

TRINITY HIGHLIGHTS

May 2026

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



Dear Family in Christ,

It isn't always easy getting along with others. We all know this from living in this world and from trying to get along with others. Life with others is difficult on a good day! This is nothing new. How many of you heard when you were growing up, "can't you kids just try to get along?" I can imagine God saying that to all of us today!

It's not easy and I know that. I've been there. I am there on some days, yet I know it's because we all have different personalities and we all have different life stories which include our upbringing and the various ins and outs of that. I grew up in a loving household with two wonderful parents who occasionally fought over really stupid things like those who gave us a bunch of wooden coat hangers (sorry Pop, but Mom was right on this one).

It's not always easy getting along with others. St. Paul himself testifies to this in some of his Epistles, most notably the one addressed to the Corinthians. They fought about the silliest things and when you listen to what Paul says, it sounds like they were acting very immaturely. They were! Paul tells them that. He tries to get them to understand that they are all at different places in the faith, because we mature in the faith differently. He says that they are not ready for the solid food of the faith. They're still only able to take "milk" at this point.

There is so much negativity in our world today that it spills over into our lives too and into our work families and faith families as well.

This is our Centennial year. One hundred years ago a faith family disagreed and split. Part of the split became Trinity. Those that were a part of the schism managed to pull together and within a year had enough money to start building a church, and by 1928 moved into that building. We come from that tough stuff. They did not give up, and neither will we. We are a family in Christ Jesus. He binds us together. Don't let others get you down. You are a beautiful creation of God and as such, you belong, you are important and we "hear" you. We may have different methods, different opinions, but that's ok. We can find our way together as long as we are centered in Christ and his commandment to "love" one another. We are people who are loved, forgiven and saved. We live in the light of Christ's resurrection.

I hope we can agree that we love our Lord Jesus and we love Trinity too. In this Centennial year let's focus on our common faith and purpose and less on the things that divide. Let's care for one another, share with one another and really understand one another. Let's celebrate all that connects us and let's commit to caring and sharing in service to others in the name of Jesus for the next hundred years. God bless you all and God bless our Trinity Lutheran Church. Be with us Lord as we begin our second century!

In Christ,
Pastor Denise



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Den Mtg 6PM AA 7PM	2 Baked Potato Bar 4PM—7PM
3 Sunday School 9AM Worship in Sanctuary and Facebook Live	4 Scouts 6:30PM AA 7PM	5	6 Worship & Music 7PM	7	8	9
10 Worship in Sanctuary and Facebook Live	11 Scouts 6:30PM AA 7PM	12	13 Council 7PM	14	15	16
17 Worship in Sanctuary and Facebook Live	18 Scouts 6:30PM AA 7PM	19	20	21	22	23
24 <i>Pentecost</i> Worship in Sanctuary and Facebook Live	25 Scouts 6:30PM AA 7PM	26	27 Scout Committee 7PM	28	29	30
31 <i>Trinity</i> Time with Bishop 9AM Worship in Sanctuary and Facebook Live 10:15 AM Fellowship Time						

May Worship Assistants

	MAY 3	MAY 10	MAY 17	MAY 24	MAY 31
Assisting Minister	Dave Wolfe	Charlie Ford	Ella Swart	Don Swart	Dave Wolfe
Communion Assistants	Kevin Dagliano Wendy Hall	Darrell Swart Mary Thomas	Donna Wolfe Carol Swart	Sue Wunderlich Wendy Hall	Kevin Dagliano Mary Thomas
Communion Cups	Josie Thomas	Kevin Dagliano	Josie Thomas	Josie Thomas	Josie Thomas
Greeters	Sally Funk	Kevin Dagliano	Norra Swart	Sue Wunderlich	Kevin Dagliano
Ushers	Darrell Swart	Don Swart	Norra Swart	Donna Wolfe	Charlie Ford
Singer	Phyllis McCullough	Phyllis McCullough	The Choir	Matt Cessna	Matt Cessna
IT Ministry	IT Team	IT Team	IT Team	IT Team	IT Team
Communion Preparers	Charlie and Beth Ford	Donna Wolfe Sue Wunderlich	Don and Carol Swart	Charlie and Beth Ford	Donna Wolfe Sue Wunderlich



Women
OF THE BIBLE

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Women's Bible Study is studying *The Women of the Bible*. They meet on Tuesdays from 1-2 PM in the Adult Sunday School Classroom. Plan to join them and feel free to bring a friend. If you have any questions please speak with Phyllis McCullough.



