



# *TRINITY HIGHLIGHTS*

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Greencastle, PA*

<sup>37</sup> Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? <sup>38</sup> And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? <sup>39</sup> And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' <sup>40</sup> And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.' Matthew 25:37-40

Family in Christ,

This story comes from History Icon. In April of 1921, Sadie Mullins carried a tin spoon tied on a string around her neck. It was not for eating. It was because it caught the light and made her feel like what she had was precious. Her family couldn't afford lunch, but the spoon was her treasure.



One morning, when a classmate fainted from hunger, Sadie didn't say a word. She just took her spoon and dipped it into a classmate's beans and fed the child. What she did sparked something bigger. After that children brought in whatever food their families could spare, sharing with one another and passing Sadie's spoon from child to child. Soon, no children in that class went hungry. Sadie's spoon today rests in the town museum, a symbol of compassion, community and simple kindness.

Sadie's story is a story of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It is a story that reminds us of what we are to be about as people of Jesus. The above passage from Matthew's Gospel tells us what Jesus expects of us. Every person that we care for, each one that we help or feed, or welcome, is helping Jesus. Who does the gospel

lesson from Matthew tell us to help? The hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked." Now knowing Jesus this is not an all-inclusive list, but just the ones he chooses to make an example of here.

This month Trinity is embarking on a mission to gather all sorts of goods for the Greencastle Food Pantry. The Food Pantry relies on donations from the community to fill in the gaps that government subsidies fail to fill. As people of faith, we at Trinity, feel called to help feed the hungry as Jesus has told us to do. Each September the ELCA promotes such missions into communities across the country. God's Work Our Hands Sunday is Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>. In preparation for this day, we will be putting up a table in

the sanctuary and we encourage you to help fill the table. Our theme is "Building a Longer Table So That All of Our Neighbors are Fed. We will also be singing "Build A Longer Table" a hymn from All Creation Sings, the supplemental hymnal from 2018. This hymn reminds us what our faith is about in terms of the care of our neighbors. It is also a reminder that there are times that the Gospel comforts the afflicted and at the same time afflicts the comfortable. See the Gospel in this hymn and hear Christ in this hymn. As we do it to the least of these in Christ's family, so we do it to Christ and for Christ. We are all family in Christ. Together with all people on earth, we are family with Christ. Christ leaves no one out.

In His Name,

*Pastor Denise Horn*

# AUGUST 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1  AA 7PM	2
3  Worship in Sanctuary and Facebook Live 9:15 AM	4  AA 7PM	5	6  Worship & Music 7PM  Scout Meeting 7:30PM	7	8  AA 7PM	9
10  Worship in Sanctuary and Facebook Live 9:15 AM Distribute Food Bags	11  AA 7PM	12	13  Council 7PM	14	15  Pack Meeting 6PM AA 7PM	16
17  Worship in Sanctuary and Facebook Live 9:15 AM	18  AA 7PM	19  S'mores Party 6:30PM	20	21	22  AA 7PM	23
24  Worship in Sanctuary and Facebook Live 9:15 AM	25  AA 7PM	26	27	28	29  AA 7PM	30
31  Worship in Sanctuary and Facebook Live 9:15 AM						

# July Worship Assistants

	AUGUST 3	AUGUST 10	AUGUST 17	AUGUST 24	AUGUST 31
Assisting Minister	Charlie Ford	Ella Swart	Scott Valentine	Dave Wolfe	Charlie Ford
Communion Assistants	Sue Wunderlich Mary Thomas	Kevin Dagliano Darrell Swart	Donna Wolfe Wendy Hall	Sue Wunderlich Mary Thomas	Kevin Dagliano Darrell Swart
Communion Cups	Josie Thomas	Rob Marsh	Josie Thomas	Josie Thomas	Josie Thomas
Greeters	Sue Wunderlich	Norra Swart	Kevin Dagliano	Alice Marsh	Sally Funk
Ushers	Donna Wolfe	Norra Swart	Rob Marsh	Alice Marsh	Alan Shank
Singer	Deanna Martin	Matt Cessna	Choir	Hannah Ford	Wendy Hall
IT Ministry	IT Team	IT Team	IT Team	IT Team	IT Team
Communion Preparers	Alice Marsh	Charlie and Beth Ford	Donna Wolfe Sue Wunderlich	Alice Marsh	Charlie and Beth Ford



**COME ONE - COME ALL!**

**PARKING LOT S'MORE PARTY  
AUGUST 19 6:30PM**

**TRINITY'S PARKING LOT  
S'MORE KITS WILL BE PROVIDED  
JUST BRING A CHAIR AND JOIN YOUR  
FRIENDS FOR FUN AND FELLOWSHIP!**

## TRINITY FOOD DRIVE

Trinity will be having a Food Drive this summer for the Greencastle Food Pantry. Our theme is: "Building a Longer Table to See That Our Neighbors Are Fed."

