



TRINITY HIGHLIGHTS

September 2024

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

Dear Family in Christ,

Summer is about over, and school is back in session. September is about the beginning. The beginning of a new school year, the beginning of Sunday School, the beginning of activities that were on hiatus over the summer, and soon the beginning of Autumn.

We like to put these new beginnings on the back burner, and we try to extend the summer, but for the good of our church and the good of ourselves we need to get on with the business of the church. One of the ongoing events that Trinity has is its online meetings with the Synod and GSB fundraising to learn about effective stewardship. It's called "Building a Culture of Generosity." Watch and Listen for more information.

Fall is the perfect time to think about generosity. It's a time historically that people gave the first fruits of their crops and animals in thanksgiving to God for a good harvest. It was good practice back then and it is a good practice now. We share the harvest of our personal wealth, whatever that may be, with the Lord, with the Greencastle Food Bank, and in a cooperative effort we will also be sharing the harvest with ELC's Food Pantry. Their Food Pantry tries to cover those who may not meet the criteria that the Greencastle Food Bank uses to determine eligibility. They may have hit a rough patch and have an emergency need, and their need can't wait for the Food Bank to be open. There are all sorts of scenarios in play.

The Gospel calls us to be merciful, to be caring and to reach out to those in need. The Gospel calls us to be generous to God for the blessings that we have received, and in faith, to reach out to those in need.

Let's begin the Fall season by coming to worship the God who has given us all a new beginning. Let us all be generous in response to the generosity we ourselves have received from God. Let's all begin anew.

In Christ,

Pastor Denise



SEPTEMBER

2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Worship in Sanctuary and Facebook Live 10:15 AM	2 AA 7PM	3	4 Worship & Music 7PM Scout Meeting 7:30 PM	5	6 Den Mtg 6PM AA 7PM	7 Lutheran Men in Mission 6PM
8 Sunday School 9AM Worship in Sanctuary and Facebook Live 10:15 AM	9 Outreach 7PM AA 7PM	10 Operations 7PM	11 Bible & Brew 6:30PM Council 7PM	12 Joint Bible Study 7PM	13 AA 7PM	14
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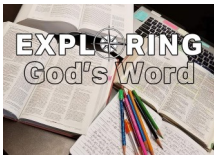
September Worship Assistants

	SEPTEMBER 1	SEPTEMBER 8	SEPTEMBER 15	SEPTEMBER 22	SEPTEMBER 29
Assisting Minister	Dave Wolfe	Scott Valentine	Charlie Ford	Scott Valentine	Charlie Ford
Communion Assistants	Donna Wolfe Sue Wunderlich	Dave Wolfe James Thomas	Robin Witmer-Kline Darrell Swart	Wendy Hall Mary Thomas	Donna Wolfe Sue Wunderlich
Communion Cups	Josie Thomas	Josie Thomas	Josie Thomas	Josie Thomas	Josie Thomas
Greeters	Sally Funk	Shirley Freeman	Robin Witmer-Kline	Sue Wunderlich	Norra Swart
Ushers	Alan Shank	Charlie Ford	Rob Marsh	Donna Wolfe	Alice Marsh
Singer	Wendy Hall	Hannah Ford	The Choir	Ella Swart	Matt Cessna
IT Ministry	IT Team	IT Team	IT Team	IT Team	IT Team
Communion Preparers	Donna Wolfe Sue Wunderlich	Charlie and Beth Ford	Alice Marsh	Scott Valentine	Donna Wolfe Sue Wunderlich



SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS!

Sunday School begins on Sunday, September 8 at 9AM. All are welcome to attend - teen to adult. James Thomas will be leading and will continue to use *The Wired Word* to discuss current events and issues in the context of the Bible's teachings.



PLEASE JOIN US

Pastor Denise will be leading a joint Bible Study for Trinity and ELC. We will be studying First Corinthians.

The first session will be held on Thursday, September 12 at 7PM at Trinity.

SAVE THE DATE!

The Outreach Committee is planning another Baked Potato Dinner for Saturday, October 19. Please stay tuned for more information.

