

TRINITY HIGHLIGHTS

April 2026

The monthly newsletter of
Trinity Lutheran Church
Greencastle, PA



Dear Family in Christ Jesus,

As I write this, we are concluding our visit with the season of Lent, and beginning our journey with Jesus to Gethsemane, his arrest, trial, suffering and death. We are also on the road to the empty tomb and our Lord's resurrection from the dead.

We believe that because Jesus rose from the dead we too will have life everlasting with him and all the hosts of heaven. But this is putting the cart before the horse. The reason that we celebrate Jesus and his resurrection from the dead, is the fact that we owed a great debt to God for our sinfulness. We could not, we cannot pay that debt. We are poor humans. Our debt of sin through Adam that we owed to God we could not make right. We are not big enough, important enough, rich enough or good enough to make it right with God. But God in his infinite mercy, loves us so much that he sent his only son, Jesus, into the world to live and work among us, to share God's love, forgiveness and plan of salvation for us.

What we celebrate on Easter is the fulfillment of God's great love for us. Jesus' death on the cross paid our debt for our sinfulness. His resurrection brings us eternal life. God is great and God is good! Because Jesus lives, we too shall live. This is indeed a time of rejoicing! This is a time that we bring back our Alleluia! Praise God!

Let us all be truly joyful on Easter for this great and wonderful gift. The light of the resurrected Christ is with us! We are loved, forgiven, and saved. Thank you, Jesus! As people of the resurrection, may we be inspired to share the resurrection with others. May we truly be Christians that love one another as we ourselves have been loved. Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

In his Name,

Pastor Denise





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Worship & Music 7PM	2 Maundy Thursday Worship ELC 7PM	3 Good Friday Worship SLC 7PM AA 7PM	4 Easter Vigil ELC 5PM
5 <i>Easter Day</i> Breakfast 8:30AM Egg Hunt 9:30AM Worship in Sanctuary and Facebook Live	6 Outreach 7PM AA 7PM	7 Operations 7PM	8 Council 7PM	9	10 Den Meeting 6PM AA 7PM	11
12 Sunday School 9AM Worship in Sanctuary and Facebook Live 10:15 AM	13 Scouts 6:30 PM AA 7PM	14	15	16	17 AA 7PM	18
19 Sunday School 9AM Worship in Sanctuary and Facebook Live 10:15 AM Conf Assembly TLC 2PM	20 Scouts 6:30 PM AA 7PM	21 Women's Bible Study 1PM	22 Scout Committee Meeting 7:30 PM	23	24 AA 7PM	25
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March Worship Assistants

	APRIL 5	APRIL 12	APRIL 19	APRIL 26
Assisting Minister	Dave Wolfe	Charlie Ford	Ella Swart	Don Swart
Communion Assistants	Carol Swart Kevin Dagliano	Sue Wunderlich Wendy Hall	Donna Wolfe Mary Thomas	Carol Swart Kevin Dagliano
Communion Cups	Josie Thomas	Kevin Dagliano	Josie Thomas	Josie Thomas
Greeters	Shirley Freeman	Kevin Dagliano	Norra Swart	Kevin Dagliano
Ushers	Charlie Ford Peter Early Autumn Goehres Christian Goehres	Darrell Swart	Norra Swart	Charlie Ford
Singer	The Choir	Phyllis McCullough	Matt Cessna	
IT Ministry	IT Team	IT Team	IT Team	IT Team
Communion Preparers	Don and Carol Swart	Charlie and Beth Ford	Donna Wolfe Sue Wunderlich	Don and Carol Swart



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Women's Bible Study will not meet on April 8 or 15. They will begin a study of Women of the Bible on April 21, 2026. They meet on Tuesdays from 1-2 in the Adult Sunday School Class Room. Plan to join them and feel free to bring a friend. If you have any questions please speak with Phyllis McCullough. .

MARCH SPECIAL APPEAL

The special appeal for April is Waynesboro Area Community and Human Services. This agency serves people who live in the Waynesboro Area and Greencastle-Antrim School Districts. They have funds to help people with utility, housing and other kinds of bills. They also have large, free food and clothing banks. If you desire to make a monetary donation, please mark your envelope for "Special Appeal".

YOU CAN HELP



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.*

April 5 Rice and pasta mixes

April 12 Cereal

April 19 Vegetable oil

April 26 Baked beans

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP MEETING

The April meeting of the Greencastle-Antrim Christian Women's Fellowship will be held at 9:30 AM on April 21 in Memorial Fellowship Hall of Evangelical Lutheran, Greencastle. The speakers for April will be Pam and Phil Risser. Their topic will be *God's Faithfulness Through Life's Ups and Downs..*



TRINITY 'S CENTENNIAL

This is a very special year in the life of Trinity. In 1926, a faithful people gathered with hope, courage and trust in God—and from that beginning, this congregation was born. Today, one hundred years later, we gather to give thanks for God's faithfulness across generations and to celebrate the people, ministries, and moments that have shaped who we are. Several people from our congregation have volunteered to form a Centennial Committee to spearhead our commemorations. The Chairperson is Scott Valentine and the other members include Sue

Snyder, Donna Wolfe and James Thomas.

