

2017 EASTER II

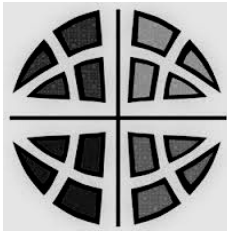
FROM THE PASTOR'S HEART

Everyone loves what we call a “comeback kid,” right? I write this as the Penguins are playing in the Stanley Cup Play-offs. They had been ahead by three games to one with the Washington Capitals, but then lost two games in a row. For the 7th game, they seemed to wake up – and came back with a shut out to capture the win! We Americans like “comeback kids” – who, when it appears that all hope of a win is gone, rise up to create a turn around, snatching victory out of the jaws of defeat.



Of course, the ultimate comeback story of all time is found in the story of Christ's Resurrection. The disciples themselves doubted the testimony of the women who had heard of Jesus' resurrection or who had met him *alive*! Eventually, what had begun as tentative “could it be?” became bold proclamations after Jesus appeared to them in the flesh. Jesus “came back” alive, taught his friends the meaning of the prophet's words, broke bread with his disciples, and gave them the task of sharing the Good News of our “Come Back” God, and empowered them with the Holy Spirit.

Jesus promised he would “come back” again and again, to be with them whenever two or three gathered in his name. He also promised to “come back” again at the end of all things, to usher in God's New Creation. And God has made US his Come Back People! That's what it means to be God's Easter People! We come back into right relationship with God through what God has done in Jesus Christ. We come back to ourselves, when we discover God's purpose for us - to be God's Good News people.



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Community Vacation Bible School
June 26-30 (see pages 19-21, and 26)

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Lutherans have been a Come Back people – a minority in the midst of a Catholic Europe, preaching the good news of Salvation in Jesus Christ Alone, ours through Faith Alone, proclaimed through Scripture Alone! That call to “come back” to the basics of the Christian faith became a reforming community within the larger church.

The people of Trinity Lutheran were a Come Back people from the beginning! German immigrants found a new home in these familiar looking hills and valleys...and they came back to the faith tradition from back home! After fires destroyed more than one church building, Trinity “came back” to proclaim the Good News of Freedom in Christ – and today marks the timeframe of another “come back.”

You will be getting invitations to Spring/Summer Gatherings – where we will gather in small groups in members’ homes for conversation about our mission and ministry together. It is a time for your input – to tell the leadership what you LOVE about our ministry together and what you look for us to focus on in the future.

It is a “come back” to our faith community – an opportunity to get reacquainted with our neighbors, to invite back those who have become less active over the years, and redefine our ministry for the future. These Gatherings will help us look to the future - after 500 years of Lutheran witness - with renewed energy and focus – I hope you will join us!



In advance, we want to say Thank You to our hosting households and to the Leadership of the congregation. EVERYONE is asked to help out – bring an appetizer, a beverage, or dessert to share! If you cannot make the date for a gathering in your “neighborhood” – then, PLEASE try to make another that

is more convenient for your schedule with the list enclosed with your invitation. Please be sure to RSVP – that is – respond to your invitation whether you can come or not!

We are, after all, a Come Back people, who are called by an Awesome Come Back God!

Faithfully yours,
Pastor Linda McElroy Thomas

SPRING/SUMMER GATHERINGS

The Congregation’s Council determined that the best way to plan for our future was to establish a few priorities in ministry, to renew our relationships, and to foster support (in time, talent, and treasure) *from everyone*. In order to do this, the Council felt that small groups gathered for conversation might be the best way to accomplish this.

Our thanks to Linda Himes and Sue Weimer for creating a map of the congregation’s homes that will help us group members into “neighborhoods.” Our thanks to Roger Bailey for contacting our Host Homes and to Travis Anderson for working on the invitations. When YOU receive your invitation, please RSVP as soon as possible. If the Host in your neighborhood is offering a Gathering on a date that is not possible for you to attend, take a look at the listing here or enclosed with your invitation to find a date that works for you, and call that Host, to see if there is room for you to attend. Please know, we want EVERYONE to participate – and these Gatherings will continue through the summer.

Please help your HOST by bringing a beverage, an appetizer, or dessert, as they request. These gatherings are not intended to burden anyone – and we hope to have the agenda completed in 1 to 1 1/2 hours, and we hope the

conversations will continue long after the evening is over! If you would like to help by HOSTING, providing Leadership at the Gatherings or in the coordination, please call Trinity's Office at 445-5446.

Adult Sunday School hours in May will help us prepare by sharing information about trends in the larger church, our ELCA, our community, and our Congregation.

