

PENTECOST 2017

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FROM THE PASTOR'S HEART

We all know the jokes about Lutherans and Change....

Question: How many Lutherans does it take to change a light bulb? Answer: Ten Lutherans! One to actually change the bulb – nine to complain how they liked the old one better (even though it no longer worked!)

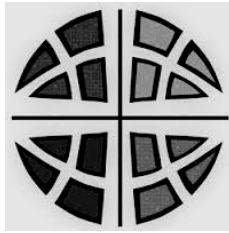
We are children of the Reformation... our faith tradition is a movement born out of the need for REFORM in the Church! But do not think for a moment that change was only needed 500 years ago. Ours is a reforming movement today as well ...even though most of us are uncomfortable with change, we may dislike it and may even resist it!

The truth is that since the day we were born, we were changing... and will continue to do so, until the day we die. And the world is changing too... nothing remains as it was... We can acknowledge and grieve that very real truth for a time, but it is best that we do not take too much time, because our God is on the move! The church is changing too, and we have some choices before us about how to respond... how to live into the new future that God is still sovereign over!

For the last two months, Trinity has held "Gatherings" of members, for conversations

about the life and ministry of this congregation. These conversations have been opportunities to meet one another, share our faith experiences, thoughts and hopes for the future. Members opened their homes, and others brought food

Gatherings



Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
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Children's Sunday School begins on
September 17 at 8:45 a.m. Please come
and experience the fun and love of God!

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to share. There was laughter, storytelling, and thoughtful pondering about life and mission. As a result, we have a number of great ideas, affirmations for what is being done in Christ's name among us, and gentle critiques that we will be responding to. On **Sunday morning, September 10**, Jim Baker will share our findings at the Adult Sunday School Class in the Fellowship Hall at 8:45 a.m. You will want to be there to hear from the Council and help shape our future planning!

Coming up this fall, we will be celebrating the 500th Anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation! You will see a Photo Booth at the church, where you can join Martin Luther at the Church Door in Wittenberg!



We will hear selections from Luther's sermons and writings that can still resonate with us today! Sunday School will focus on the events in Germany, on Luther's Family Life and what we can use in our own homes.

On **Sunday, November 5**, we will have an All Saints Gathering Luncheon after worship to celebrate the Saints of the Church, past and present! I hope you will mark your calendar and plan to be with us!

Later this year we hope to have a joint program with our Roman Catholic brothers and sisters--looking at the last 50 years of dialogues and what we are looking forward to!

God continues to call us into the REFORMING MOVEMENT that is called The Church! Join us!

Pastor Linda McElroy Thomas

IN THE NEWS...

Just a word about what has been happening in the news...

*"We pray for Peace, O Lord!
Make plowshares of our swords,*

*Make plowshares of our swords...
Hear our prayer, O Lord!"*

We all have feelings and opinions about what has been happening in the news. And I know some would rather we remain quiet in the church... that we stay out of the fray... But we need to be clear about this:

There is no place in Christ's Church for hatred, prejudice, or oppression of one people over another... "for all have sinned, and fallen short of the glory of God" and "God makes no distinction between us!"

That being said, God's people ARE called to stand for justice for all people. Our freedom in Christ comes from recognizing that all of us are slaves to sin, and all of us need to be born Anew... and insofar as our institutions have been part of a culture of oppression - they also need to be born anew. Rebirth (just like Reformation) is a messy enterprise.... And it takes time... and we are an impatient people.

Please pray for those who work for Peace, for those who work for Justice. Pray for those who experience intolerance, hatred, and oppression -- that their righteous anger might be turned to the hard work of creating good and lasting change. John Lewis, a representative in the House, has said, "We all came in different boats... but we are all now in the same boat, together."



Let's work together to listen, learn and respond as God's People!
-Pastor Linda

A GIFT FOR SCHOOL-AGE KIDS

As an outreach ministry, I thought it would be nice to give the school-age children of our Sunday School and the Child Care a “back to school” care package from the people of Trinity.

The packs include a letter from Trinity, with prayers about school life, and an invitation to Sunday School and Worship. They also include Christian pencils, erasers, various prizes from Oriental Trading Company, and two Lutheran-themed books on homework and paying attention from Concordia Publishing Company. The cost of this project was \$250, if you would like to contribute, simply designate your gift as “Back to School.”

The packages will be distributed on **Sunday, August 27** at 10:00 a.m. worship and at the Child Care the following week..

I would like to thank Cathy Wheeler, Ann Voytish, Jody Jurgevich, and Pastor Linda for assisting me in this project!

Nicholas Carroll

Director of Music



MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

WEDDINGS:

June 17	Kelsey Caitlan Lloyd Vincent Baker*
July 24	Kathleen Joan Lloyd Joseph Geary*



MEMBER REMOVED BY DEATH:

June 15	Paul Eugene Eicher
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*Not a Member

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A VIEW FROM THE LOFT

Blue Like Jazz

I recently finished reading Don Miller's classic book on modern Christianity, Blue Like Jazz, and wanted to share some of it with you. Don Miller was raised in a fundamentalist tradition and rejected a lot of the things he learned there. He went through a period of disdain and doubt in God before finding a better relationship with the almighty. Blue Like Jazz relates his journey of discovery.

I thoroughly enjoyed Blue Like Jazz, and I have read several others of Don's books. The thesis of the book is best related from the book's opening lines:



"I never liked jazz music because jazz music doesn't resolve. But I was outside the Bagdad Theater in Portland one night when I saw a man playing the saxophone. I stood there for fifteen minutes, and he never opened his eyes. After that I liked jazz music. Sometimes you have to watch somebody love something before you can love it yourself. It is as if they are showing you the way. I used to not like God because God didn't resolve. But that was before I was shown the way..."

