



# *TRINITY HIGHLIGHTS*

*June 2024*

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

Dear Family in Christ,

We are so very fortunate to have members and employees who care for Trinity and its future. We are so fortunate to have all of you as members of the body of Jesus Christ gathered in this place.

We all know that Trinity's future is uncertain. Trinity is not the only congregation in this spot. There are many. There are only 6 congregations in our conference that have full time pastors. There are 11 who do not have pastors and use interim pastors, or just Sunday supply pastors.

To continue to be in this place for a few more years the Council, the Synod and the Council at Evangelical have been discussing what we can do together. Neither congregation can afford a full-time pastor. Despite what you might hear in the community, **neither congregation can afford a full-time pastor**. The salary for a new pastor is \$60,070 (including housing allowance). This does not include Pension (rate is 12%) or Benefits (close to another \$30,000) or Social Security allowance, or Continuing Ed, or Professional expenses, etc. If you have a pastor with multiple degrees, or professional certificates, that's even more money.

It seems the best plan for both congregations would be to share a pastor. For more info on that please read Matt Cessna's article in this newsletter.

I encourage you to attend the meeting we are having with our Synod representatives on June 9, following the service. They will entertain questions on what sharing a pastor could look like. This is not a merger, but a sharing of pastoral leadership. Please keep an open mind. I would love nothing better than to have both congregations be financially independent and viable, but that is not the case. We need to be looking to do something to ensure our future ministry in this place.

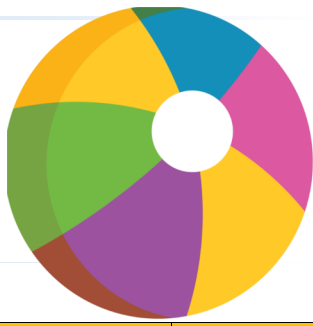
I want to thank you all for your continued support of Trinity and its mission to Christ Jesus. I especially want to thank all who participate in our weekly worship services, both those just attending and those volunteering as ushers and communion helpers. To our assisting ministers I give special thanks because I appreciate all that they do to aid me and to make our worship experience all that it is.

Even more so, I want to thank Sandra, our wonderful church musician for her continued hard work to support our worship of God, as well as our wonderful choir and song leaders. Thank you all for all that you do. You are all appreciated! Blessings to us all as we serve our Lord.

In Christ,

*Pastor Denise*





# JUNE 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Worship in Sanctuary and Facebook Live 10:15 AM	3 AA 7PM	4	5 Biblr & Brew 6 PM Worship & Music 7PM Scout Mtg 7:30 PM	6	7 AA 7PM	8
9 Worship in Sanctuary and Facebook Live 10:15 AM Synod Rep Mtg	10 Outreach 7PM AA 7PM	11 Operations 7PM	12 Council 7PM	13	14 AA 7PM	15
16 ELC Worship and Picnic 10:45 AM <b>NO WORSHIP AT TLC</b>	17 AA 7PM	18	19	20	21 AA 7PM	22
23 Worship in Sanctuary and Facebook Live 10:15 AM	24 AA 7PM	25	26	27	28 AA 7PM	29
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# June Worship Assistants

	JUNE 2	JUNE 9	JUNE 16	JUNE 23	JUNE 30
Assisting Minister	Charlie Ford	Scott Valentine	ELC Worship and Picnic	Dave Wolfe	Charlie Ford
Communion Assistants	Rob Marsh Sue Wunderlich	Robin Witmer-Kline Mary Thomas	↓	Wendy Hall Robin Witmer-Kline	Dave Wolfe Sue Wunderlich
Communion Cups	Josie Thomas	Josie Thomas		Rob Marsh	Josie Thomas
Greeters	Shirley Freeman	Robin Witmer-Kline		Alan Shank	Sue Wunderlich
Ushers	Alice Marsh	Rob Marsh		Alan Shank	Donna Wolfe
Singer	Wendy Hall	Hannah Ruffner		Ella Swart	Wendy Hall
IT Ministry	IT Team	IT Team		IT Team	IT Team
Communion Preparers	Charlie and Beth Ford	Donna Wolfe Sue Wunderlich		Charlie and Beth Ford	Donna Wolfe Sue Wunderlich



**ELC WORSHIP AND PICNIC**  
**SUNDAY, JUNE 16**  
**10:45 AM**  
 (No Service at Trinity that day)

**ANTRIM PARK PAVILION**  
**\$8 PER PERSON**  
 (Pay at the Picnic)

Picnic will be catered by Mikie's. The menu includes: Beef Brisket, Chicken Tenders, Baked Beans, Macaroni Salad, Relish Tray, Applesauce, Cookies, Ice Cream and Bottled Water.