Come and Join us in the Conversations! Gatherings already scheduled:

Sunday, May 28	6:00 p.m.	Robert and Linda Thomas
Wednesday, May 31	6:00 p.m.	Chad Mosholder
Wednesday, June 1	5:30 p.m.	Alan and Lana Miller
Thursday, June 8	4:00 p.m.	Deb Stewart
Saturday, June 10	2:00 p.m.	Gail Lambert

Watch the mail for your invitation!

LAUREL HIGHLANDS CONFERENCE A RE-FORMATION CONVERSATION



You are invited to join in the discussion/visioning meeting about the future of Lutheran ministry in Somerset County: The last meeting is **Sunday, May 21 at** Trinity Lutheran Church; 100 Church Street; Hooversville from 3:00-5:00 p.m. and will include dinner and fellowship time. The main topic of the day's discussion: ***Reimagining Our Future***. The purpose of these meetings has been to look at the reality that is present across the country and county, and to discuss ministry strategies moving forward. All interested persons may attend, especially church leaders.

A VIEW FROM THE LOFT

My Story, My Songs

I'm going to use this space to tell you about an upcoming concert I will be performing on **Friday, June 30** at 7:00 p.m. in the Nave. I'm calling this concert "My Story, My Songs" and it will be exactly that! I will be using piano/guitar and vocals to share some of the hundreds of songs I have written and recorded over the years. Looking back, I realized how many songs I had written and just how they told a story of my life thus far. The idea for this concert comes from my hope to portray the personal aspect of music making. I realized in planning this concert that the self-expression in music was really the main aspect that drew me toward making music my career. I want to show how much our lives influence the music we make and what music we listen to.

I'm going to start from the beginning. I began piano lessons in second grade. It just so happens that I also met a cute blonde girl named Stephanie in my second-grade class in school (Mrs. Neilan's class). At first I didn't like piano lessons at all, in fact I hated practicing and only played because my mother made me (thanks Mom!). At first, I also didn't like this girl named Stephanie, because she would steal my homework, my winter gloves at recess, and many other things. She would get me, an otherwise perfect student, in trouble. I was not ok with that! The teachers and aides always cornily said, "She does that because she likes you." I sneered because I didn't realize they were actually right.



I continued piano lessons throughout elementary school, and whenever I had Stephanie in my classes she would continue to torment me! In particular, I remember an incident when Stephanie stole a fake checkbook we were using in math class from me and how upset the teacher was that I “lost” it. (I didn’t have the guts to tell on her). My irresponsibility showed my teacher what a failure of an adult I would turn out to be... then little Stephanie raised her hand to share with the teacher that she had found my checkbook...yeah “found.”

It wasn’t until Mr. Zanoni’s seventh grade history class that I realized that I really liked talking to this Stephanie girl and that she liked some of the same video games, books, and movies I did. A little while later I asked her out in Mrs. Stack’s chorus class (going out at this point involved going to school dances together and seeing each other on weekends as our parents allowed). Soon I bought one of my first CD’s, “Dizzy Up the Girl” by the Goo Goo Dolls. This really inspired me, and I started realizing all these piano lessons could be used to express some important feelings. I started writing songs. Soon I wanted to learn to play guitar as well and I began lessons.



I started making amateur recordings of my songs on a Walkman in my parents’ basement. I taught myself about key signatures and some very advanced music theory all to the aim of writing a great song to impress Stephanie. I performed several times at the school talent shows, and I remember what an impression my song, “One Stormy Night” made on the students and faculty. (I will perform this at my concert.) As time passed, my skill increased and so did the technology I had. Eventually I was using computer microphones and slowly moved up to making complete “rock band” arrangements using digital instruments, playing the piano and guitar parts live, and singing into

a computer microphone. Quality was bad, but Stephanie listened to all of my recordings. When I went to college and had more formal composition training, I also got my own laptop. My own computer afforded me even more freedom in making better recordings. As the quality increased, I became more certain they were great work! I started sharing my recordings online and with my professors. Most everyone agreed I wrote great songs, but the reality was my genre/style of music was not popular anymore and still isn’t. People often tell me my songs are like musical soundtracks or like the music of Jim Steinman (popularized by Meat Loaf) - not surprising given that I love to listen to this type of music and the lyrical style I use is a personal storytelling style. I also think that without the story behind the songs, they are not as meaningful.

I kept recording music and writing new songs even after Stephanie and I were married in 2008. I recently have been committing my efforts to writing songs for Trinity’s Choir or liturgy, but I still write some of “my” songs from time to time.