One major interesting part of the book is Don's time studying at Reed College in Portland Oregon. For those who don't know, Reed College is infamous for being a place of self-proclaimed, "godless libertines." Though it is a top college academically, it is known for having a high concentration of militant atheists. Don writes about himself and a few of his friends who were some of the only Christians who attended the school. Particularly, Reed College hosts a festival they call, "Ren Fayre" once a year. The campus is shut down so the students can party. Don and his friends decided to have a confessional

booth in the middle of campus during Ren Fayre. However, this wasn't the type of confessional people were expecting. Clearly this idea at face value would likely result in heckling and mockery, but the confessional booth they provided was a sort of reverse confessional: they weren't accepting confessions, they were confessing to the people. They confessed all the things that followers of Jesus have done that aren't very loving. Things like the Crusades, Televangelists, neglecting the poor and the lonely, judging others, etc. The idea actually reached a lot of students, and they managed to open the hearts of several people who were used to viewing Christians as hypocrites. I found the reverse confessional a very creative way of evangelizing and it worked.

Another great point Don makes in the book is about churches and marketing. So many things churches do in America are based on marketing their "product." Don was so disgusted by this in the communities he grew up in that it took him a while to find a place that did its actual duty as a church. Don found this in an independent church called Imago-Dei. Don explains it like this:

"I never thought I'd love church. But here is what I love about (my current church) Imago-Dei. It took me a while to understand that the answer to problems was not marketing or programs but rather spirituality. If we needed to reach youth, we wouldn't do a pizza feed and a game night, we would get together and pray and fast and ask God what to do. God led some guys to start a homeless teen outreach downtown, and now they feed about one hundred homeless teenagers every week. It is the nuttiest youth group you will ever see, but that is what God said to do. I love that sort of thing because rather than the church serving itself, the church is serving the lost and lonely. It gives me chills when I think about it because it is a beautiful thing."

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These two parts of the book and many others provide great food for thought for churches like Trinity that are trying to find a way to do what Jesus called us to do. I highly recommend the book to anyone who has not read it.

I think Don's jazz metaphor is a great one, not only for relationships with God, but for the church as an organization. Jazz is primarily an improvisational art. It involves a lot of risk. It is about not allowing the "wrong" notes to bother you...or rather about making the "wrong" notes part of the melody, or making them into "right" notes. It's about trying over and over again and allowing the process of trial and error to be part of the music, not a pathway to it. In this way, I think Don (who is not a musician) hit on some points without even knowing it. I do think the church needs to be blue like jazz. Let's keep trying and make our mistakes into part of God's song. -Nicholas Carroll, Director of Music

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- 4) Each time you purchase from Amazon, go to smile.amazon.com, and Amazon will donate .5% of all of your eligible purchases to Trinity.
- 5) Tell everyone!

THE FIRST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL IS SEPTEMBER 17 AT 8:45 A.M.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDENT 2017 REGISTRATION FORM

(Fill out one form per child and return to Trinity's Office)

Name _____ Birthday _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone () _____ Email _____

Mom's Name _____ Cell () _____

Dad's Name _____ Cell () _____

Allergies or Other Medical Conditions _____

2017 School Grade Completed ____ Age as of 9/1/17 ____

Favorites:

Food _____

Music _____

Bible Verse _____

TV Show _____

Movie _____

Things Your Child Enjoys Doing (Hobbies, Sports, Clubs, Talents)

I _____ do/do not give permission to Trinity Lutheran Church to photograph, record audio and video record of my child _____. I understand that photos, audio and video recordings of my child may be posted in public view in the facility, may be used on the website, and may be used for publicity purposes if you give permission.

AUGUST ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13 WAS USED TO SEND-OFF CARLTON JACOBSON. Carlton's farewell before he goes off to United Lutheran Seminary in Gettysburg included a very generous check from his Trinity family of \$5,500 which included \$1,000 from the Endowment Fund/Undesignated Funds. We extend to him our best wishes, and promise to pray for him as he prepares for ordained ministry.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS: Sunday, August 27 at 10:00 worship. All students are welcome to bring their backpacks and come forward for this beginning of the school year blessing!



LAST MEETING OF THE LAUREL HIGHLANDS CONFERENCE RE-FORMATION SERIES will be held HERE at Trinity in the Fellowship Hall on **Sunday, August 27 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.** with dinner to follow. Come and

share ideas you have developed to assist us all in planning the future of Lutheran ministry in Somerset County.

ALL COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

should submit their 2018 Budgets to Trinity's Office by **Thursday, August 31**. Proposed Budgets will then be prepared for the Finance Committee/Council Budget Meeting on **Thursday, October 19** at 5:30 p.m. in Adult III.



BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

THE ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS meets in the Fellowship Hall at 8:45 a.m. each Sunday. Join us for fellowship, food, and study each week on the book of Matthew. On **Sunday, September 10** Jim Baker will discuss Trinity's finances as well as the Spring Gatherings.

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN the Monday Morning Bible Study group. We meet at 10:30 a.m. **Monday mornings** in Adult III across from Trinity's Office, and finish our study around noon. Join with us for study of the upcoming Sunday texts and good discussions! (No class on Monday, September 4 due to the holiday.)

TRINITY'S MEN'S GROUP meets every **Tuesday** at McDonald's near the Turnpike entrance at 9:00 a.m. We welcome any men that would like to join us for this coffee fellowship.



THE MARYS AND MARTHAS study group meets on the first and third **Wednesdays** of each month. Their next meetings are **September 6** and **September 20** in the Parlor at 7:00 p.m. The group uses the ELCA women's magazine, Gather. Copies are available in Trinity's Office, Chapel Kiosk, and the Narthex Information Center.

BIBLE STUDY (CONTINUED)

LOVING JESUS STUDY GROUP meets for about an hour and a half once a month, at 11:00 a.m. in Adult III. Everyone is invited to join us in reading, discussing, and growing in faith! Bring your lunch! Bring your thoughts and questions too! Trinity's Office will order new or used books online, for those who want to purchase them (445-5446). Dates and books being studied follow:

Thursday, September 14

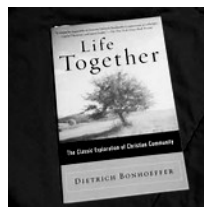
Do We Still Need the Ten Commandments?

