



November

- Nov. 4 – All Saint’s Day  
Jack Frost Parade at 3pm
- Nov. 7 – The WELL
- Nov. 11 – Operation Christmas Child at 6pm
- Nov. 13 – MAP Luncheon
- Nov. 14 – The WELL
- Nov. 19 – ABO
- Nov. 21 – The WELL
- Nov. 25 – Christ the King Sunday
- Nov. 28– The WELL
- Nov. 29 – ABO Christmas Trip

December

- Dec. 2 – First Sunday of Advent
- Dec. 2 – Youth Caroling
- Dec. 4, 5 – The WELL & Vespers (gingerbread houses)
- Dec. 8 – Breakfast with St. Nicholas
- Dec. 12 – The WELL & Vespers
- Dec. 16 – Advent Choir Service of Lessons & Carols
- Dec. 16 – Youth Christmas Party
- Dec. 17 – ABO Christmas Party
- Dec 19 – The WELL & Vespers
- Dec. 23 – Christmas Decorating
- Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve Worship– 4, 6, 8, & 10:30pm

January

- Jan. 6 – Youth Sledding (weather permitting)
- Jan. 18-20 – Harrisburg Youth Quake

**Did you rid yourself of your land line?**

Please make sure the church office has your cell phone number on file so we are able to reach you. E-mail [trintreas@comcast.net](mailto:trintreas@comcast.net), drop a note in the offering plate or call the office at 610-693-6062. Help us stay in touch. Thank you!

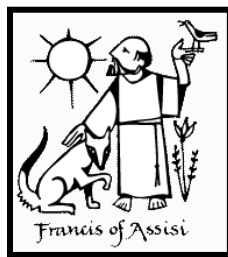


**New Members Class**



Trinity will hold its next new members class on October 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. Come hear more about the ministries of Trinity and how you might fit in. This is a great opportunity to ask

questions. The class is led by the pastors and Evangelism Board. The class will last about 1½ to 2 hours. We can provide babysitting if you let us know in advance. There is no pressure to join, but you can learn much more about what makes Trinity the Body of Christ!



**Blessing of the Animals**

**Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm**

We invite members and friends of Trinity to come out in celebration of St. Francis of Assisi. We will gather to bless pets on the front lawn of the church. This will be a drop-in event with an individual blessing and prayer said for every animal.

**Trinity’s Night at Duncan’s Corn Maze**

**Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> 6:00-8:00pm**



The Fellowship Board is sponsoring Duncan’s Corn Maze for the entire congregation. The cost is \$5 per person because of the generosity of the Duncan family. We will meet at the farm. We will provide hotdogs and the fixings for s’mores. You can go through the corn maze, take a hay ride, or just sit around the fire. Children in 6<sup>th</sup> grade

or younger must be accompanied by their parents. We must have a reservation slip and money returned by Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> so we can adequately prepare. Join the fun!

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 Yes, I will attend the Duncan Corn Maze/Hayride  
 I am willing to help with snacks, set-up and clean-up

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$5.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Checks payable to Trinity Lutheran Church  
 Reservation Deadline - Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>

**MUMS**

Now is the time to order mums for **Harvest Home Sunday**. The cost is \$5 per plant. Help make our church beautiful on **October 14<sup>th</sup>**. You may place this form in the offering plate or return it to the church office. **Deadline to order - Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>**

# \_\_\_\_\_ X \$5 = Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

To the Glory of God \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_



**Special Thanks:** Thank you to our September



newsletter volunteers: Grace Wenrich, Bonnie & Nevin Smith, Sue Wenrich, Judy Titter, Mary Garlin, Sherry McGonigle, Barb & Larry Schermick, Don Stripling, Carol Werkheiser, Dave Graver, Joanna Goodison, Dick & Kathy Shirk, Geneva Berger. And thanks to Grace for rewarding us all with yummy sweets to eat. Check the calendar for newsletter assembly dates. All are welcome.

**Congratulations to:**

-Christine & Brett Gallagher on the baptism of their son Kain Joseph on September 22<sup>nd</sup>.  
-Kelsey Bowman & Andrew Gunder on their marriage on September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Recent Hospitalizations:**

-Mary Spayd, Dolly Schlabach, Jim Dotzenroth, Marion Mattes, Carol Beitinger, Sue Rhoads.



**We extend our sympathy to:**

-Robin & Neal McElwee on the death of their daughter's fiancée,  
-Don Stripling on the death of his sister.

**Notes of Thanks:**

**Dear Trinity,** I had a great week at camp. We played games. We had Christmas in July so we made ornaments and decorated sugar cookies and that was my best week at Bear Creek Camp! Thank you for helping me get to camp.

