



# *TRINITY HIGHLIGHTS*

*OCTOBER 2024*

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

Family in Christ,

One of my favorite Bible passages is the story of the Widow's Mite. Jesus watches people putting their offering into the treasury in the Temple. Then he notices a poor widow come and put in two simple, small copper coins, a mite, all that she had to live on. Jesus tells about the faith of this poor widow and her gift. How her contribution was all that she had, despite the small amount. It reminded me of a number of people over the years who made such gifts of faith to the church, to Christ's church.

Right now, though, I want to focus on one such women of faith that I knew personally. The first was Gladys, who taught Sunday School when I was a wee small child. She taught our classes which met in the Deaconess house at the church. She was always active in the church, always doing things for the church, always living out her faith. She became a mentor and a friend when I was a teen.

When I went to college, she always sent notes of encouragement. Occasionally I would get anonymous notes that simply said, "For caring and sharing in service to others in Christ's name." Included would be a twenty-dollar bill. It was from Gladys, despite not being signed. That was Gladys. She cared. Gladys was not a wealthy woman. She lost her oldest son in a traffic accident. Her husband and another son died when their house burned. This did not stop Gladys. In faith she continued her life, her work, and her love for the church and for the people of God. Gladys did not have a lot of money. She was one of those people who would reuse a tea bag. More than once!

Despite the little that she had, and despite the hardships she faced, Gladys continued in faith, shared her little sum with others and lived a truly faithful life. She was so faithful, that I believe her story should be called "The Widow's **Might**." There was nothing little about all of the joy, the goodness, and faith that Gladys shared. Gladys was an example to all, especially to me. Her generosity holds a place in my heart always and I was privileged to know her. She has always been an example of faithful living and faithful giving.

We cannot separate giving and faith. Our giving is a faithful response to the gift of salvation that God has given us in Jesus. Our giving isn't really to the "church" but to the ministry begun here by Christ in the faith of those present today and those gone on before us. Faithful giving is faithful living. It is living each day in the faith of Jesus Christ.

What examples of faith and generosity have you had in your life? How have those examples affected you and your giving? How might the story of Gladys and others inform your faithful giving?

In Christ,

*Pastor Denise*



# OCTOBER 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Women's Bible Study 1PM	2 Worship & Music 7PM	3 Bible Study 7PM <i>Scout Mteeting 7:00 PM</i>	4 Den Mtg 6PM <i>AA 7PM</i>	5 Lutheran Men in Mission 6PM
6 Sunday School 9AM <i>Worship in Sanctuary and Facebook Live 10:15 AM</i>	7 AA 7PM	8 Women's Bible Study 1PM	9 Bible & Brew 6:30 PM <i>Council 7PM</i>	10	11 AA 7PM	12
13 Sunday School 9AM <i>Worship in Sanctuary and Facebook Live 10:15 AM</i>	14 AA 7PM <i>Outreach 7PM</i>	15 Women's Bible Study 1PM	16	17 Bible Study 7PM	18 AA 7PM	19  Potato Bar 4PM to 7PM
20 Sunday School 9AM <i>Worship in Sanctuary and Facebook Live 10:15 AM</i>	21 AA 7PM	22 Women's Bible Study 1PM	23	24 Bible Study 7PM	25 AA 7PM	26
27 <b>Reformation Sunday</b> Sunday School 9AM <i>Worship in Sanctuary and Facebook Live 10:15 AM</i>	28 AA 7PM	29 Women's Bible Study 1PM	30	31 Bible Study 7PM		

# October Worship Assistants

	OCTOBER 6	OCTOBER 13	OCTOBER 20	OCTOBER 27
Assisting Minister	Don Swart	Charlie Ford	Charlie Ford	Scott Valentine
Communion Assistants	Carol Swart Darrell Swart	Donna Wolfe Wendy Hall	Mary Thomas Darrell Swart	Wendy Hall Sue Wunderlich
Communion Cups	Josie Thomas	Josie Thomas	Josie Thomas	Josie Thomas
Greeters	Norra Swart	Alice Marsh	Sally Funk	Shirley Freeman
Ushers	Norra Swart	Rob Marsh	Donna Wolfe	Alan Shank
Singer	Scott Valentine	Matt Cessna	The Choir	Hannah Ford
IT Ministry	IT Team	IT Team	IT Team	IT Team
Communion Preparers	Charlie and Beth Ford	Alice Marsh	Donna Wolfe Sue Wunderlich	Charlie and Beth Ford
Media Shout-Out	Scott Valentine	James Thomas	Ivan Wingert	James Thomas



## **HALLOWEEN BAKED POTATO BAR** *Saturday, October 19* **4:00 - 7:00 PM**

**MENU**  
**Baked Potato Bar**  
**(with all the fixings)**  
**Homemade Soup, Salad**  
**Brownies and Ice Cream**  
**Cost: Donation**

**Invite your friends and neighbors to come to a fun night of delicious food, a Trick or Treat Corner and Photo Booth!**



### **HELP!!**

Help is needed to make the Baked Potato Dinner a success! If you are able to help in the kitchen or dining room, please sign up on the bulletin board in the Lobby or call the Church Office.

We will need donations of candy for the Trick or Treat corner. If you have any decorations you would be willing to loan us for that night, please speak with Mary Thomas.

### **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.

- October 6 - Baked beans
- October 13 - Rice and pasta mixes
- October 20 - Stuffing mix
- October 27 - Cereal including instant oatmeal



## BIBLE AND BREW

The next Bible and Brew meeting will be held at B Street on October 9 at 6:30 pm. Please contact Dave Wolfe or Rachele Gehr if you have any questions.

### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

All women are invited to join us on Tuesday afternoons beginning October 1 from 1-2 pm in the Adult Sunday School Room at Trinity. We will be studying the book of Hebrews. Plan to join us and feel free to bring a friend. If you have any questions see Phyllis McCullough.



The ELC Men in Mission (MIM) Group will be meeting on the first Saturday at 6 PM on October 5 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.

### WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP MEETING

The October meeting of the Greencastle-Antrim Christian Women's Fellowship will be held at 9:30 AM on October 22 in Memorial Fellowship Hall of Evangelical Lutheran, Greencastle. The speakers for October will be Dave and Anna Lee Kopp. Their topic will be *Hope in the Midst of Chaos*.



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

## OCTOBER SPECIAL APPEAL

October is Lutheran World Relief Ingathering Month in the Lower Susquehanna Synod. Lutheran World Relief is a ministry of the Lutherans throughout the world. It serves people around the world who are living in poverty. It not only provides items like quilts, school kits and personal care kits but it also works to lift people out of poverty by helping them to learn new ways of earning a living. Worldwide, Lutheran World Relief is known and respected not only for showing up where needed, but for staying there even after the news reports fade away. Please mark your envelope for "Special Appeal".

Some unexpected ways your donations to Lutheran World Relief are helping:

- In Ukraine the war has decimated farmlands, destroying sources of food and income. Your congregation's kindness is providing agriculture support to 5,500 families in the volatile eastern region, including training on how to assess fields for landmines. You're also providing seeds to grow the ingredients for borscht - a nutritious staple meal in Ukraine.
- In March, a ship struck and collapsed the Frances Scott Key Bridge in Baltimore, killing six people. Several other ships were trapped behind the wreckage for weeks. Because crews did not have visas to come ashore, they relied on local organizations to deliver fresh water, food and supplies. LWR contributed more than 150 quilts and personal care kits across seven ships to make their stay more comfortable.



### FAMILY GAME NIGHT

Join us at TLC on Sunday, November 10th from 3:00 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. for a Family Game Night! We will have games for ages 3 and up, snacks and a good time! The Collaborative

Committee has been working to communicate ministry opportunities that TLC and ELC can share. To be most effective in ministry, we would like to get to know each other better. This is the first of several Get-To-Know-You socials between the two congregations to meet casually and have fun.

# MARK *YOUR* CALENDARS!

- NOVEMBER 3 Set your clocks back!  
All Saints' Sunday
- NOVEMBER 10 Family Game Night 3:00 PM
- NOVEMBER 16 Community Thanksgiving Dinner  
at Solomon's Lutheran
- NOVEMBER 24 Community Thanksgiving Service  
at Trinity
- DECEMBER 8 Congregational Meeting following  
worship



## 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

## Lower Susquehanna Synod *Year of Prayer*

MONTHLY RESOURCES  
OCTOBER 2024

**Prayer Focus:** This month we pray for our national church body, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. We pray especially for wisdom and guidance for the work of the Commission for a Renewed Lutheran Church, and that we would be open to what God is calling us to next.



LOWER SUSQUEHANNA SYNOD

THIS IS CHRIST'S CHURCH. THERE IS A PLACE FOR YOU HERE.

[bit.ly/lssyearofprayer](https://bit.ly/lssyearofprayer)



Friends:

Hurricane Helene hit the coast of Florida as a Category 4 hurricane on Sept. 26 and has ravaged communities in the southeast, from Florida to Virginia. As the floodwaters have started to recede, the extreme devastation — especially in North Carolina and Tennessee — has become clearer. Now, it is time to do what we do best: **roll up our sleeves and get to work.**

You've seen the news. Entire towns, roads and bridges have been washed away, and millions remain without power and cell service.

“We can't yet know what we're facing in terms of damage ... but I do know [this],” says the Rev. Timothy Smith, Bishop of the North Carolina Synod. **“Lutheran Disaster Response, in partnership with our synod, along with other helpers, will be there for the long haul, and we will rally around our congregations, camps and communities.”**

**[Whatever unfolds because of this storm, Lutheran Disaster Response will be there.](#)**

Lutheran Disaster Response has strong relationships in the region and is already at work on the ground. Working alongside synods and other partners, Lutheran Disaster Response is prepared to provide support throughout the impacted region.

“We are grateful for our partner Lutheran Disaster Response, which has provided support for our responses to the disasters this synod has experienced in the past and now has reached out to walk with us through this one,” says the Rev. Morgan Gordy, assistant to the bishop for disaster ministry in the Southeastern Synod. **“Please donate generously so that, together, we can provide the care and support needed for those families and communities affected by Hurricane Helene.”**

The impact of this storm will continue for years. Lutheran Disaster Response stays until the work is done — even when it takes weeks, months or years, and long after the storm has faded from the headlines. **[When you give to Lutheran Disaster Response, you provide crucial support and the flexibility to go where help is needed most.](#)**

By standing with disaster-impacted communities across the United States and around the world, we follow Christ's call to share hope and healing with our neighbors in need.

*The Rev. Daniel Rift*

Director, ELCA Service and Justice Giving  
ELCA World Hunger and Lutheran Disaster Response

**P.S. Find information, resources and ways to donate to Lutheran Disaster Response's hurricane relief at [ELCA.org/hurricanes](https://www.elca.org/hurricanes).**