



TRINITY HIGHLIGHTS

February 2026

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

Dear Family in Christ,

When I was a child one of the things my mom made sure that she drilled into us was the notion of “sharing.” It is one of the things most kids are taught by family as well as being taught to share in school. It’s a good thing for us all to learn. Kids can be tough when it comes to sharing things, especially their toys. I remember one time an elderly person telling me that they learned early on not to share their favorite toys with their cousins because their mother had a habit of giving away their favorite things.

Kids are not always the best at sharing, but you know, some adults aren’t too good at sharing either. In fact, sometimes I think we could all take lessons from the kids.

Sharing isn’t really hard, but it requires us to consider others as well as we consider ourselves. As Christians, sharing should be easy for us, but that difficult human part of us kicks in and it tends to make us obstinate, and a tad bit selfish.

We have benefitted by God sharing his Son, Jesus with us. One of the things we are called as Christians to do, is to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ both in word and in deed. That’s not all though. We are also called to share ourselves with one another. We are called by the gospel into relationship with one another, into community with one another. We are called to give one another the benefit of the doubt and to not see others merely as “strangers” or “enemies.” It isn’t about “us” versus “them” but all of us working together to the benefit of the kingdom of God here on earth.

The question for us becomes, “How do we work together to share the gospel here in this place, in our community, and in the world? How do we truly become one in Christ Jesus? How do we learn to share? Things for us to think about.

In Christ,

Pastor Denise

FEBRUARY

2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Sunday School 9AM <i>Worship in Sanctuary and Facebook Live 10:15 AM</i>	2 Scouts 6:30PM AA 7PM	3 Bible Study 1PM	4 Worship & Music 7PM	5	6 Den Meeting 6PM AA 7PM	7
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15 Sunday School 9AM <i>Worship in Sanctuary and Facebook Live 10:15 AM</i>	16 AA 7PM	17 Bible Study 1PM	18 Ash Wednesday Worship TLC 11AM Worship TLC 7PM	19	20 AA 7PM	21
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February Worship Assistants

	FEBRUARY 1	FEBRUARY 8	FEBRUARY 15	FEBRUARY 22
Assisting Minister	Ella Swart	Charlie Ford	Don Swart	Scott Valentine
Communion Assistants	Dave Wolfe Wendy Hall	Kevin Dagliano Carol Swart	Donna Wolfe Mary Thomas	Sue Wunderlich Wendy Hall
Communion Cups	Josie Thomas	Josie Thomas	Josie Thomas	Josie Thomas
Greeters	Kevin Dagliano	Sally Funk	Shirley Freeman	Sue Wunderlich
Ushers	Charlie Ford	Don Swart	Darrell Swart	Charlie Ford
Singer	Matt Cessna	Phyllis McCullough	The Choir	Ella Swart
IT Ministry	IT Team	IT Team	IT Team	IT Team
Communion Preparers	Charlie and Beth Ford	Don and Carol Swart	Donna Wolfe Sue Wunderlich	Charlie and Beth Ford



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Women's Bible Study is taking a look at the book of Ruth. We meet on Tuesdays from 1-2 PM in the Adult Sunday School Class. Plan to join us and feel free to bring a friend. If you have any questions please speak with Phyllis McCullough.



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. *These are only suggestions! Any non-perishable food item you can donate is needed and would be appreciated.*

February 1 - Canned fruit
February 8 - Baked beans
February 15 - Cake or brownie mixes
February 22 - Pasta sauce in cans or plastic jars



BIBLE AND BREW

Bible and Brew will meet next on Wednesday, February 11th at 6:30 PM at Casa Agave in Greencastle. Please contact Dave Wolfe or email Blair Kincaid at Boscorp@innernet.net if you are planning to attend.

THANK YOU!

A big heartfelt thank you to Kevin Dagliano and Ivan Wingert for all of their hard work on the floor in the lobby. It is absolutely beautiful! Blessings to you both for your service!

HELP NEEDED

If anyone is interested in attending the two day 2026 Lower Susquehanna Synod Assembly, please contact Pastor Denise. It will be held on Friday, June 5, 2026, and Saturday June 6 at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in York.

SPECIAL APPEAL

The Special Appeal for February is the Scout Eagle Project being completed here on the grounds of Trinity. If you desire to make a donation, please mark your envelope for "Special Appeal".

Liturgical Matters

Shrovetide is the liturgical period in the church that immediately precedes Lent. It encompasses Shrove Sunday, Shrove Monday and Shrove Tuesday and the festive Carnival of the same period.

The word **shrove** comes from the word *shrive* meaning to pass judgement, or to pronounce absolution. Shrovetide is the time to prepare ourselves body and soul for the Lenten Fast. It is a time in which Christians attempt to use up all of the eggs, dairy, and any fats prior to the fasting period of Lent. The Pennsylvania Germans make *Fastnachts* or a doughnut, the Polish make Paczki a rich doughnut filled with jams or custards. The English make pancakes as do people of the United States. In Denmark they consume *fastelavnsboller* or small round cakes filled with almond paste, jam, or cream.

The whole point of the season is to prepare oneself spiritually for Lent by examining one's conscience, making confession and receiving the absolution, and by preparing our bodies for fasting at Lent. It is also the time to consider what you might give up for Lent. Some suggest chocolate and others overeating, but perhaps we might give up trying to control everything, or being angry, or giving up hope. Maybe instead of giving up something we should consider taking up something like almsgiving, prayer, making the world a better place. What will you do for

Join us on Sunday, February 15 following worship for a special *Carnivale Brunch* (think Mardi Gras Celebration)!

Carnivale Brunch

You're invited to bring your favorite brunch item to share and be ready to celebrate with friends and good food before Lent begins. There is a sign-up sheet in the Lobby.

ONLINE ELECTRONIC GIVING GIVING MADE EASY

eGiving makes it simple for you to give exactly how and when you want. You can make a one-time donation or set up recurring gifts using your bank account or credit card.

There are several methods for electronic giving. Use the one that is most convenient for you:

1. Fill out a Simply Giving Form (on the table in the Narthex) to select the funds and how often you wish to contribute from your *bank account*.
2. Visit tlcgreencastle.org/give/ to select your funds and how often you wish to contribute using a *bank account or credit card*.
3. With your smart phone. Download the "Vanco Mobile" app from the Apple and Google Play Stores and enter Trinity Lutheran Church Greencastle PA and follow the prompts to make a donation via *credit card*,
4. Use the QR code found in your pew and follow the prompts to make donations via *credit card*.



ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

Ash Wednesday is February 18. Services with Imposition of Ashes will be held at Trinity at 11 AM and

7 PM. Please plan to attend one of these services.

Regular Wednesday Evening Lenten Supper and Services will be held with our sister churches during Lent beginning on February 25. A schedule will be announced next week.



CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

Members of the Congregational Council for 2026 are:

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

Non-Voting Members:

Brian Hall - Financial Secretary
Carol Swart - Treasurer