hall of Evangelical Lutheran, Greencastle. The speaker for April will be Mike Straley. His topic will be *Turning Pain into Passion*. He is the founder of Leah's Legacy Foundation, a non-profit dedicated to helping women in sober-living recovery.

APRIL SPECIAL APPEAL

The special appeal for April is Chambersburg Conference Furniture Storage Shed Ministry. This is a ministry of the Lutheran churches in Franklin County which stores used household items that can be given to families in need. These funds will be used to help pay for rent on the storage shed. If you desire to make a monetary donation, please mark your envelope for "Special Appeal".

CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL 2024

Members of the Congregational Council for 2024 will be installed during the worship service on January 7. They were elected at the Congregational Meeting in December. Council officers will be elected at the January 10, 2024 meeting.

Members for 2024 are:

Darrell Swart - President
Matt Cessna - Vice President
Beth Ford - Secretary
Wendy Hall
Sue Snyder
Mary Thomas
Robin Witmer-Kline

Non-Voting Members:

Pam Arnold - Financial Secretary
Carol Swart - Treasurer

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As you may or may not know, I have recently enrolled at United Lutheran Seminary in Gettysburg/Distant Learning program. I am presently in my second semester at ULS, and things are going well. I am attending as a part-time student because I also have financial commitments with one daughter who just graduated from Bloomsburg University with her BSN degree less than a year ago and preparing to send another to college in just over a year. That said, I wanted to declare my intentions to everyone who has not had a chance to talk with me about my decision.

I have had the inner calling for ministry for the better part of 20 years, especially a calling to rostered ministry. Since 2016, I have noticed more of the external call occurring as many of you have said to me personally that I should go into ministry. For that, I want to thank you for helping me with my decision. As I tell many people, getting a call to ministry is like having a nagging itch that you just can't scratch.

I entered ULS last fall as a Master of Arts student so that I could "test the waters". As I have continued through seminary, I do feel a stronger calling by God to continue my pursuit to rostered ministry. Because I am part time, my degree will take longer to achieve but I hope to have it completed by the time Abbie achieves her undergraduate degree. I want to take a minute now to let you know what my next hurdles will be to jump over.

First, I will need to submit my paperwork to the synod level for candidacy for their review. I will be required to go through multiple interviews, including a psychological evaluation and once everything is cleared, accept my entrance into candidacy.

Second, I will notify ULS that I am changing my degree to the MDiv. Program, which is the professional degree that all new pastors in the ELCA must obtain. I will then be able to move into the MDiv track. I will be required to perform clinical field work at a congregation other than my home congregation which will probably take place in the fall. This will be a pivotal moment for me as I have never called anywhere else home except for Trinity. You are my congregational family so this will be a big step when I begin this leg of my journey.

For now, I will be with you when possible and I plan on continuing to be involved with the ministry programs at Trinity as much as time will allow. I only ask for your prayers at this time. While this adventure is exciting, change is always scary; even for me.

Thank you all for your love and support,

Dave Wolfe