Love, Natalie Urand

**"Thank you" notes for school supplies...**

**Pastor Weiser and Trinity family;**

*I feel thank you is inadequate, and yet **Thank You** is what I have to say at this moment. Fellow Brethren, we are truly blessed to be able to share our bounty. And to know when to share. When you do for the least of our children you do for me. Jesus taught that and I believe you have all learned that lesson well.*

*Blessings to you and yours,  
Sally Lamm, Conrad Weiser Middle School*

**Thank you so much!!** We appreciate the generous gifts of school supplies from your members. Again, thank you! It takes a village to raise a child and your church is certainly an important part of our "village".

*Heather L Kreider  
Conrad Weiser School Counselor*

**Happy Birthday... to our members 80+**

**Jan Hartman - October 2<sup>nd</sup>**

9 Reading Dr. Apt. 331  
Wernersville, PA 19565

**Rich Hartman - October 8<sup>th</sup>**

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Wernersville, PA 19565



**Pat Dries - October 11<sup>th</sup>**

108 N. Linden St.  
Robesonia, PA 19551

**Mary Spayd - October 11<sup>th</sup>**

310 Fry Ave.  
Robesonia, PA 19551

**Joann Murdough - October 16<sup>th</sup>**

29 Weiser Rd.  
Womelsdorf, PA 19567

**Jane Zellers - October 16<sup>th</sup>**

343 S. Wyomissing Ave.  
Shillington, PA 19607

**Silvia Happ - October 17<sup>th</sup>**

25 Cottage Dr.  
Myerstown, PA 17067



**Chick Murdough - October 25<sup>th</sup>**

29 Weiser Rd.  
Womelsdorf, PA 19567

**PARENTS OF COLLEGE STUDENTS:**

**WE NEED THEIR ADDRESS!**



Please call the church office or use the form below and drop it in the offering plate. Update your college student's school address even if it has not changed. We like to send them a monthly newsletter and that all important Valentine's Day goodie box! Thanks you.

Student name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Expected Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

**Flu Shots at Trinity**

**Sunday, Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> - 9:00-10:45am in the Parlor**

Most people's insurance covers the flu shot with a \$0.00 copay (including Medicare.) For those without insurance, the price is \$30. Darrell Rosenberger will be here along with an assistant who will handle the billing and forms. Please bring your insurance information with you.

**Dear Trinity Family,** Thank you for all the prayers, well wishes and cards. Receiving my care away from home was difficult but the Hillman Cancer Center was the best facility for me to receive my treatments. Knowing I had my Trinity Family embracing me was a wonderful blessing. Glad to be home recovering.

~Jill Schubert

## Running for Others

At the time of writing this article, I have just returned from an amazing, extended weekend in New Hampshire. I took part in my first Ragnar Relay that covered 200ish miles from



Bretton Woods to Hampton Beach. In about 32 hours, my team of 12 runners covered those miles together. With plenty of food, very little sleep, lots of singing, laughing and cheering, we made it!

I was one of 6 teams put together by Camp Calumet, the summer camp of my youth and young adulthood. The 72 runners, 12 drivers, 4 chaplains, and over 50 volunteers worked to raise funds to help kids get to camp. It was amazing to see this crew together as



we reached the beach on Saturday afternoon. The truth is, while I ran 16.5 miles on my own, I could not have done the entire race completely by myself.

This was a new experience for me.

While I've been a runner for many years now, running for me has always been a solitary sport. Aside from my participation on the cross country team in 7<sup>th</sup> grade, I have run and trained for most races on my own. I've run a few with friends or family members and we've trained to hold a pace that would be good for both of us, but still, we were not depending upon each other. All this changed for me at *Reach the Beach*. Because the goal of the race wasn't to win but to have all 6 of the Calumet teams finish together, we needed to give an estimate of our pace and then stick to it during all three of our runs. That is what I was most nervous about. I was nervous about not sticking to my estimated pace and therefore having an impact not only on my 11

teammates, but also the other Calumet teams. I was running for more than just myself and I was praying that my training was enough and my stamina was enough to hold my own for the sake of the greater teams. I'm thankful that the training I did was sufficient; I practiced as many hills as I could around here, some more than once, so I was ready for "scenic" New Hampshire. But the deeper impact for me was the strength and encouragement from my van mates. Before leaving for a run, they



would ask at what point in the run I would want support. If I said mile 3, there they were. They had whatever I needed, be it water, Gatorade, a snack, some cheers and some loved to take pictures, too. I looked forward to seeing them as I ran knowing that they had my back and would be of support in whatever way I needed it. I could not have completed my three legs without the support and encouragement from Brian, Matt, Jon, Kevin, Greg and my sister, Laura. The presence of others as we tackle challenges makes a world of difference.