By John H. Timmerman

Thursdays, October 12 and November 9

Life Together

By Dietrich Bonhoeffer



December date to be determined

Thank You for Being Such a Pain

By Mark Rosen



TABLE TALK...Monday, September 11 at 6:00 p.m. (Please check the Sunday bulletin to confirm the date/location.) One of the most inter-

esting writings in Luther's Works is a collection of his conversations with his Seminary students about God, theology, and life, where they enjoyed many hours outside the classroom over meals discussing the day's events in public and private life...with a theological twist! Join us for dinner or a beverage and conversation linking our everyday life with God and Scripture, as seen through a Lutheran lens. Join us!

SEPTEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Trinity's Office and
Child Care Center
will be Closed Monday,
September 4 for Labor Day!**



BY REQUEST! OUR TLC BAND with Don Robinson will be leading worship at a blended service at 10:00 a.m. once a month! Next service is on **Sunday, September 10**. Invite all of your friends and neighbors to join us. We will also Commission our Sunday School Staff on the 10th at the 10:00 service.



SPUDS OF FAITH POTATO PICKING PROJECT is **Saturday, September 16**, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at Laurel Vista Farms, 1665 Coxes Creek Road, Somerset. Volunteers are needed to pick and bag the potatoes which are then distributed to the 9 Food Pantries in Somerset County. Lunch and water are provided. Call Becky Minnich at 445-7660 to volunteer!

THE FIRST TLC CHOIR REHEARSAL for the fall season is **Sunday, September 24** at 11:15 a.m. in the Nave. TLC Choir is in need of additional members. If you are interested in singing in the choir, please let our Director of Music, Nicholas Carroll know by calling 233-2093.



SYNOD ASSEMBLY NOTES

A few of Deb Stewart's Highlights from Synod Assembly - Plans for REFORMATION 500:

- A Reformation Festival—**Saturday, October 14, 2017** at Legion Park, Hollidaysburg. An afternoon of music, food, and fellowship culminating with dinner followed by an outdoor service led by Bishop Rhyne.
- **Reformation Sunday, October 29** at First Lutheran Church, Altoona at 3:00 p.m. Rostered leaders are invited to vest and process; color of the day is red!
- **Reformation Day Prayer Liturgies:** Gatherings may take place in several conferences and congregations on **Tuesday, October 31** to pray for next 500 years, to bring Christians closer.
- **Wittenberg Reformation Tree:** On May 29, 2017 a tree was planted in Wittenberg and a sister tree planted at the Synod Office on May 30, 2017, by the Allegheny Synod. (Part of a large park in Wittenberg, in the shape of the Luther Rose.)



Luther once said:

"If I knew that tomorrow was the end of the world, I would plant an apple tree today."

[Please view all of Deb Stewart's notes from the Allegheny Synod Assembly on the bulletin boards outside of Trinity's Office and in the Fellowship Hall.]

SYNOD ASSEMBLY (CONTINUED)

Excitement at Synod? You BET!

This was the second year I attended the Allegheny Synod Assembly. You may or may not remember but in last year's report, I wrote about how the church was doing things not only on Sunday but the other 6 days of the week too. Well, guess what? We're still busy all 7 days of the week. Here are a few things that were discussed and have either happened or are works in progress. The Bishop and several other folks were headed to Montana soon after the convention to help build a new Mission house for our sister synod. Pastor John Telyec is developing an outreach for folks who are deaf and use sign language as their primary language. The Synod Council is developing a strategic plan for our future. All in all, there will be some excitement ahead for the Allegheny Synod.



Even the work of the Assembly (adopting the budget, filling committee vacancies, etc.) had its own excitement when the fire alarm went off! It was just a malfunctioning sensor (maybe too much hot air?) but it certainly got us up and moving. The other thing that got us moving was the rousing worship service by the Sequanota staff on Saturday morning.

Here's a fun fact from a presentation at Synod to wrap up my report. In 2000, the Arts and Entertainment Network (A&E) did a show on the most influential people of the last 1,000 years. Martin Luther was #3 on their list!

Dale Kriner

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS MAY-JULY, 2017

- ✓ Dale Kriner volunteered to be the new Personnel Committee Chairperson.
- ✓ Approved purchasing 20 more grief books with Memorial Funds.
- ✓ Approved Camp Sequanota Capital Campaign to receive \$2,000 from the Lois Countryman Estate/Missions Beyond Trinity.
- ✓ Eliminate Sequanota's Capital Campaign Fund and the Child Care offering envelopes. Provide one Camp Sequanota envelope and one Missionary envelope per year. Quarterly there will be one envelope with multiple check boxes for different special giving options.
- ✓ Approved Finance Committee/Council Joint Budget Meeting on **Thursday, October 19** at 5:30 p.m. in Adult III.
- ✓ Council discussed and authorized Chris Lloyd to purchase a new CD/MP3 recorder using Memorial Funds.
- ✓ Approved a reimbursement of up to \$250 per Trinity child who attended Camp Sequanota in the summer of 2017 to come from the Camp Sequanota Scholarship fund.



MEALS ON WHEELS

Dear Trinity Members,

It is Trinity's time to donate baked goods for the Meals on Wheels Program. The dates this year will be the weeks of October 23-27 and October 30 to November 3. The desserts need to be delivered to the basement of **Calvary United Methodist Church** at 235 West Church Street, **between 6:30 and 8:30 a.m.** on the date you sign up. I would be glad to pick it up for you if you are unable to deliver it yourself. Please call me a day or two ahead of time (445-7660).

Trinity will again **purchase pies** for **Tuesday, October 31** which will cost around **\$100 for that day**.