My songs are so integral to what made me the musician I am today that I felt it was time to share them with Trinity and with my piano students. Music is often taught as a means of “making kids smarter” or “teaching them discipline.” People think music needs to be sold as a means to an end, but I feel that my life and my story reflect a different truth. Music is about expressing who we are. When I teach music, I endeavor to show that it has value on its own. Yes, music may bring other benefits that are often cited, but in my opinion music doesn’t need to be justified. I hope that by sharing my story through song this is clear to all who listen. I also feel that it is a powerful testimony how God eventually called me to use the skills He inspired me to pursue through the gift of my wife for His worship and glory. Please attend the concert... I guarantee it will be a show worth seeing!

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

BAPTISM:

April 30 Malia Irene Mihalaki



MALIA IRENE MIHALAKI was received into Trinity's family by the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on April 30. She is the daughter of Christopher G. Mihalaki and Katelyn E. Decker.

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED BY AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

April 30 Christopher George Mihalaki

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED BY LETTER OF TRANSFER:

April 30 Katelyn Elizabeth Decker
 April 30 Jane Carol (Brubaker) Zimmerman
 April 30 Dennis Michael Zimmerman

MEMBERS REMOVED BY DEATH:

March 8 Jason Wade Zimmerman
 March 15 Robert Lawrence Flick
 March 17 J. Robert Brougher
 March 28 Sally Ann (Hoffman) Spangler
 April 5 *David Cable Troyer

*Not a Member



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

April 30, 2017

Katelyn Decker

Katie was born in Somerset and grew up in Garrett. She graduated from Meyersdale High School in 2009 and is finishing a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice at Penn Foster. She lived in Williamsburg, Virginia for a year and recently moved to Somerset. She has always been a Lutheran and is transferring from Mt. Calvary in Johnstown. Katie is working as the Office Manager for Family Behavioral Resources in Somerset. Her life revolves largely around Chris, her daughter, Malia, and school, but she enjoys music, working out, and reading. She is bringing cooking skills to our life together at Trinity.

Christopher Mihalaki

Chris was born in Johnstown and graduated from Richland High School. Chris has lived in Johnstown and Somerset. His family's religious background is Russian Orthodox. He relocated to Somerset recently and works as a Barista Trainer at HMS Host, working at the Somerset Turnpike Service Center over the night shift. Chris enjoys music, working out at the gym, playing basketball, and taking his young daughter for walks.

Malia Irene Mihalaki

Malia was born in Johnstown on March 6, 2017. She enjoys walks with her Dad, Chris, during the day, when he is home from work and enjoys her late afternoons and evenings with her Mom, Katie, when she is home from work. She likes her swing and like Mom and Dad, she likes her exercises. She is independent and knows how to make her Mom and Dad smile!

Dennis Zimmerman

Dennis was born at Somerset Hospital and grew up on his family's farm in Lincoln Township. He attended Sipesville Elementary, and Junior and Senior High School in Somerset. He has an Associates Degree in Engineering at Triangle Tech but has been a "jack of all trades" all his life – which is pretty handy on the farm! He has been a lifetime member of Christ Casebeer Lutheran, where his family went back several generations. He and Jane are also associate members of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Leesburg, Florida. Dennis brings many years of working on church property and loves woodworking.

Jane C. Zimmerman

Jane is actually returning to Trinity, having grown up in this congregation. She is the second child of John and Dorothy Brubaker, and sister of Mary Brubaker. Jane was born and grew up in Somerset. She graduated from Somerset High School in 1973 and from Western Pennsylvania School of Nursing in 1976. She and Dennis were married at Trinity and they have raised two children together. Michael Scott and his family live just down the road. Brenda Lee and her family live in Central City. After retiring from 38 years working at Somerset Hospital in 2014, Jane opened her own business, Double Z Quilting Services in 2016 with her sister-in-law. She enjoys the challenge of creative quilting (it has become a family affair) and spending time with her five grandchildren. Jane brings with her gifts in sewing and creative stitchery.

Please see the next page for addresses and phone numbers for our new members!

NEW MEMBERS INFORMATION

Please place this in your Church Directory at home for April 30, 2017 New Members:

Katelyn Decker and Christopher Mihalaki

Child: Malia Mihalaki

1021 Highland Park Drive

Somerset, PA 15501

(814) 279-9206 (Katelyn)

(814) 273-4200 (Christopher)

Jane and Dennis Zimmerman

610 Barnett Road

Boswell, PA 15531

(814) 233-8129 (Jane)

(814) 233-7492 (Dennis)

**Welcome New
Members!**

CONGRATULATIONS

CONGRATULATIONS to Adam and Amanda (Harrold) Bowers (*former Trinity member*) upon the birth of their daughter, *Ava Grace*, on **Friday, April 14**. Proud grandparents are Bob and Georgia Harrold and great-Grandmother is Ileen Harrold.