At our pre-race, team dinner, the 4 chaplains for our teams led us in devotions. We heard this passage, "Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God." (Hebrews 12:1-2) The great cloud of witnesses was with me every step of my run. You all supported me as you cheered from PA, held my teams in your prayers, and donated to the campership fund. Thank you for helping me take steps that I cannot take on my own. I'm hopeful that as our lives and faith journeys continue that we share these experiences together. I thank God when we walk together, run together, support one another and love one another in the midst of struggles, joys and everyday life. Know that in all that you do, the great cloud of witnesses surrounds you, as well.

+peace, *Pastor Jen*

## Collecting Aluminum Cans

Ryan Noyes is collecting and recycling aluminum cans to benefit the IM ABLE Foundation. The mission of the IM ABLE Foundation ([www.imablefoundation.org](http://www.imablefoundation.org)) is to remove obstacles that prevent individuals with disabilities from being physically active through adaptive fitness equipment grants, inclusive fitness classes and advocacy for individuals with disabilities. All money raised from recycling the cans will go directly to the foundation. Please drop off your empty cans (crushed, if possible) in the marked bin outside the shed in the main parking lot near the playground. Thanks!



## From the Vicar...



The other day I ran into a beautiful quote from Thomas Merton, the famous Trappist monk, author and peace activist. It is from the last few pages of his book *New Seeds of Contemplation*. It reads:

“When we are alone on a starlit night; when by chance we see the migrating birds in autumn descending on a grove of junipers to rest and eat; when we see children in a moment when they are really children; when we know love in our own hearts; or when, like the Japanese poet Bashō we hear an old frog land in a quiet pond with a solitary splash – at such times the wakening, the turning inside out of all values, the ‘newness,’ the emptiness and the purity of vision that make themselves evident, provide a glimpse of the cosmic dance (296-7).”

This contemplative meditation, by one of the greatest and most popular Christian spiritual authors of the twentieth century, is an excellent description of the spirit of *mindfulness*.

Mindfulness is a set of spiritual practices, and an accompanying spiritual perspective, that can help us deal with the many stresses of life. It involves a focus on stillness, silence, breathing, and a single-minded focus that refuses to be distracted by the hurts of yesterday or the anxieties of tomorrow. It is a practice which teaches us to focus on the present moment, to see ourselves as a creature interconnected with other creatures, and to see the universe as a home which we belong to, dwell in, and steward. It is a practice that teaches us to relate to our world in an intimate and intentional way – in a way that worry and endless busyness often hinders or prevents.

I am sure that nearly all of you have heard about this practice. It is extremely popular; everywhere you go you see yet another magazine devoted to it. Many of my friends practice it, and some even make their living from it. I am sure many of you have a friend or sibling, a child or grandchild, who practices mindfulness meditation. This interest may baffle you, intrigue you, or upset you.

Yet I think that a mindful, contemplative approach to life need not worry us, when approached correctly and Christianly. I think it can even help us. It can connect us to home when we are far away. It can re-center us during times of disorienting transition. It can help us achieve a certain calm as we deal with illness, stress and pain.



Moreover, it can improve our prayer life, making it more complete. It can help us see Christ in all things, to take Christ with us everywhere we go, to keep God’s praise on our lips as we look upon the quiet, simple glories of creation. It helps us to dwell in love, and “pray without ceasing” (1 Thess. 5:17).



Because of this, mindfulness can help us in times of transition, excitement, or family illness. That is why I am excited to teach about it in the coming Sundays.

So, I invite you to attend my Sunday School class. I would love to hear more about your own spiritual practices. How do you pray? How do you find comfort in times of trouble? What people and what things in the world fill you with a warm joy or peace? I look forward to conversations about this and more in the coming weeks. You all have been wonderful to me so far – I hope to get to know you better soon!

In Christ, *Vicar Dan Tate*

## Rally Day and the Jehoiada Chest

Every year we designate a special collection for a specific project usually related to the building. This goes back to the Old Testament and the temple high priest, Jehoiada, who wanted a special collection taken to repair the temple. This year we need to replace some office furniture that is more than 20 years old. If donations are generous, we may even update some more of the computers. Can you help us make this possible?



Special coin banks are available in the narthex, or you can just use the envelope marked “Jehoiada Offering” this fall. This special offering will be collected for Rally Day on October 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>, but you can start saving now by using the banks that are available in the narthex. Thanks for helping to make this project a success!

### Missing A Person?

**MAP IS for you!**

**October 9<sup>th</sup> at Noon**



MAP is an incredible ministry at Trinity. It is intended for anyone who has lost a spouse or another significant person in their life. We come together with missing pieces to see if we can find wholeness together. We will once again be eating at the church, so \$5 covers the cost of the meal. Please RSVP on the kiosk or call the church office. We continue to bring healing and find wholeness...as we piece it all together.