The sign up sheet for desserts will be available near the end of September on the back pew of the Chapel for the 7:30 service and on the table in the Narthex for the 10:00 service OR simply complete the form below and put it in the offering plate. Monetary donations can be given to me, put in a brown pew envelope marked "MOW," or dropped off at Trinity's Office. All checks should be made payable to "**Trinity Lutheran Church.**"

Your support is a blessing to many people. Please call me at 445-7660 with any questions you may have. Many thanks! —*Becky Minnich*

NAME _____ PHONE _____

Please indicate below how many of each you wish to donate – (total # needed is in parentheses):

<u>9 x 13 CAKES OR BUNDT CAKES (20)</u>	<u>ANGEL FOOD CAKES (24)</u>
(NO NUTS, ICING, OR CHOCOLATE)	_____ Thursday, October 26 (12)
(Prefer: Banana, Applesauce, or Box)	_____ Thursday, November 2 (12)
_____ Monday, October 23 (10)	
_____ Monday, October 30 (10)	<u>MUFFINS OR CUPCAKES (30 Doz)</u>
	(NO CORN MUFFINS; NO NUTS,
<u>COOKIES (20 DOZEN)</u>	CHOCOLATE, OR ICING)
_____ Tuesday, October 24 (20 doz)	_____ Friday, October 27 (15 doz)
(Purchasing Pies for Tues, October 31)	_____ Friday, November 3 (15 doz)

LARGE LOAF QUICK BREADS (30 Loaves)

(NO NUTS OR CHOCOLATE)

(Prefer: Raisin, Apple, Zucchini, or Banana)

_____ Wednesday, October 25 (15)

_____ Wednesday, November 1 (15)

_____ I/We prefer to **donate money**. (It takes approximately \$35 for desserts for one day OR \$175 for a week.) All donations of any size are appreciated.

COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

PLEASE GIVE US YOUR 2018 COUNCIL NOMINATIONS on the form below. Nominees must be active voting members of Trinity. A voting member is a confirmed member who has communed and contrib-

uted of record in the current or preceding year. An election will be held at the Annual Congregational Meeting. This is a three-year term and begins on January 1. Council usually meets on the fourth Thursday of every month, and duties include meeting with at least one Committee per month. The following Council members will finish a three-year term in December: Jim Baker, Linda Himes, and Christopher Lloyd. Our thanks to Travis Anderson who held a one-year term. We thank them all for their service! Current Council members will contact all persons nominated.



COUNCIL NOMINEES

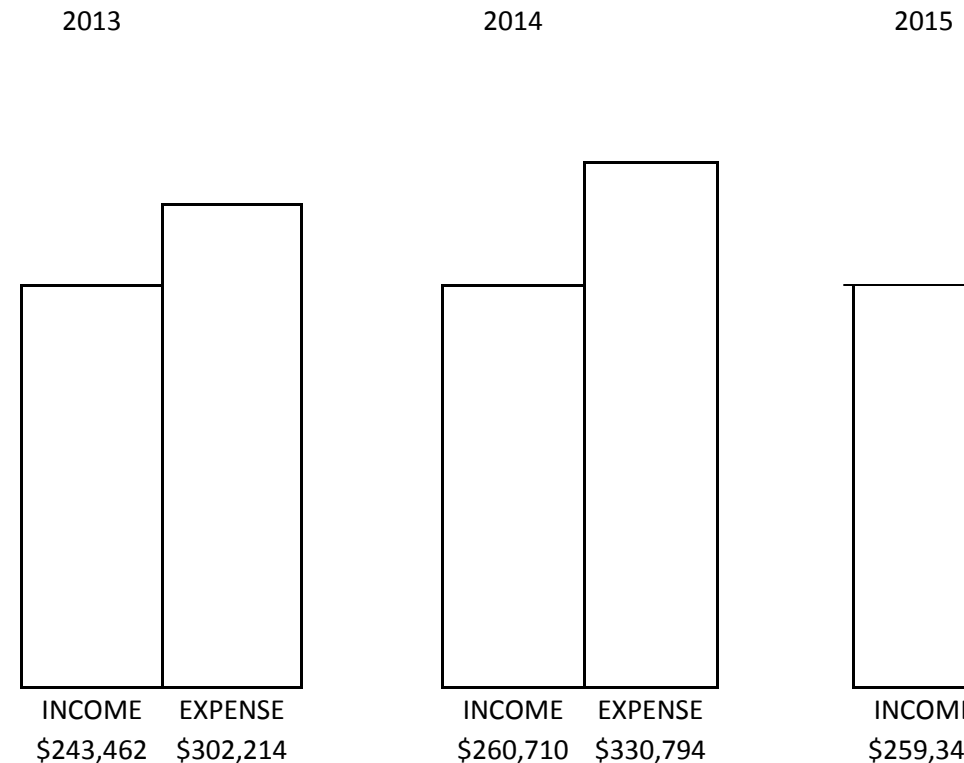
Please provide the names of those whom you think have the gifts that we need on the Congregational Council:

Thank you for your input. Please prayerfully consider our request if you are asked to serve!

DEADLINE FOR NAMES:

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25

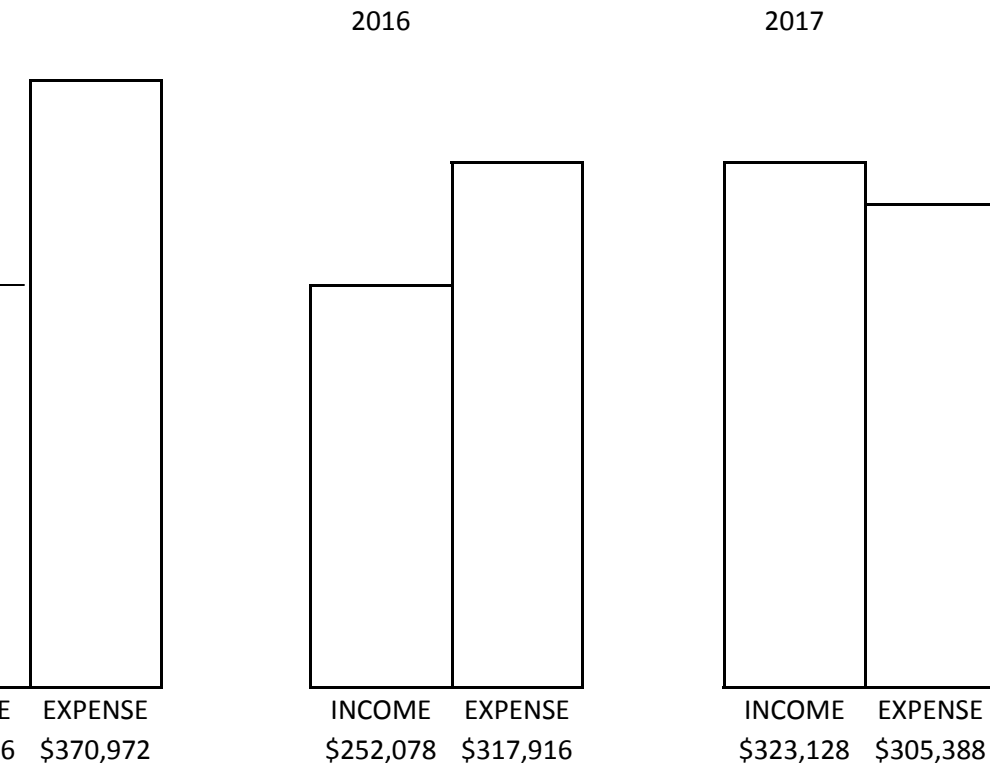
RECAP OF INCOME & EXPENSES



Income for the first half of the year was better than that same period over the previous year. Expenses decreased spending with the lowest first half costs since 2013. The Child Care Ministry continues to show strong income with good expense control. The outlook for 2016 is positive.

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past 4 years. The revised expense budget has resulted in
has covered its costs YTD for the first time this year and
2017 continues to reflect a balanced budget.

WELCA TRIENNIAL GATHERING



“All Anew”

St. Paul’s theme, “In Christ we are all Anew” was explored in many ways at the Women of the ELCA’s Gathering in Minneapolis, Minnesota in July. Women numbering 3,300 from throughout the U.S. with many special guests from around the world, gathered together for Worship, Presentations, Workshops, Movie Premiers, Concerts, Physical Activities, Reunions, Friendship formation, Conversations, and Sharing!

Five women (three members of Trinity and two friends) enjoyed a road trip that took 8 days --- from Somerset to Columbus to Chicago to Minneapolis to Mt. Pleasant (Wisconsin) to Columbus and back to Somerset! On our way to the event, we stopped in to see the ELCA Church Offices in Chicago. We enjoyed a tour throughout the building and the amazing collection of religious art throughout the building! (Pictures are posted on Facebook!) We met “our” church staff in the Presiding Bishop’s office and the Global Mission offices – one highlight of our trip!

Pastor Linda’s mother, Rhoda, and her friend, Bonnie, joined us for much of the event. We tasted food from all over the world: Indian, Greek, British, and enjoyed the delicious hospitality of Minnesota! Our first night in Minneapolis was an evening of Jazz music -- and some of us attended a Sing-along concert with the Lutheran Choir, too. Flor and I took a bike tour of the outdoor Sculpture Garden, a few blocks from the hotel, and Liz participated in the Run, Walk, and Roll.

Worship with 3,000 of your new “best friends” is awesome, with music from all over the world - but the Preachers and

Speakers raised the roof! Bishop Eaton preached at opening worship and Rev. Angela Khabeb brought down the house, with a rousing closing sermon. The youngest in our group: Flor, Liz and Makayla attended a special evening gathering of those born in the 70's, 80's and 90's – and were warmly welcomed throughout the event. Flor attended the multicultural gathering, meeting Lutheran women from all over the world.

Our Bible Study leader was Kelly Fryer, (a former Lutheran pastor who wrote the Bible Study in the summer GATHER magazine) who challenged all of us to “say goodbye to ‘nice’” and embrace God’s Call to do real GOOD in the world. ‘Nice’ allows injustice to flourish in an atmosphere where no one wants to rock the boat, but followers of Jesus are not called to be ‘nice’ but instead, to do GOOD – and that may very well raise a stir.



Nobel Prize Winner, Leymah Gbowee of Liberia challenged us with “With whom is God asking us to Align today?” She began a movement where women were gathered to pray in the streets of Liberia, eventually putting an end to that country’s civil war and worked to reconcile warring factions. Today she works for the education of young women, particularly young girls who otherwise would have a bleak future. She continues her activist role in her home country and inspires women around the world to arm themselves with prayer then go out to change the world.

The Rev. Alexia Salvatierra spoke about our country’s struggle with poverty, immigration, and the justice system. She shared her observations about Biblical characters who “upended the tables” in their time, and she challenged us to confront injustices in our own communities.

Each of the women in our group attended workshops and seminars of their own choosing. We are sharing what we learned in Sunday School classes this summer and fall. It was an inspiring and challenging event for all of us! On our way home, we stopped in to visit with one of Pastor Linda’s former supervisors, Pastor Nancy Eggert, who welcomed us at her home on Lake Michigan – a restful stop for weary travelers. Our morning wake-up call came from three baby eagles in a nest outside the house – and our breakfast included watching Mom and Dad eagle deliver fish to their brood! We returned home exhausted but also enlivened by the trip.

We are grateful for all the support provided by members of Trinity – for the special financial gifts, for the fund raiser participation, and for all the prayers. Our hope is that others will come along in the future! The 2020 Triennial is planned for Phoenix, Arizona!

Deb Stewart

Flor Hernandez

Liz Gaffron

Makayla Keller

Pastor Linda



WELCA TRIENNIAL

Notes from a Workshop by Deb Stewart

SABBATH REST

Genesis describes that on the 6th day God saw all that he had made, thought it was good, *and rested*. Among the Ten Commandments, the third is “Honor the Sabbath and keep it Holy.” There is even a penalty for not obeying the Sabbath in Numbers 15:32-36.