This centennial year is not just about looking back but it's also about living out our faith right now and looking forward to the next 100 years. Throughout the coming months, we will be engaging in 100 Acts of Faith. These are acts of service, prayer, generosity and care for one another and our community. These 100 Acts of Faith will showcase Trinity's devotion to faith in action. You'll hear more about these as the year unfolds, but let me assure you, there will be a variety of opportunities for all members to participate.

Additionally, we'll also be preparing a time capsule as a gift to future generations, filled with stories, prayers and reminders of who we are in this moment so that those who gather here 100 years from now will know that we are faithful, hopeful and committed to God's work

Moreover, we'll have celebrations with special music that reflects the beauty and joy of our shared faith and acknowledges the history of the church.

These are just some of the ways we'll mark this centennial. Throughout the year there will be other surprises, events, gatherings and moments of celebration. Some will be just for our church family and others will be for our wider community. This centennial year is meant to be joyful, meaningful and *shared*.

SPECIAL CENTENNIAL PROJECTS

APRIL

- ◆ Be sure to pick up your Centennial Sticker from an usher on Sunday morning.
- ◆ The Outreach Committee is sponsoring an Easter Egg Hunt during Sunday School on Easter Sunday. They will prepare 100 eggs for the hunt.
- ◆ Donna Wolfe is compiling a *Remember When* display. If you have pictures or other items to share, please speak with Donna.
- ◆ The congregational project for April is to compile a list of our 100 favorite Bible verses. Scott Valentine will have a short form where you can list your favorite verse.
- ◆ Read the weekly Parish News for more information about April activities.

MAY



On Sunday May 31 the Bishop of the Lower Susquehanna Synod, the Rev. Stephen Herr will be with us for a special Trinity Sunday worship

service that morning to help us celebrate our 100th Anniversary.

WE MET OUR GOAL!!

We exceeded our March goal of collecting 100 items for the Greencastle Food Pantry. We collected 214 items which more than doubled our goal! The donations were delivered to the Food Pantry on March 31 by Alice Marsh, Sue Wunderlich and Scott Valentine.





**Maundy Thursday April 2 at 7pm at Evangelical Lutheran Church,
130 N. Washington St., Greencastle.
Pastor Denise Horn Presiding and Pastor Alan Wilson preaching.**

**Good Friday April 3 at 7 pm at Salem Lutheran Church,
99 Miller Rd, Chambersburg (5 miles up rte. 11 to Miller Rd. near Marion)
Pastor Denise Horn and Mr. Andy Wagner leading.**

Easter Vigil, Saturday April 4 at 5 pm at ELC,

EASTER DAY AT TRINITY

8:30 AM Easter Breakfast in the Fellowship Room

Bring your favorite breakfast casserole or pastry. Beverages will be provided.

9:30 AM Easter Egg Hunt for the Children

An Egg Hunt for the children will be held at the church at 9:30 AM. In keeping with the 100th Anniversary, 100 eggs will be hidden. Come enjoy the fun of watching the children hunt for eggs!

10:15 AM Easter Worship Service

LITURGICAL MATTERS: EASTER



In the church, Easter is a movable feast. The date of Easter varies each year. The date of Easter is the first Sunday after the first full moon after the Vernal (Spring) Equinox.

The name Easter, we are told by the Venerable Bede, a Monk from around the year 635, refers to an Anglo-Saxon goddess of spring and fertility, Eostre. It was not uncommon for Christians to take pagan festivals and repurpose them with Christian meaning and value, thus pretty much wiping out the pagan usage. Easter is also connected to the Jewish Passover (Pesach) thus one of the early names for Easter, Pascha.

The day of Easter, the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus, is the culmination of the long season of Lent, and Holy Week. It follows Jesus' journey to Jerusalem, his Last Supper with the Disciples, his time in Gethsemane, his arrest, trial, crucifixion, and burial.

The Easter season follows the day of Resurrection and ends with the day of Pentecost which is 50 days after Easter. Throughout the Easter season we sing hymns of Joy for the resurrection of Jesus and for our salvation. Each Sunday, we remind ourselves that Jesus is risen. He who died for us on the cross, rose again so that death would have no power over us. We are people of the resurrection, so we live as resurrection people. We live grateful to God for loving us to send Jesus, and we thank Jesus for giving up his life for us, but also for conquering death for us.

The color for Easter is Gold or white. The mood of Easter is one of great Joy and gratitude. Our word of great joy, Alleluia has returned to us!



WE NEED HELP!

Help is needed for the Baked Potato Dinner on May 2. We will need help to set-up on Friday, May 1 from 6-8 PM, to set-up and serve on

Saturday from 3-5:30 PM and help with serving and clean-up on Saturday from 5:30-8PM.

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the lobby or you can contact Sue Snyder or Beth Ford if you are able to help.

**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*.



**CINCO DE MAYO
BAKED POTATO AND
SALAD BAR**

**Saturday, May 2, 2026
4PM to 7PM**

**Trinity Lutheran Church
1186 Jason Drive, Greencastle**

**Baked Potato Bar
(with all the fixings)
Homemade Chile, Salad,
Brownies and Ice Cream**

Cost: Donation

**TELL YOUR FRIENDS!
ALL ARE WELCOME!**



**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