## HARRISBURG



### DIVERGE

6<sup>TH</sup> through 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADES!

Mark your calendars for this awesome weekend!

**Friday-Sunday, January 18-20, 2019**

**Look for registration forms and additional info on the youth bulletin board! Adult chaperones/drivers are needed! Come and experience a wonderful weekend of youth!**

**Registration and hotels fees are covered by Trinity for all adult chaperones.**



### WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Our fall women's retreat - **Inspired** – has been postponed due to scheduling conflicts. As of the printing of this newsletter, a new date has not yet been set.

**Bible Study/Book Talk:** Beginning in October, Women's Ministry will explore the book *Unplug the Christmas Machine* with Joan Lincoln as our facilitator. We will meet weekly on October 16, 23, 30 and November 6 at 7:00pm. Please join us and invite a friend! This is not limited to members of Trinity!

**October 10<sup>th</sup>** we will have our regular monthly meeting to discuss upcoming events and do some planning. Consider coming at 6:00pm to enjoy your evening meal at the WELL and then stay for the peaceful worship to end the evening.



### Western Berks Shepherding Ministries

Co-Directors: Lisa Snyder and Jodi Eisenhauer.

Please contact them at 484-294-7394 or email them at

[WesternBerksShepherding@gmail.com](mailto:WesternBerksShepherding@gmail.com)

for all appointment scheduling or to inquire about being a volunteer.

**New Volunteer training scheduled for October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10am at Trinity.**

## Stewardship



The biblical doctrine of stewardship defines a person's relationship to God. It identifies God as owner and humans as managers. God makes us God's co-worker in administering all aspects of our life. The apostle Paul explains it best by saying, "For we are

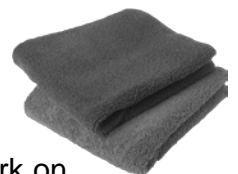
God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building" ([1 Corinthians 3:9](#)). Starting with this concept, we are then able to accurately view and correctly value not only our possessions, but, more importantly, human life itself. In essence, stewardship defines our purpose in this world as assigned to us by God himself. It is our divinely given opportunity to join with God in God's worldwide and eternal redemptive movement ([Matthew 28:19-20](#)). Stewardship is not God taking something from us; it is God's method of bestowing God's richest gifts upon God's people.

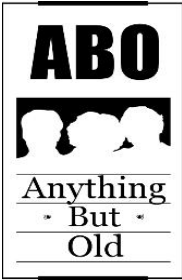
As we look to our fall stewardship campaign, we want to celebrate all the ways we share God's blessings with others. So during the month of October we are asking every member to fill out a special form, listing all of the ways you share Christ's love out in the world. We want to know all of the things you support with your time, talent and treasure. We want to celebrate the far reaching hands of Christ at work in our world through all of us. And we will create a visual display in the narthex to try and capture this. So begin thinking about the things you support financially...all of them, that is stewardship. Think about the places you share your time and talents...that is stewardship. And, may we all see Christ at work in us as we practice good stewardship sharing the richest gifts with which God has blessed us.

Also, watch for a special 34 day Stewardship devotional to be mailed very soon. The goal is to begin the devotional on October 15<sup>th</sup> so as to be finished by Stewardship weekend, November 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>. The devotional is a walk through the book of Exodus which calls us to a faithful journey with God throughout our lives.

### Fleece needed

We are looking for large pieces of fleece as we continue to work on quilts for Lutheran World Relief. The fleece must be at least 80 inches long and must be full width. It can be solid or print. Please see Gwen Weiser with all donations. Thank you!





**Trinity's 55+ Ministry**  
**No Dues – No Don'ts**  
**October 15<sup>th</sup> - Noon**

ABO is our senior's ministry for those age 55 and over. We enjoy a monthly lunch with food that everyone contributes. We hear about upcoming trips as well as have a short information exchange. So, come and join us. Bring some food to share. Guests are always welcome too!

**Philadelphia Trip – Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**Cancelled**

**2018 Christmas Trip**  
**Hershey Hotel & American Music**  
**Theatre - Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> Cost \$95**

Our annual holiday trip begins at Hershey's Chocolate World where we can do some shopping. Then, we head to Hotel Hershey and enjoy a wonderful lunch buffet in the Circular Dining Room. After lunch we travel to the American Music Theater to enjoy their annual Christmas show. It is a great trip with little walking, a lot of fun, good food, and fellowship to put you in the Christmas spirit!