Yet, Do we give ourselves permission to rest, in our 24/7 Culture? Sunday is our Sabbath, but for many, it is a work day. Sabbath is not fit for labor, but fit for life. Sabbath is for the RESURRECTION OF OUR SOUL:

R = Relinquish	say Yes to Sabbath; let go of all other commitments
R = Refrain	from work
R = Relieve	mind and body of other concerns
R = Return	to God our source
R = Reminder	of who we are
R = Redirect	energies
R = Remember	what you have been given— it is enough —the good things
R = Receiving	Grace—God’s word
R = Replenish—Restore—Refresh	
R = Regular rituals	Create rituals that rest
R = Rhythm of life	Sabbath is long enough to give new clarity.

“The Sabbath was made for humankind and not humankind for the Sabbath.” (Gather Magazine)

OCTOBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLANKET SUNDAY will be **Sunday, October 1**. Everyone is encouraged to make a donation towards blankets for the Lutheran World Relief or bring your new or slightly used blankets to Trinity’s Office by **Tuesday, October 24**.



COMMITTEE REPORTS for the Annual Congregational Meeting are due into Trinity’s Office by **Tuesday, October 3**.

CONGRATULATIONS to Ted and Billye Kyle on celebrating their 65th Wedding Anniversary on **Monday, October 9**. May God’s blessing and love continue to strengthen their marriage. If you would like to send them a card, please send it to: 1228 Dar-Ed Drive; Somerset, PA 15501



OUR NEXT NEWSLETTER

DEADLINE IS:

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16

THE FIRST CANTERBURY RINGERS RE-HEARSAL for the fall season is **Thursday, October 19** at 6:15 p.m. in the Choir Loft. You are welcome to join them!



WHO DOES WHAT AT TRINITY?

The following people have taken responsibility for obtaining volunteers to do the tasks below. If you need to schedule anything or anyone with them, we have included their phone numbers below:

Altar Guild	Ann Persun	443-1483
	Lana Miller	445-7109

(Our many thanks to Linda Himes for Co-Chairing the Altar Guild for nine years! You will be greatly missed!)

Acolytes/Crucifers Volunteer Needed

Can/Ink Cartridges Recycle	Robert Thomas	814-243-4102
Communion Assistants	Barbara Swanson	445-4814
Counting Team	Trinity's Office	445-5446
Cradle Roll	Lana Miller	445-7109
Eucharistic Ministers	Barbara Swanson	445-4814
Flowers	Shelby Rhodes	701-2436

(A new volunteer for flowers will be needed beginning **December 1**.)

Our many, many thanks to Shelby Rhodes for being our Flower Coordinator for six years! We so appreciate your help!)

Greeters	Barbara Swanson	445-4814
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Lectors Volunteer Needed

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Tape Delivery	Bert Adams	445-8818
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We are grateful for these Chairpersons who work many hours to see that Trinity's needs are filled on Sundays and everyday!

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ADULT EDUCATION AT TRINITY

The 500th Anniversary of the Reformation presents a good opportunity to explore some of the essentials of our Reformation History and Lutheran Theology. Several of our Sunday School Leaders have expertise or interest in particular themes, and this emphasis will allow them an opportunity to shine! Check your bulletin for upcoming dates.

Declaration on the Way: Church, Ministry and Eucharist is a resource developed for discussions between Roman Catholics and Lutherans. The material explains areas of agreement, convergence and divergence between our churches. It provides insights gained over 50 years of Ecumenical Dialogues and will lead us through conversations with our Roman Catholic neighbors about issues that challenge our faith today. Do you want to be involved? Speak to Pastor Linda so that the conversations will be held on a timeframe you can attend!

Also, this fall, we will focus on God's Gift of WATER for several sessions in Sunday School. We will Raise Awareness about issues relating to Water Ecology, Economics, and explore local challenges to clean water and what we can do.

Faith, Sexism, Justice is the newest draft of an ELCA Social Statement. The ELCA invites congregations to weigh in on proposed Social Statements during their drafting period. A group is being formed to read through the study and discuss the content to give feedback. Members are encouraged to invite friends to the discussions as well. This is a timely topic and discussions are important to our growth as Christians and American citizens. Social Statements are requested by the church on timely topics and these theological responses form and inform our church well into the future. Let Pastor Linda know of your interest, immediately, as the responses are due later this month!

We THANK all those willing to prepare, teach, and lead our classes! This is part of the Vocation of All Believers and the sharing of gifts among the Saints at Trinity! If YOU would be willing to help with one of the classes above, or if another theme interests you, please speak to a member of the Education Committee: Bob Thomas, George Kaufman, Frank Kyle, Deb Stewart, Kathy Mitchell, Roger Bailey, Nicholas Carroll, and Pastor Linda.

BIRTHDAYS IN SEPTEMBER



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| 1 Shirley Adams | 16 Robert A. Christner |
| Elliott Dick | Judith Gnagey-Davis |
| Kimberly Ross | Shelby Rhodes |
| Dennis Sprock | Marcia Sloan |
| 2 Rev. Daniel Jones | 18 Roger Bailey |
| Kelly McNaul | Nicholas Carroll |
| 4 Betty Johnston | Suzanne Huls |
| Laurie Noll | 19 Donald Albright |
| 5 Michael Friedhofer | Shirley Gower |
| Jill Shockey | Zachary Zufall |
| 7 Amy Carroll | 20 Karen Kerlin |
| Joseph Carroll | Floyd Miller |
| Harold Knupp | 21 Frances Crouse |
| Elizabeth Morocco | Ruby Miller |
| Cathy Wheeler | 22 Colby Crouse |
| 8 Carlee Glessner | Mary Frantz |
| Riley Ross | Robert Spangler |
| 9 Spencer Svonavec | 23 Michael Mitchell |
| 10 Linda Himes | Kim Rauch |
| Janet Shockey | Heather Stoy |
| Mitchell Householder | Rosalie Younkin |
| 11 James Baker | 24 Patricia Taylor |
| Sara Barndt | 25 James Knepper, Jr. |
| Michael Meyers | Michael Kyle |
| 12 Tyler Harrold | Tasia Mostoller |
| Douglas Hoehn | David Nicholson, Jr. |
| 14 Jonathan Harrold | 26 Scott Mayer |
| 15 Zachary Matheny | Michelle McDonald |
| | 27 Jason Zimmerman |
| | 28 John M. Cascio |
| | Linda Weible |
| | 29 Sarah Barnett |
| | Anna Brocht |
| | Erin Griffith |
| | Christopher Lloyd |
| | 30 Goldie Ohler |