We are looking for a variety of food items, canned and bagged foods that may be brought to the church in August and put on a display table in the sanctuary.

We will also be looking for volunteers to hang bags in the neighborhood after church on August 10 for donations of food. This will be in conjunction with our annual S'mores Party on August 19 at 6:30 pm.

Please mark your calendars with these dates as we reach out to others in the name of Christ.



## OLD HOME WEEK WORSHIP

This is Sandra's personal invitation to you, your family and friends to attend one or both of the Old Home Week Community Worship services to be held Sun-

day, August 3, at 4:00 PM and 6:45 PM in the Greencastle Antrim High School Hockey Family Center for the Performing Arts (formerly the Auditorium). No Old Home Week badge or ticket needed. This is a musical community worship event featuring a 90-voice choir (Matt Cessna, Hannah Ruffner-Ford, Ivan and Sandra Wingert included), full orchestra and creative and visual arts. This event is a powerful, dynamic, moving collection of a wide variety of musical styles. Limited reserved handicap/senior citizen parking will be available in front of the high school.

## AUGUST SPECIAL APPEAL

The Special Appeal for August is the ELCA World Hunger Appeal. God richly provides for daily bread — the earth can produce enough food for everyone. Yet, many of our sisters and brothers still go hungry. As members of the ELCA, we are called to respond. Your gifts to ELCA World Hunger make it possible for the ELCA to respond, supporting sustainable solutions that get at the root causes of hunger and poverty. Please mark your envelope *Special Appeal*.

## 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.

August 3 – Mac and cheese mix  
August 10 – Toilet paper  
August 17 – Hamburger Helper  
August 24 – Cereal  
August 31 – Soup



## CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

Members of the Congregational Council for 2025 are:

Darrell Swart - President  
Matt Cessna - Vice-President  
Beth Ford - Secretary  
Wendy Hall  
Sue Snyder  
Mary Thomas  
Don Swart  
Ella Swart (Youth Representative)

Non-Voting Members:

Pam Arnold - Financial Secretary  
Carol Swart - Treasurer

## ELCA HAS A NEW PRESIDING BISHOP



The Rev. Yehiel Curry was elected July 30 to serve a six-year term as presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). The election took place during the 2025 ELCA Churchwide Assembly being held July 28–Aug. 2 at the Phoenix (Ariz.) Convention Center.

Curry was elected on the fifth ballot. There were 799 votes cast, with 400 votes needed for an election. Curry received 562 votes, and the Rev. Kevin Strickland, bishop of the ELCA Southeastern Synod, received 237 votes. Curry is the first Black presiding bishop of the ELCA.

Speaking to the assembly after his election, Curry reflected on his membership at Shekinah Chapel in Riverdale, Ill., where he eventually became a lay mission developer while he participated in the Theological Education for Emerging Ministries program, which prepares individuals for ordained ministry in the ELCA, with a focus on emerging ministry contexts like ethnic-specific, multicultural, rural and inner-city settings. He spoke to the assembly about his initial hesitation in accepting that first ministry role.

“Perhaps I’m out there in one of you,” Curry said. “I never saw myself as good enough, so for two years, I said no. I finally said yes. When I said yes, your support, this church’s support, of that ministry meant everything. So if you want to know what your benevolence dollars look like, it looks like me, and I want to say thank you. Thank you for your investment.”

Curry has served as bishop of the ELCA Metropolitan Chicago Synod since 2019. He previously served as mission developer (2009-2012) and pastor (2012-2019) of Shekinah.

He received a Bachelor of Arts from Lewis University in Romeoville, Ill., in 1995 and a Master of Divinity from the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago (LSTC) in 2013. LSTC is one of seven ELCA seminaries.

The churchwide assembly, the chief legislative authority of the ELCA, is meeting under the theme “For the Life of the World.” The assembly will participate in plenary discussions to make decisions about the work of this church. They will also spend time in worship and engage in various ways of theological reflection.