**Woodloch – Feb 11-15, 2019**  
**Cost \$620 per person**

Once again we are heading to the Poconos to get away for Valentine's Day. This year, we are staying the whole mid-week, Monday through Friday, 4 nights and 12 meals! You will enjoy incredible multi-course meals, nightly entertainment in the night club, and great activities all day long. This is like taking a cruise on land. What a great value for an incredible lakeside room. Bus transportation will get you over to the indoor pool and fitness complex. You can play games, relax, and be pampered. Everyone who went last year had an amazing time! We have room for 28, so sign-up early!

**Breakfast Bible Study**

Once again we meet in the social hall on Monday mornings where we will study the reading upon which the preacher preached the previous weekend. All of us will be able to share in a wonderful breakfast buffet. We collect a free-will offering so you can share out of your blessings! It all begins at 8:30am and we are finished by 10:00am.



**Harvest Home Decorating**

We will decorate the sanctuary on Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am. We will "un" decorate at 7:00pm on Monday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome at one or at both. Please let us know if you are able to help by dropping the sign-up in the offering plate or at the church office. If you signed up on your Time & Abilities, you will receive a reminder postcard!



\_\_\_\_ Yes, I can help decorate on Sat. 10/13.

\_\_\_\_ Yes, I can "un"decorate on Mon. 10/15.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**Harvest Home Celebration**

**October 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>**

Join us as we adorn our sanctuary with the colors of the season and thank God for all of the blessings He bestows.

The Worship & Music Board is asking all of our members to bring in food for the Food Pantry on October 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. We will have a special offering presentation of the food we bring in to help those in need. Let's over-flow the grocery cart! Please bring as many of the items listed below to help fill the food pantry shelves.

Here are the items the pantry always needs:

- Jelly
- Rice/Stuffing
- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Meats
- Canned Fruits
- Potatoes—cans or boxes
- Saltine Crackers
- Pasta
- Cereal
- Toilet Tissue
- Paper Towels
- Drink mixes
- Canned Soups
- Canned Beans
- Canned Pasta
- Tuna
- Peanut Butter
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Snacks/Dessert
- Tissues

**Fill The Turkey!**



It's that time of year again. But the turkey we want to fill will be in the narthex, not in the kitchen. We need hats and mittens for children in need. You can place these on the turkey and watch as his true colors emerge! This is a simple way to make a difference in the lives of the children of our communities. So, please bring in some gloves and mittens and some nice warm hats to help our children stay warm this winter!



**The Well** continues again this fall as we gather for a meal, a project or study, and end with worship. We hope that you will join us for these events; it is great fellowship and learning with a simple worship service to complete our evening. Prayer and Healing will be the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month, Holden Evening Prayer will be the last Wednesday of the month. Communion is always offered. The following is a description of our activity for each night in October and November:

### WELL Activity Descriptions

**Oct. 3 - Treats for Pets** - We will be making some simple yummy treats to be donated to the animal shelter. There will be other animal activities for everyone, as well!



**Oct. 10- Break Out Night** - Men's Fellowship and Women's Ministry will break out after dinner. Others will be having some football fun...making cookies for 5<sup>th</sup> Quarter, some trivia for the diehard fans and a fun game for the kids.

**Oct. 17- Macaroni & Cheese, Hot Dogs & Peas**  
It's a meal and a book! Not just kids will enjoy this fun story about being grateful for farmers. We will also plant something to remind us.

**Oct. 24-Halloween is Coming!** - Kids can make their own treat sack to be ready for trick-or-treating. No longer trick-or-treat? You can make a jack-o-lantern or pine cone wreath! **Cost \$1.00**

**Oct.31- NO WELL THIS EVENING!**



**Nov. 7- Blessing Jars-** Decorate a jar as a special decoration. Fill it with written "Thanks" to be read on Thanksgiving Day. A special story for kids tonight too.

**Nov. 14- Break Out Night-** Men's and Women's Ministries will be break out after dinner. Others will help prepare a Thanksgiving food item for a shelter meal.

**Nov. 21- NO WELL THIS EVENING!**

**Nov. 28-Preparing for Advent-** We will be creating Advent Star Garlands to use as a daily prayer or devotional guide as we begin our Advent journey.



## October/November WELL Sign-Up

### **Oct. 3- Treats for Pets**

I will bring: \_\_\_ Soup \_\_\_ Salad \_\_\_ Bread \_\_\_ Dessert  
Number attending: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Oct. 10- Break Out Night**

Meal: Meatball Sandwiches, Salad, Chips  
I am willing to bring: \_\_\_ Salad \_\_\_ Chips \_\_\_ dessert  
Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Oct. 17-Macaroni & Cheese, Hot Dogs & Peas**

Meal: Mac n cheese, Hotdogs, Peas  
I am willing to bring: \_\_\_\_\_ Dessert  
Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Oct. 24-Halloween is Coming!**

