



TRINITY HIGHLIGHTS
OCTOBER 2025
The monthly newsletter of
Trinity Lutheran Church
Greencastle, PA

Dear Family in Christ,

When I was a child, my mom used to tell stories about different “bad” things that happened to me. When I was two weeks old, my mom knew I was sick. She took me to the doctor who was an older man who said I was not sick; she was just an overanxious new mother. Mom knew better. She and Dad brought me to the hospital and a doctor from the Philippines diagnosed me as having Pneumonia. Imagine the trauma for my parents to have their two-week-old baby hospitalized and in an Oxygen tent. Obviously, I survived.

When I was still a child, at dinner with my grandparents, I choked on a chicken bone and was saved by my grandmother.

I am grateful to God for the doctor from the Philippines. I am grateful to God for my grandmother. Above all, I am grateful.

Our faith teaches us to be grateful. God who created humankind, all humankind, gave us the world that we live in, provided us with aptitudes to do what we need in order to provide for ourselves and our families, gave us the ability to reason, to think, and to be compassionate, loved us and still loves us. We are grateful, at least we are supposed to be.

I am writing to you about gratitude because we worship God out of gratitude and thankfulness. In worship we are giving back to God our prayers, praise and thanks for all that God has done for us and for all that God continues to do for us. God sacrificed his son Jesus for our salvation. We are grateful. We give back to God out of gratitude. We worship but we also financially support the ministry of the church out of gratitude.

As the congregation embarks on its next phase of stewardship, what are you grateful for? How will you show your gratitude to God?

In gratitude to God, and grateful for all of you,

Pastor Denise

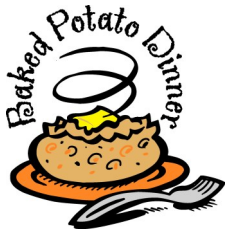


OCTOBER 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Worship & Music 7PM	2	3 Den Mtg 6PM AA 7PM	4 Baked Potato Bar
5 Sunday School 9AM Worship in Sanctuary and Facebook Live 10:15AM	6 AA 7PM	7 Operations 7PM	8 Council 7PM	9	10 AA 7PM	11
12 No Sunday School today Worship in Sanctuary and Facebook Live 10:15AM	13 AA 7PM	14 Women's Bible Study 1PM	15 Bible & Brew 6:30 PM	16	17 Pack Mtg 6PM AA 7PM	18
19 Sunday School 9AM Worship in Sanctuary and Facebook Live 10:15AM	20 AA 7PM	21 Women's Bible Study 1PM	22	23	24 AA 7PM	25
26 Reformation Sunday Sunday School 9AM Worship in Sanctuary and Facebook Live 10:15AM	27 AA 7PM	28 Women's Bible Study 1PM	29	30 Trunk or Treat 5:30PM	31 AA 7PM	

October Worship Assistants

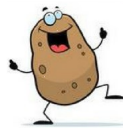
	OCTOBER 5	OCTOBER 12	OCTOBER 19	OCTOBER 26
Assisting Minister	Scott Valentine	Ella Swart	Charlie Ford	Dave Wolfe
Communion Assistants	Wendy Hall Mary Thomas	Kevin Dagliano Darrell Swart	Donna Wolfe Dave Wolfe	Wendy Hall Mary Thomas
Communion Cups	Josie Thomas	Rob Marsh	Josie Thomas	Josie Thomas
Greeters	Alice Marsh	Norra Swart	Rob Marsh	Kevin Dagliano
Ushers	Rob Marsh	Norra Swart	Alice Marsh	Donna Wolfe
Singer	Ella Swart	Matt Cessna Hannah Ford	Matt Cessna Hannah Ford	Special Music
IT Ministry	IT Team	IT Team	IT Team	IT Team
Communion Preparers	Alice Marsh	Charlie and Beth Ford	Alice Marsh	Donna Wolfe Sue Wunderlich



ALL YOU CAN EAT FALL HARVEST Baked Potato Bar

Saturday, October 4, 2025
3:00 - 6:30 PM

Trinity Lutheran Church
1186 Jason Drive
Greencastle



MENU

Baked Potato Bar with Many Toppings

Salad, Beverage, Dessert

Cost: DONATION

Benefit: Trinity Lutheran Church Building Fund



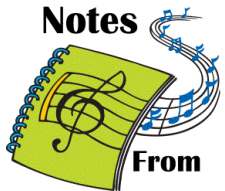
BIBLE AND BREW

Bible and Brew will meet next on Wednesday, October 15th at 6:30. Venue will be B-Street and we would plan to continue our journey through Genesis. Please contact Blair Kincaid no later than October 8th if you are planning to attend. You can email Blair at Boscorp@innernet.net.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP MEETING

The October meeting of the Greencastle-Antrim Christian Women's Fellowship will be held at 9:30 AM on October 28 in Memorial Fellowship Hall of Evangelical Lutheran, Greencastle. The speaker for October will be Karen Harbaugh. Her topic will be *Come Closer*.

Notes



From
Saundra

MUSIC NOTES

Reformation Sunday plans are for special music from mother and daughter, Deb Stayman and Dee Martin.