GRADUATE

INFORMATION NEEDED -

Please help us to recognize the graduates in your family. We will be honoring graduates on Sunday, June 7 during worship. If you have a family member that is graduating and you would like them remembered in the prayers, please fill out the form which is available on the table in the Lobby, contact the Church Office at 717-597-9348 or email us at tlcsecoffice@gmail.com. We need the information by Sunday, May 31.



FEED THE HUNGRY

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.*

- May 3 Fruit or applesauce
- May 10 Soup
- May 17 Rice or pasta mixes
- May 24 Peanut butter
- May 31 Potato mixes

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School class will be taking a break until September. Sunday, May 3 is the last time they will meet until then. We look forward to seeing everyone when classes resume.

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.

SPECIAL CENTENNIAL PROJECTS

MAY

- ◆ One of the May Community Projects is the Baked Potato Bar on Saturday, May 2.
- ◆ Be sure to pick up your Centennial Sticker from an usher on Sunday morning.
- ◆ Thank you to Doug and Phyllis McCullough for sponsoring the 100th Anniversary sign.
- ◆ 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 which will carry over into May is to compile a list of our 100 favorite Bible verses. Forms are available on the table in the Lobby or you can email your verse to Scott at dsvallentine63@gmail.com
- ◆ Waynesboro Area Community and Human Services has left us know that they are in need of cereal in their Food Pantry so we will be collecting boxes of cereal during the month of May. The goal is for us to collect 100 boxes!



BISHOP'S VISIT



The Rev. Stephen Herr, Bishop of the Lower Susquehanna Synod will be our guest on Sunday, May 31. Bishop Herr will hold a question and answer forum in the Adult Sunday School Room at 9 AM. He will preach and assist at Communion at the 10:15 AM service. There will be a Reception and Refreshments after the service.

On June 7, 2025, the Rev. Stephen Robert Herr was called to serve a six-year term as bishop of the Lower Susquehanna Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Ordained on July 2, 1994, Bishop Herr has served in parish, campus, and synodical leadership for more than three decades. Bishop Herr is also deeply engaged in the Gettysburg community through ecumenical leadership, the arts, education, and historical preservation. He has served on the boards of the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, Gettysburg Community Theatre, and the Lutheran Historical Society of the Mid-Atlantic, where he is president emeritus. He has also coached youth basketball at both Blairsville and Gettysburg Area High Schools.

Bishop Herr also has ties to Franklin County. His mother grew up in Quincy and graduated from the former Quincy High School.

LITURGICAL MATTERS: EASTER

The Days of Pentecost and Holy Trinity



There are fifty days between the day of Easter and the Day of Pentecost. Pentecost is the day that the promised Holy Spirit is given to all of the disciples that had gathered in Jerusalem. It is known as the day that the church was officially born. The Day of Pentecost is described for us in the book of Acts, chapter 2.

Our celebration of Pentecost also has a connection to the harvest festival in Judaism known as “Shavuot,” which occurred 7 weeks and one day after Passover.

Pentecost was traditionally a time for baptisms and confirmations. In baptism the person or child being baptized receive the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is known as the “Comforter, Advocate and Guide.”

The color of the Day of Pentecost is Red, and symbols for Pentecost include the descending dove, tongues of fire, wind, the open Bible with either a descending dove or tongues of fire as well as a variety of crosses with flames, or doves, the anchor of faith and flames or a dove etc.

The Sunday following the day of Pentecost is Trinity Sunday, in which we celebrate God who comes to us as the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. The Doctrine of the Holy Trinity is a part of our faith explaining the relationship of God, Jesus and the Spirit. It is often a difficult concept to get across and to understand but sometimes we just trust God that it is what it is.

The color of the day for Holy Trinity is white, and symbols for the Holy Trinity include three interlocking rings with neither beginning or end, an upside down triangle, a Fleur de Lis, a Triquetra, or a Trefoil.

MAY SPECIAL APPEAL

The Special Appeal for May is the Greencastle-Antrim Food Pantry which is sponsored by the local Ministerium. It is located at the Greencastle Presbyterian Church. Funds donated help to purchase food that is needed and has not been donated. Please mark your donation “*Special Appeal*”.

SCOUT EAGLE PROJECT

The Scout Eagle Project will soon be completed. Benches have been placed at various locations on the church grounds. Below is a picture of one of the benches.



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