Meal: Pancakes & Sausage-Breakfast for Dinner!  
I am willing to bring: \_\_\_\_\_ a pancake topping  
Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_  
Activity cost \$1 @ # \_\_\_\_\_ = amount paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### **Oct./Nov. WELL Sign-Up**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone or e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### **Nov. 7- Blessing Jars-**

I will bring: Soup \_\_\_ Bread \_\_\_ Dessert \_\_\_  
Number attending: \_\_\_\_\_  
Activity cost \$1 @ # \_\_\_\_\_ = amount paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### **Nov. 14- Break Out Night-**

Meal: Pasta Bake  
I will bring: Salad \_\_\_\_\_ Dessert \_\_\_\_\_  
Number attending: \_\_\_\_\_

**Nov. 21- NO WELL THIS EVENING!**  
*HAPPY THANKSGIVING!*

### **Nov. 28-Preparing for Advent-**

I will bring: Soup \_\_\_ Bread \_\_\_ Dessert \_\_\_  
Number attending: \_\_\_\_\_  
Activity cost \$1 @ # \_\_\_\_\_ = amount paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## We Need Basket Holders!

Is your child in Kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade? They can help during worship by being a basket holder during communion. See Chris Kennedy or call the church office if your child is interested in getting on the schedule. On the job training is included. Giving of our time and talent starts early!





**2018  
Jack Frost  
Parade  
Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>**

Be sure to save this date as plans are underway for another great parade. We will again have a Mummers band or two, as well as bag-pipers. If you are part of a group, club or organization, talk to them now about marching or entering a float in the parade.

The parade route will be the same as last year, going west on Route 422, going south on Church Street, east on Ruth Street and finishing at the church. We will stage the parade at the Conrad Weiser Middle School and High School. We need a lot of Trinity volunteers to help with the parade, so watch for more details. Save the date now!

We are not having a raffle this year, but we are looking for congregational members who wish to be parade sponsors. We will list names on the business and personal sponsor sheet which we will hand out along the parade route. We cannot make this parade happen without raising the funds to do it. No money comes from our budget to support the parade or scholarships. We hope you will consider being a sponsor of the parade:



**2018 Jack Frost Parade Sponsor**

Yes, I/We would like to be a sponsor of the Jack Frost Parade:

Jack Frost Royal Sponsor - \$200 or more

Ice Level Sponsor - \$100 - \$199

Snow Level Sponsor \$50 - \$99

Frost Level Sponsor \$10 - \$49

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Please turn this into the church office, or place in the offering plate with check or cash in an envelope. Make checks payable to Trinity Lutheran Church.

**Thank You for helping us to make a difference within our community, sharing Christ's light and love!**

**Jack Frost Parade  
Volunteers needed.  
Cookie Bakers & Soup Makers  
Needed.**

Sign-up sheets are in the narthex to help with the parade. We need lots of volunteers to make this event happen. We need people who can walk the one mile parade route carrying balloons, banners, etc. Please sign up in the narthex.

We also need people to bake cookies for the parade participants; we need lots of cookies! Can you make 2-4 dozen cookies to thank all those who participate in the parade? We also need soups to feed our volunteers who stay right after church and head down to the parade line-up. Sign up at the Jack Frost table in the narthex, or return this slip in the offering plate or to the church office.



<p><b>2018 Jack Frost Parade - Cookies &amp; Soup</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I will make ___ dozen cookies for the parade.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I will make soup for the parade volunteers</p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p><i>Donations need to be at the church by noon on Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>.</i></p>
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**God's Work - Our Hands Review**  
Trinity members made a lot happen on September 9<sup>th</sup>. Hands were blessed as volunteers made their way, in spite of the rain, to the Conrad Weiser Homestead and Blue Marsh to do clean-up work. Others filled a dumpster, emptying out the basement of "stuff we haven't used in years." We wish we could have had a stair step counter! Some folks sorted items for Operation Christmas Child. Others made many meals for City Light Ministries, and then Wednesday night at the WELL we made 162 personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief because some of the supplies arrived late. Many of us joined in worship and prayer. It was an incredible day and week of living out God's love and grace! Thanks to all who participated. Keep those orange t-shirts for next year!

<b><u>2018 Treasurer's Report</u></b>	
<b><u>General Fund:</u></b>	
August Actual Income	\$43,395
August Actual Expenses	\$49,996
August Budget	\$49,658
YTD Actual Income	\$400,864
YTD Actual Expenses	\$424,621
YTD Budget	\$431,072





The Social Ministry Board wants to help us all live out the last line of our mission statement. So, as often as possible, we will be lifting up service opportunities within the church and outside the church in this section of the newsletter. Please serve where you feel called and help us to live out the love of Jesus Christ.