CONGRATULATIONS to Kelley and Brian Thompson upon the birth of their son, *Max Joseph Thompson*, who weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces and was 19 1/4" long. He was born **Monday, April 17**. Max joins his two sisters, Ella and Alaina at home.

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS MARCH/APRIL, 2017

- ▶ Synod Assembly June 2-3 delegates are Deb Stewart, Carlton Jacobson, and Dale Kriner
- ▶ Summary of Demographic and Local Religious Trends in Somerset County and the Laurel Highlands Conference (including population, religious affiliation by denomination, and average weekly worship attendance)
- ▶ On **Sunday, May 21** a finance update will be presented during the adult Sunday School class.
- ▶ There were three new lilac bushes planted near the entrances to the Educational Building.

NAMING TRINITY IN YOUR WILL

2017 marks the 20-year anniversary of Trinity's Endowment Fund. The Endowment Fund Committee urges you to read the "brochure" included in this newsletter and to prayerfully consider making a bequest to your church.

A gift to the church can be a person's final word of witness, proclaiming that we are people of God, grateful for His grace. Such a gift sets an example for generations to come, confirming that the work of God on earth must be everlasting, and that past members of the church cared enough to see that God's work through Trinity will continue.

The Endowment Fund Committee:
Ed Bowersox, Dale Kriner, Larry Mazer,
Ann Persun, Bob Thomas

After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to the tomb.

So begins the Easter story in the Gospel according to Matthew.

The women had lived through the pain of Friday and the emptiness of Saturday and were expecting death. All of their hope had come to a dead end.

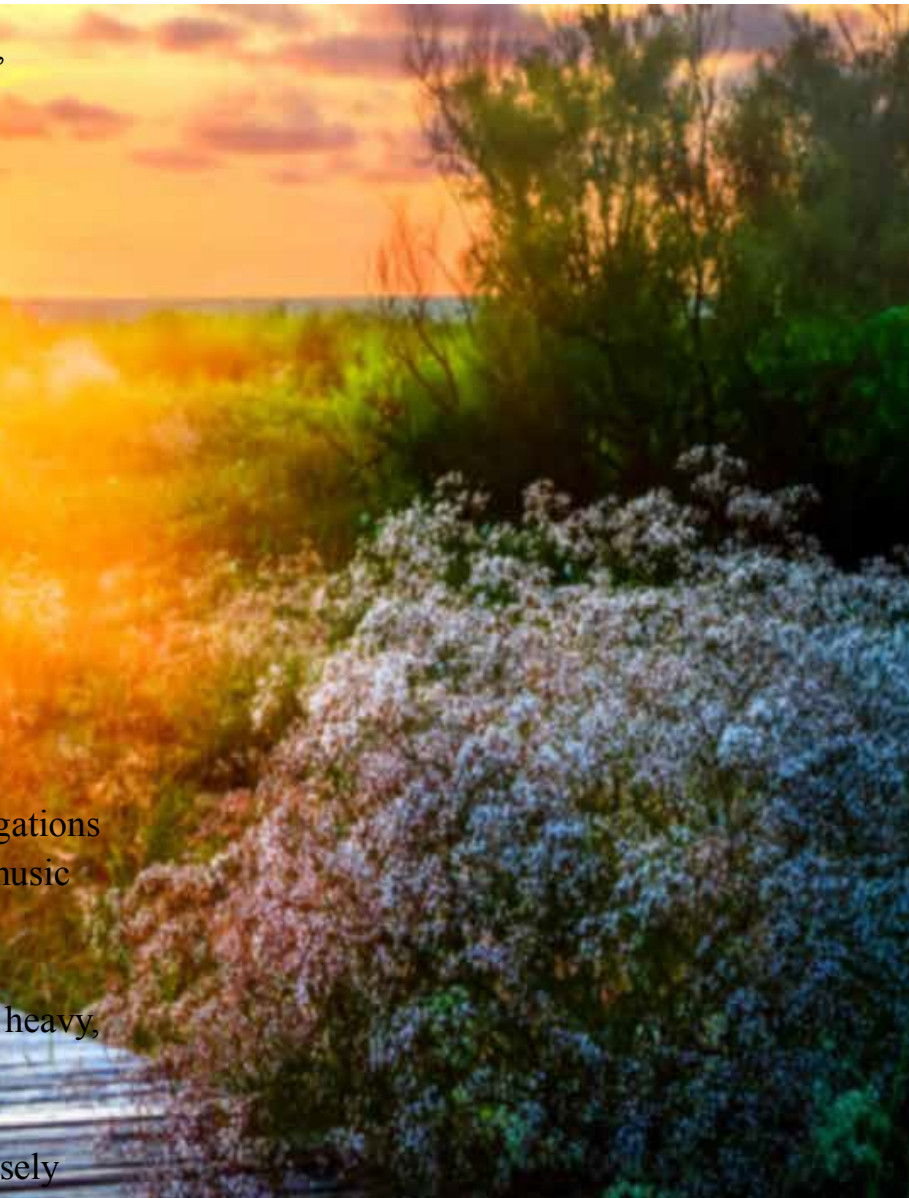
And just then, as the first day of the week was dawning, hope was restored. The angel said, "Do not be afraid; I know you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here: for he has been raised, as he said."