The Choir will not sing during October since I will be taking off two Sundays in a row. But all are welcome to sing with the choir on November 16 and on December 28 for the *Service of Lessons and Carols*. We meet at 9:15 AM in the sanctuary to go over the music for the morning and do a sound and tech check.



BLESS YOUR NEIGHBOR RETREAT

Feel overwhelmed? Need a break from life's busy-ness? Believe that the Lord is calling you to do "something," but you're over-committed and have no bandwidth? You are invited to a Table Connections Women's Retreat that will be held at Trinity on Saturday, November 15 from 9:30AM to 1:30PM. The retreat will be led by Rev. Katy Yates Brungraber. Trinity members are welcome and encouraged to bring a friend! Your gift of any amount at the door – suggested \$25 – covers lunch and supports Pastor Katy in ministering to those who cannot afford to pay for care, coaching or consulting. Call the Church Office at 717-597-9348 by November 6 to register.



TRUNK OR TREAT AT TRINITY! THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30

Come at 5:30 PM to set up your trunk (back of car) with decorations. Trick or Treating by neighborhood children will begin at 6:00 PM. If you cannot participate with your car, donations of candy would be appreciated. Please contact Beth Ford if you would like to donate candy or need help with decoration ideas. This will give the children a safe place to Trick or Treat.



LOWER SUSQUEHANNA SYNOD

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

Your prayers and presence are
requested for the installation of

The Reverend Stephen R. Herr

Bishop of the Lower Susquehanna Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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2:00 p.m.

ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH
30 WEST CHESTNUT ST., HANOVER, PA 17331





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.

October 5 - Pasta sauce in plastic jars or cans
October 12 - Stuffing mix
October 19 - Turkey or chicken gravy
October 26 - Green beans and mushroom soup

See Pastor Denise if you are able to attend.



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

OCTOBER SPECIAL APPEAL



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

October is Lutheran World Relief Ingathering Month in the Lower Susquehanna Synod and Trinity's Special Appeal for October. Lutheran World Relief is a ministry of the Lutherans throughout the world. It serves people around the world who are living in poverty. This year marks their 80th Anniversary of helping people throughout the world. The following letter was received from them:

80 years of loving our neighbors

DEAR PARTNER IN MINISTRY,

Eighty years ago, our Lutheran forebearers had a vision to join together and be the Body of Christ in the world, responding boldly to the needs of our neighbors in Europe after World War II. When they founded Lutheran World Relief in 1945, the outpouring of love was immense. Our grandparents got busy sewing quilts and organizing fundraising drives. Within just 14 years, American Lutherans had provided more than \$100 million worth of aid. And we were just getting started. Over these 80 years of faithful service, our ministry together has grown. Today — together — we go where no one else goes ... to the front lines of war and to places even cars can't reach. And we stay as long as we're needed to help families recover and rebuild. We can't predict where or when the next urgent need may arise. But we know we can always count on YOU to respond in love and create a brighter future for the next generation.

As we reflect on 80 years of faithfully working together to break the cycle of poverty, we invite your congregation to join us by marking this milestone and continuing our Lutheran legacy of love. In partnership,

REV. LISA KIPP

Director of Congregational Engagement

September 10, 2025

Dear Council Members,

Per the recommendation of the Synod, we convened a Collaborative Team composed of three members from each congregation. Our team met monthly since July 2024 and accomplished the following:

- Opened communication between the two congregations through the church office announcements; inviting new friends to our special worship, events and mission work.
- Encouraged participation of both congregations in Bible Studies. Bible and Brew has been a very successful collaboration. Equal numbers of members from each congregation have also participated in the Women's Bible Study held Tuesdays at Trinity.
- Held two game nights to open the door to making new friends from each congregation. Both nights were a lot of fun, with Bunco being a truly exciting joint social event.

The Team is grateful we had this opportunity, as we have made new friends and felt the spirit of both congregations while participated in these joint events. We feel it is time to dissolve this team. We have worked diligently with great communication, personal invitations to participate in events, and hours of planning. The work done is not reflected in the outcome. While we have had some wins in bringing the congregations closer together, we have not seen the hoped for participation from the members of each church. Specifically, it was often the case that only those on the Collaboration Team would attend open-invitation events by the other congregation.

We are not abandoning the progress made. Going forward, the team has agreed to:

- Continue communication and invitation to each congregation on our events and special ministry opportunities.
- Worship jointly during Lent.
- Continue to support and encourage of members to participate in the Bible Study groups.
- Communicate as a team to hold game nights jointly organized once or twice a year.
- Joint participation will be planned for the community event, Heritage Christmas.

While the team was hoping for greater participation and thus, greater joint ministry, we are thankful for this opportunity and feel that it has indeed strengthened our congregations. It was not a wasted effort and has forged new friendships, thriving ministries (Bible and Brew), and the expectation of continued community presence as a local Lutheran body.

Submitted Respectfully,

Mary Thomas
Collaboration Team Chair

Many thanks to Connie Overcash, Don Swart, Robin Witmer-Kline, Tina Bitner and Darrell Miller for their enthusiastic participation in this collaboration!



Building a Longer Table to See That Our Neighbors Are Fed Food Drive August 5 to September 5.

This photo was taken on the final Sunday. Donations of food by our neighbors and our congregation will help the Greencastle-Antrim Food Pantry feed our Neighbors. They reported that they would not need to purchase any food this month.