- Help with shelter meals at Opportunity House every other month; cook or bake and/or help serve the meal.
- Be a volunteer driver for Western Berks Shepherding Ministry.
- Volunteer to help with worship as a screen assistant, lay assistant and/or usher. We need your help!!!
- Help with the nursery during 10:45am worship.
- Give items to Operation Christmas Child.
- Join the Sr. Choir or Bell Choir.
- Talk to Darin, our music director/organist, about sharing a musical talent at the 8am worship service.
- Help with weeding the flower beds around the church.
- Consider being a volunteer for our afterschool program with Olivet Boys and Girls Club.
- Help on God's Work, Our Hands Sunday, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Volunteer to help with the Jack Frost Parade as an organizer/walker or in the kitchen serving the parade participants.
- Be a Sunday School helper or substitute teacher.
- Donate soda, chips, or bake homemade goodies for 5<sup>th</sup> Quarter.
- Chaperone 5<sup>th</sup> Quarter events.
- Volunteer to help with funeral meals by offering a side dish or dessert or by setting up/cleaning up.

# Trinity's



**ONE MORE TO GO!**  
**Homecoming**  
**October 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Again, our events take place at the high school!**

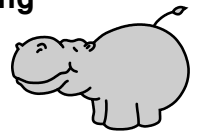
**SIGN UP ON THE KIOSK TO BAKE  
OR CHAPERONE!**

2 Liter sodas and bags of snacks can be dropped off to the kitchen anytime during regular office hours! *Thank you very much for your support!*

## **Hey 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Graders!**

**'MINUTE TO WIN IT' is coming**

**for you on Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>!**



**Lunch at 12 noon. Games**

**following lunch - Reverse Charades,**

**Watch Ya Mouth, Life-size Hungry, Hungry**

**Hippos and more!**

**Bring a friend! Sign up on the**

**Youth Bulletin Board.**

## **Trinity's Afterschool Program**



Trinity is partnering with Olivet Boys and Girls Club to offer an afterschool program, every day after school. Olivet runs the program, but we are still looking for Trinity volunteers to help with the children in grades K-8. Olivet will collect a yearly fee, a sliding scale based on

need, to help pay for the staff who will run the program. This will help to meet a true need within our community for affordable after-school care. This is the worst time for children to be left alone and has been proven to be the time when they get into the most trouble. So we are pleased to be able to work with Olivet and make a difference in the lives of families and youth in our community. Call the church office if you are interested in helping!

## **Help our Youth See JESUS!**

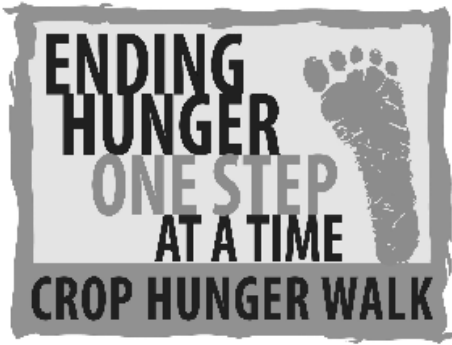
On December 13<sup>th</sup>, Pastor Bill & Pastor Jen will be taking our 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade youth to see **Jesus** at Sight & Sound Theater in Lancaster. They will get religious education dismissal time, leaving school at 1pm. They will travel by Elite Coach to the theater, sit in excellent seats, and then have a CiCi's pizza buffet for supper. They will pay \$10 of the cost of the trip. We are looking for angels to sponsor the rest of the trip. Would you be willing to give \$50 to send a youth to see this exciting living dramatization of the life of Jesus? Send in your donation with the form below. Thank you for your generosity!



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\_\_\_ Yes, I want to support our youth to see Jesus!

I have enclosed a donation of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (\$50 per youth)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_



**Join Us for the 2018  
CROP Hunger Walk  
Sunday, Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>**

Trinity families, youth, young and old have a wonderful tradition of participating in the Reading Area CROP Hunger Walk! We will meet immediately following the late service at Gring's Mill, share a quick tailgate meal..."Walking Tacos"...GET IT?! Then grab some water and put one foot in front of the other to help end hunger! The walk begins at 1:30!

**The "dress Pastor Jen and Josh" campaign RETURNS!** It was so successful last year (making the newspaper and all!) we're bringing it back with a twist. There will be buckets for each of them and we will be collecting as a congregation, not asking for individual sponsors. The one with the most money in their bucket by CROP walk Sunday will have a very special outfit to wear. Don't worry, the other one will not be left out! **WE STILL NEED LOTS OF WALKERS.** Just fill out your info on a sponsor form to join us. Check out the Youth Bulletin Board for details and a sign-up. Youth service hours available if you walk the walk. Again, we meet immediately following the late service at Gring's Mill. The walk begins at 1:30!