**Dress Casual and Bring a Lawn Chair**

**Rain?? Will be held at ELC**

**Sign Up at Trinity by June 9 !**

## 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.



- June 2 - Canned fruit
- June 9 - Peanut butter and jelly
- June 16 - Cake mixes
- June 23 - Dry pasta
- June 30 - Canned vegetables



## SAVE THE DATE !

Trinity's annual Outdoor Worship and Picnic will be held on Sunday, July 28 at Antrim Park. ELC will be joining us that day. More information will be coming soon!

# MUSIC MINISTRY

The Trinity music news as summer approaches is that an organ tuning is scheduled for June 4 so we can put it to use again. A cipher has been stuck since early April so that when it is turned on, it played continuous notes on its own, making it virtually impossible to use it.

I am pleased to share that Choir voted to continue singing throughout the summer on the third Sunday of each month. However, ELC invited Trinity to their summer picnic June 16 so there will be no service at Trinity that third Sunday. Rather, all are invited to Antrim Park for the joint service and picnic. Plans are for choir to sing July 21 and August 18. As always, all are welcome to sing. Please just show up at 9:15 AM July 21 and/or August 18 for warm-up.

We are patiently awaiting the launch of Pro Presenter as our new program to put the service on the screen, hopefully for both the in-house and online audiences. Thanks to Beth Ford and Darrell Swart who have done most of the leg work to decide on the new program. Like all technology, more was involved than originally thought, but I am confident our patience will pay off in the end.

My hope is that we can learn some new music this summer including a new Gospel Acclamation recommended by Pastor Denise and that Josie will share her violin talents with us for a Call to Worship!

Thank you for the privilege of continuing to serve as your music director!  
*Saundra Wingert*

## ELC PRESCHOOL TEACHER NEEDED

ELC is hiring a part-time Preschool Teacher. More information is on the poster on the bulletin board in the Lobby and a full job description can be found at [elcgreencastle.org](http://elcgreencastle.org). Resumes are due by June 10.



## BIBLE AND BREW

*Bible and Brew* will be meeting on Wednesday, June 5 at Rough Edges Brewing in Waynesboro at 6 PM. Please contact Rachelle Gehr or

Dave Wolfe at (717) 371-9919 or (717) 658-1538 if you are planning to attend.

## JUNE SPECIAL APPEAL

**THE SPECIAL APPEAL** for June is Friends of KC Inc. Through compassion, empathy and experience, it is their mission to bring home lost animals, educate the community and provide resources that continue this mission. If you desire to make a monetary donation, please mark your envelope for "Special Appeal".



*Thank you to the members of Trinity Lutheran Church, Greencastle from the Lower Susquehanna Synod of the ELCA in grateful appreciation for giving \$6,735.00 for Mission Support beyond the congregation for synod and churchwide ministries of the ELCA exceeding your Mission Support Plan.*



## CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

Members of the Congregational Council for 2024 were elected at the Congregational Meeting in December 2023.

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



## MEETING JUNE 9 FOLLOWING WORSHIP SERVICE!

Dear Friends at Trinity,

At our last meeting with ELC and the Synod, we discussed a couple of options for having a shared pastor for the two congregations.

The discussion revolved around possibly having a shared pastor through a term call. A term call is exactly what it sounds like. The pastor would be called for a set length of time or term. The typical term call is in the range of 3 to 4 years, but can be any length of time that is agreed on by the congregations and the pastor being called.

The benefit of a term call is that there is no obligation by either party to continue the call after the term expires. It could be beneficial in finding a pastor since there may be a pastor that does not want to make a long term commitment to a congregation.

Having a shared pastor would be beneficial to assist in our discussions for the future of the two churches. Since the shared pastor would be in direct contact with both congregations, they would get a good feel for the wants and needs of each congregation. They would also help us decide what our shared ministry might ultimately look like. If that is the route we decide on, there are a couple of options regarding what our shared ministry might look like.

1. Separate- Stay two separate congregations, but share a pastor.
2. Partnership – Combine congregations, but stay in separate buildings. In this option we could still share committees and have joint services and other activities on occasion.
3. Stay separate congregations, but share one building.

These are just a few examples of what a shared ministry might look like.

Another benefit of having a shared pastor is that the cost would be split between the two congregations. The split could be any percentage that works. If the time is split 50-50 between the two congregations, then the cost would be split 50-50. If the time split is 60-40, then the cost would be split 60-40 and so on.

Council will be discussing this at one of our upcoming meetings. Then the council would make recommendations to the congregation and we would call a congregational meeting to discuss. We don't need to make any final decisions at this meeting but rather get a consensus from the congregation as to how we might want to move forward.

A representative from the synod will be joining us at our Sunday service on June 9th to answer any questions you may have. I encourage you to think about this between now and then and come prepared with any questions you may have. If you are not able to attend that Sunday and you have questions you would like asked, please contact a member of council or send your questions to the church office.

I look forward to seeing you all June 9th. Please try to be present that Sunday because this is a great chance to get your questions answered. The synod representative will certainly be able to answer your questions better than the council members will be able to.

Respectfully submitted,

*Matt Cessna*

Council Vice-President.