Lower Susquehanna Synod
Year of Prayer

MONTHLY RESOURCES

PRAYER PETITION FOR
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

Renewing God, as clay takes shape under the hands of the potter, may your hands shape the construction of Mbeya Hospital of the Konde Diocese in Tanzania. May the construction of this hospital remain rooted in your guidance. Like the potter who spins, pushes, and pulls the clay, may the builders and engineers be led by your wisdom.

Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Access More Resources & Links For
The Lower Susquehanna Synod Year of Prayer
bit.ly/lssyearofprayer



MUSIC NOTES



The Choir will lead worship on Sunday, Sept. 15. We practice that morning at 9:15 AM. All are welcome to join us!

"It is good to give thanks to the Lord and to sing praises to Your name, O Most High; to declare Your lovingkindness in the morning and Your faithfulness by night. . . with resounding music." (Psalm 92: 1, 2, 3b)

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BIBLE AND BREW

The next Bible and Brew meeting will be held at Montezuma's Mexican Restaurant on Wayne Ave. in Chambersburg on September 11 at 6:30 pm. The topic will be "the God of Islam, The God of Judaism, the God of Christianity and the Gods of the Ancient World. Please contact Dave Wolfe or Rachelle Gehr if you have any questions.

SEPTEMBER SPECIAL APPEAL



The Special Appeal for September is the Greencastle-Antrim Food Pantry which is sponsored by the local Ministerium. It

is located at the Greencastle Presbyterian Church. Funds donated help to purchase food that is needed and has not been donated. Please mark your donation "Special Appeal".

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.

September 1 - Cereal

September 8 - Pasta sauce in cans or plastic jars

September 15 - Canned chicken

September 22 - Canned fruit

September 29 - Cake mixes



The ELC Men in Mission (MIM) Group will be meeting on the first Saturday of each month at 6 PM in the Hospitality Room at ELC. We invite men from Trinity to join us for prayer, fellowship, and Bible study. Refreshments will be served and we will adjourn no later than 7:30. All are welcome!

STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

Trinity will participate in a Stewardship program offered by the Lower Susquehanna Synod for congregations seeking to

- Stabilize and grow financial giving
- Teach Biblical stewardship principles
- Build a foundation for a generous culture

We are looking for participants to join a TLC team to attend the virtual program. 6 virtual sessions will be held August 22, September 5, September 19, October 3, November 7, and November 21 at 2 PM and 7 PM. The program will provide inspiration, guidance, ideas, and materials to nurture a culture of generosity and stewardship. If you are interested in helping with this important program, please see anyone on council.



SOMETHING NEW AT TRINITY

Starting on Sunday October 6th we will be introducing Children's Church into our worship experience. At the beginning of the service Pastor Horn will have the children come forward to spend a few minutes with her and then go to one of the Sunday School rooms for 30-40 minutes of Sunday School. The children will return to the Nave and rejoin their parents for Holy Communion and the rest of the service. Right now Children's Church will be the first Sunday of each month. This is a new experience for Trinity.

HELP IS NEEDED. If you are willing to assist with this program please speak to Pastor Horn or Doug McCullough.

2025 BISHOPS ELECTION LISTENING SESSIONS

Listening Sessions are being held across the synod to help members of the Mission Committee prepare the *Synod Mission Profile* and *Gifts of a Bishop* documents. These sessions are open to all ELCA members from the Lower Susquehanna Synod (that is you!) Please arrive on time to the listening session. Bring a writing utensil and paper. We look forward to your participation and insights! Tuesday, September 3, 2024; 6:30 – 8:30pm; St. Luke Lutheran Church; 2695 Luther Drive; Chambersburg, PA

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Trinity is grateful to have received an anonymous donation from a family at Trinity towards the mortgage principle. This is extremely beneficial as we look to refinance this fall. We thank them for their generosity. If anyone else is interested in helping pay down the mortgage principle, the status of the mortgage is:

Mortgage July: \$886,921.00
After regular payment: \$883,707.18
Gift toward principle: \$5,000.00
Mortgage after gift toward principle:
\$878,707.18



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