***Unable to walk with us? You can help, too by donating food for the tailgate!***

***Donations for Crop Walkers Lunch Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>***  
Please return to the office or in the offering plate

***I will donate:***

- \_\_\_\_\_ 2lbs taco meat                      \_\_\_\_\_ 16oz sour cream
- \_\_\_\_\_ 1 head shredded lettuce        \_\_\_\_\_ 1 jar of salsa
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2 cup shredded cheese         \_\_\_\_\_ 1 gal iced tea
- \_\_\_\_\_ 1 gal lemonade                    \_\_\_\_\_ 2 dz cookies/brownies

**Mark Your Calendar!  
Breakfast with Saint Nick**



St. Nick will be here **Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> from 9-10:30.** Come for a wonderful breakfast cooked and served by our youth and adult volunteers. Take pictures with St. Nick, receive a small gift and enjoy Christmas music. Join us for this Trinity tradition. Watch for more details on the kiosks. **WE NEED A LOT OF ADULT ASSISTANCE AS WELL AS MATURE YOUTH TO HELP MAKE THIS EVENT A SUCCESS.**

**REFORMATION 2018  
Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup>**



Sunday School Classes will be celebrating with games and activities and a visit from Marty himself. Always a fun morning, complete with snacks in the social hall. Helpers are needed with kids classes, snack set up and pretzel pick-up. Let us know how you can help. Questions? Call or email Chris Kennedy 610-693-6062 or [christianed@comcast.net](mailto:christianed@comcast.net)

**Please return to the church office or the offering plate.**  
I can help on Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup>/Reformation

\_\_\_\_\_ Kids games and activities  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Snack set-up  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Pretzel Pick-up (Philly Pretzel)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email or phone \_\_\_\_\_



Have you updated your will and remembered the ministry of Christ at Trinity?

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Give a gift that celebrates your life and commitment to Christ!

# The Children's Christmas Play is Coming!

*Not sure we can top last year, but we will sure try!*



The play is open to all children Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. There are speaking and non-speaking parts. All Sunday School classes will participate by singing in-between scenes.

A casting and informational meeting will be held **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am.** Your children may get to Sunday School a little late. There will also be an opportunity for parents to sign up as volunteers. We will be have a sign-up sheet posted prior to casting. This is useful for families unable to be here on casting day and to prepare for the number of speaking vs. non-speaking roles that are needed. Check the kiosk in the lower narthex, soon.

This year our Sunday School Christmas Play will be presented on **Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>** during the Sunday School hour. **THE PLAY TITLE WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON THE KIOSK!**

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL Come to Class!

*We have a great set of classes to choose from this fall. Read on and we hope we didn't make it too hard to choose. All adult classes happen downstairs.*

**Pastor Bill: Emotionally Healthy Spirituality:**

Think of an iceberg, 10 percent is above the water, 90 percent is below. This course is going to help us all delve below the surface and explore some basic principles that may help us grow closer to God. We will explore eight truths that will help us go beyond a "tip of the iceberg spirituality." CLASSROOM A

**Vicar Dan: "Mindfulness":** It's a growing – nay, exploding – spiritual practice in the U.S. today. What are the roots of this practice? What are Christians to make of it? In this course we will attempt to answer these questions by looking at mindfulness today, in Eastern religions, and in particular its legacy in the Christian tradition. CLASSROOM D

**Josh Mountz: The Parables:** We will take an opportunity to take a deeper look at the stories we all think we know and the stories Jesus used to explain God's Plan to us all. CLASSROOM B



This month the sticky notes will have items needed to bring the count of each item to 300 or 600. We are also still collecting money to cover the cost of the plastic shoeboxes. *So grab a sticky with a dollar amount on it and return to the office with your money or check (Made out to Trinity).* Please do not bring the boxes themselves. We are ordering them so they all arrive at the same time and will be exactly the same size. Thank you!  
**PLEASE CHECK THE KIOSK OFTEN AS OUR NEEDS MAY CHANGE. Also, remember we cannot accept ANY liquids. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY!**

### ***Items for October:***

**Please check the kiosk for sticky notes that have needs listed. At this point, we are looking to bring the counts up so we are sure to have 300 of each item.**

## **WE'RE PREPARING BOXES**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS... NOVEMBER 5<sup>th</sup>**



On Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am we will be preparing over 300 plastic boxes. We will need to make sure that each box has a lid that fits. Then it will get lined with a brightly colored bandana. Next, we move them to the altar for a blessing. We will also have some final counts and preparation to do...jobs for everyone. We'll have some Christmas music and refreshments ready. Please join us for this wonderful example of 'God's work, our hands' in the spirit of Christmas.

Do you know about Trinity's **columbarium**? There are niches available for purchase. Have you prepared a statement of guidance for your family in the event of your death? Please talk to a pastor or the office staff if you would like assistance in these important future plans.