BIRTHDAYS IN OCTOBER

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| 1 George Stein II
Tammy Walker | 24 Robert S. Harrold
Angela Svonavec |
| 2 David Griffith | 25 Deacon Anderson
Mary Brubaker |
| 3 Susan Menser | Dale Smith |
| 4 Edna McNelly | 26 Mark Spochart |
| 6 Theodore Kyle
Bonnie Swintosky
Krystal Younkin | 27 Tyler Zimmerman |
| 7 Luke Miller | 30 Carlton Jacobson
Seth Walker |
| Karen Long-Walat
Dorothy Yutzy | William Lloyd, Jr.
Leah Hoffer |
| 8 Lois Jean Bittner | Luke Matheny
Alexandra Mitchell |
| 10 Carl Metzgar
Meagan Richter | 31 Hazel Kinsinger
Lillian Lloyd
Beverley Rose |
| 11 Pamela Marek
Maia Spochart | |
| 12 Jo Ann Balsley
Jonathan Davies | |
| 13 Ryan Bower
Meagan Christner
Trevor Shaffer | |
| 14 Jane Dively
Brittany Pizer | |
| 16 Donald Fetterolf
Patricia Woy | |
| 17 Robert Boose
JoRene Lightfoot
Stephen Zufall | |
| 18 Kay Albright
Jean Walker | |



CONGRATULATIONS!

TRINITY MEMBERS HAVING SIGNIFICANT BIRTHDAYS (80 YEARS AND OLDER)

Shirley Gower—September 19

Floyd Miller - September 20

Patricia Taylor—September 24

Anna Brocht—September 29

Goldie Ohler—September 30

Edna McNelly—October 4

Theodore Kyle—October 6

Dorothy Yutzy—October 7

Patricia Woy—October 16

Jean Walker—October 18

Dale Smith—October 25

Hazel Kinsinger—October 31

Lillian Lloyd—October 31

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

ON ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5 we will commemorate all of those at Trinity who died in the past year. Trinity's members have the opportunity to present other names for commemoration. Please fill out the form and place it in the offering plate or return it to Trinity's Office by **Tuesday, October 31** to include additional loved ones' names.

In our commemoration prayers on All Saints' Sunday, please include the following person(s):

FOR ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY this year, we will have a Gathering Luncheon for all of our homebound that can attend as well as all of Trinity's congregation on **Sunday, November 5**. Please mark your calendar now for this date.

GEOHERMAL PROJECT UPDATE:

ORIGINAL GEOTHERMAL PROJECT TOTAL	\$400,612
GIFTS FROM MEMBERS TO DATE	\$209,410
CURRENT BALANCE OUTSTANDING LOAN (MIF)	\$148,454
CURRENT MONTHLY PAYMENT	\$1,100
SAVINGS SO FAR GEOTHERMAL HVAC VS. ELECTRIC HEAT	\$15,051
(Please continue to give when possible as we try to reduce this debt)	

SEQUANOTA FALL EVENTS

FALL WORK DAY is **Saturday, September 16** beginning at 9:00 a.m. Grab your work gloves and a sturdy pair of shoes to help prepare Camp for retreat season.



Contact the Camp Office (814) 629-6627 for more information or to let us know how many volunteers to expect. No cost is involved and includes lunch for volunteers.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER - Sunday,

September 17. Appetizers and Fellowship at 4:30 p.m.; Dinner and Program at 5:30 p.m. Call the Camp (814) 629-6627 for reservations.

ADULT DAY WORKSHOP on **Thursday, October 5** from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Bishop Emeritus Gregory Pile will lead the discussion on "The Reformation, 500 Years Later." Bring a Bible (any translation) and a pen or pencil. Dress comfortably. Cost is \$10 including lunch. Please register with the Camp Office by calling (814) 629-6627 or email to the Camp at contact@sequanota.com.

WHOLE BODY WELLNESS RETREAT

on **Friday-Sunday, October 13-15** from Friday 6:30 p.m. through Sunday at 2:00 p.m.) This weekend is focused on spiritual and physical wellness. Yoga classes, clean eating, digestive health, and foods that heal from the inside out are just a few of the topics. Chef Andi Luscher will create a meal using whole foods with participants. Elizabeth Hunsberger



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will guide the yoga for all abilities. Please bring a mat if you have one. Camp Sequanota staff will nurture your spirit with Bible Study at the prayer labyrinth and creative worships. Cost is \$130 for double occupancy for the weekend which includes lodging and all meals. No lodging (whole program with meals cost is \$50. Day Fee (Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.) cost is \$30. Call the Camp to reserve your spot at (814) 629-6627.

FALL BENEFIT AUCTION is **Saturday, October 21!** Join us for a fun evening of Silent Auction and Appetizers (5:00 p.m.) and supporting Camp Sequanota by attending the Live Auction (6:00 p.m.) Cost is \$10 per person suggested donation for Taco Bar and Appetizers. Auction items include quilts, handmade art, sports tickets, gift baskets, Christmas cookies, get-a-ways, The Best Seat in the House, and more. Please contact Sequanota (814) 629-6627 if you have an auction item!

CAMP SEQUANOTA CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

TRINITY HAS MET AND EVEN EXCEEDED ITS GOAL OF \$15,000 over a period of three years for the Camp Sequanota Capital Campaign.



Trinity began its Campaign in October 2014 and has completed its commitment on June 30, 2017. All donations go to support the work of the Camp's Capital Campaign. Thank you Trinity for this great support of Camp Sequanota!

WE NEED YOUR ADDRESS

A REMINDER TO ALL COLLEGE/ TECHNICAL STUDENTS AND/OR PAR-ENTS... Trinity's Office needs your new school

address, e-mail, and cell phone. Please mail the form below to Trinity's Office at 918 Tayman Avenue, Somerset, PA 15501; e-mail the information to trinluth918@verizon.net; or call us at 445-5446 with your information. Thanks so much and best of luck to each of you!



COLLEGE/TECHNICAL STUDENTS ADDRESS/E-MAIL/CELL PHONE

Student's Name/Address _____

E-mail Address _____

Cell Phone _____

KIDS AWAY

College is starting soon. Graduates will be traveling distances that will not permit coming home every weekend.

You know how nice it is to receive a "thinking about you" card and how it lifts your spirits. Maybe those grads would like to have that moment also.

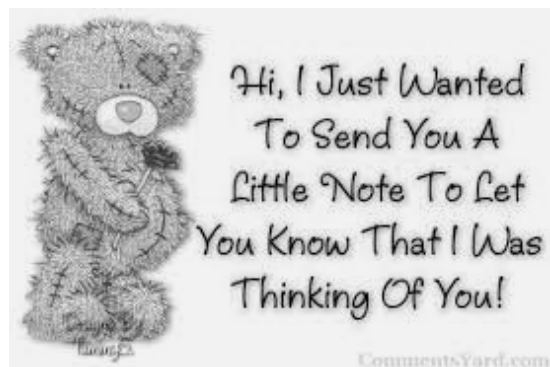
Two things need to happen to make this possible:

- 1) Grads need to tell Trinity's Office their school address.
- 2) Church members need to acquire an address from Trinity's Office and send cards or well wishes.

We are betting this could be a win-win situation! Thanks for your consideration!

May God Bless All!

Care and Share Committee



FALL LWR TRIP

Once again Friedens Lutheran Church will be doing a servant trip to New Windsor, Maryland to work at SERRV and the Lutheran World Relief Ware-



house. The date is set for **Wednesday, October 18** leaving Friedens parking lot at 6:45 a.m. The cost for the charter bus is \$25.00 per person. Lunch at the center and refreshments and movies on the way are provided. We will stop for dinner on the way home - on your own. We will return to Friedens by 8:00 p.m.

Space is limited so please call. Your check (made out to Friedens Lutheran Church) is your reservation.

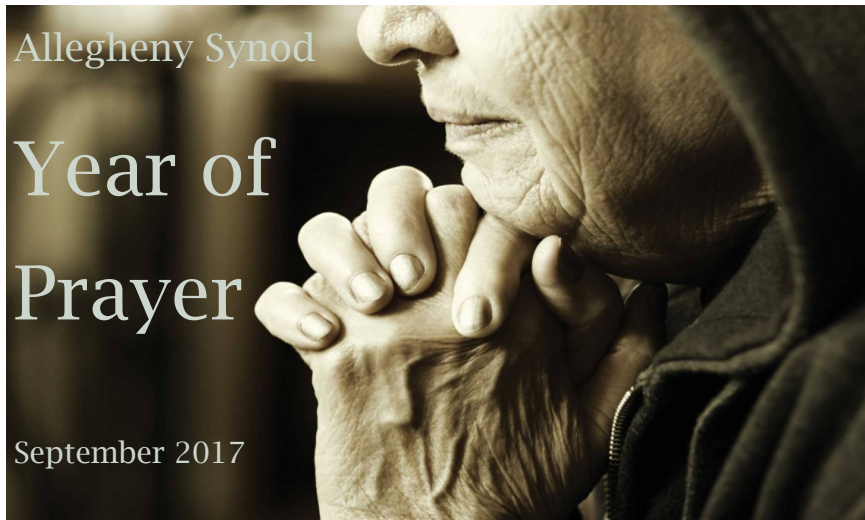
There are jobs for "sitters" and "standers." At the LWR warehouse we will work on packing blankets, and school and personal care kits. At the SERRV warehouse we will work on repackaging crafts from developing countries for domestic resale. All ages are welcome from 14 to 94.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all of our Trinity family who have blessed me with prayers, cards, visits, food, and help during my recuperation from knee surgery. I have had a great recovery and am on my way to easier walking. The people of Trinity do show the love of Christ in all that they do!

Thanks again,

Kathy Triebe



The Allegheny Synod Year of Prayer is a year-long effort to engage our members in prayer for others and for the world.

This month we pray for our partners in mission and ministry

Week 1: **ALSM (Allegheny Lutheran Social Ministries)**
As they continue to offer care for people in life's transitions.

Week 2: **Camp Sequanota**
For growth in their ministry to young people and adults through outdoor ministry.

Week 3: **United Lutheran Seminary**
For a smooth transition to the new Seminary as they continue to prepare leaders for this church.

Week 4: **LAMPa (Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in PA)**
For a continued commitment to work on behalf of our people on important issues.

SUNDAY WORSHIP AT TRINITY

7:30 a.m.

Holy Communion Service in Trinity's Chapel in the Educational Building

8:45 a.m.

Sunday School Classes for all adults in the Fellowship Hall each Sunday and for all children beginning Sunday, September 17 with music, learning, and fellowship as we hear about God's love for us!

10:00 a.m.

Holy Communion Service in Trinity's Nave



4:00 p.m.

Healing Service with Holy Communion in Trinity's Chapel

September's 4:00 Healing Service will be held **September 10** due to the Labor Day holiday

The next 4:00 p.m. Healing Service will be **October 1**