Instead of death – life. Instead of the end – the beginning.

On Easter, we will have glorious celebrations in our congregations and worshipping communities. There will be rejoicing and music and flowers and alleluias. And that's a good thing.

But when the flowers fade and the pressures of life seem so heavy, when the brokenness of this world breaks our spirits, when we have come to a dead end ... rejoice. Because it is exactly there where the risen Christ meets us. It is precisely there where we are given resurrection life. It is at that point that we say, Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Hallelujah!

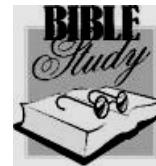


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BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

THE ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

meets in the Fellowship Hall at 8:45 a.m. each Sunday. Join us each week or as often as you are able. On **Sunday, May 21**, Jim Baker will present a financial update, and on **Sunday, May 28**, Pastor Linda will continue the discussion on the Gospel of Matthew.



YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN the Monday Morning Bible Study group at 10:30 a.m. in Adult III. Join with us for study of the upcoming Sunday texts and good discussions!

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

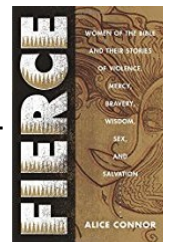


LOVING JESUS BOOK GROUP meets one Thursday a month at 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Adult III. (Bring a lunch.) The group is open to anyone who likes to read and discuss.

Fierce: Women of the Bible and their Stories Of Violence, Mercy, Bravery, Wisdom....

by Alice Connor - This author has a "way with words" that keeps us entertained! Our **June 1** meeting will cover Part 2: Hebrew Women and then, we move on to Part 3: Christian Women of Scripture. ***Hallelujah Anyway:***

Rediscovering Mercy by Anne Lamott is our next book. Call Trinity's Office (445-5446) to order a copy!



BIBLE STUDY (CONTINUED)



MARYS AND MARTHAS Bible study group for women of all ages will meet on the first and third **Wednesdays, June 7 and 21** in the Parlor at 7:00 p.m. The group uses the ELCA women's magazine, Gather. Extra copies are in Trinity's Office. (Join us for study, refreshments, and fel-

lowship!

TABLE TALKS CONTINUE...On the road to Emmaus, two of Jesus' friends were talking about the recent events in Jerusalem. They invited a newfound friend to join them for a meal and discovered that Jesus was right there, with them...in the breaking of the bread!

Do you enjoy having dinner out with friends? Making new friends along the way?

Do you long for good conversations about meaningful topics pertinent to our faith and our lives?

Are you intrigued by how God can bring people of differing points of view together for Faith Talk?

Then come to one of our Table Talk gatherings! You will walk away with new insights, something to think about, and a renewed sense that God is walking with us on our Faith Journeys – even today – discovered in the breaking of the bread!

Next TABLE TALK will be **Monday, June 19** at 6:00 p.m. at Flyin' Lion in Jennerstown.



OUR GRIEF GROUP MINISTRY

Trinity will offer another set of Grief Group sessions in May and June, and into the summer months, as the group and the leaders will decide. We will again use the Grief Share videos and materials, which have been very well received.

Please Note: There is no timetable for Grief. There is no One Way to grieve – we ALL do it DIFFERENTLY.

Those who grieve will ALWAYS miss their loved one – there is no “getting over it.”

Speaking of the Loved One who has died, actually *comforts* those who grieve...even if tears come!



Invite a friend who is grieving to join you for these sessions – they are open to the public, and can be joined at any time.

Our First Meeting: 6:30 pm, TUESDAY, May 30 in the Adult III classroom. Meetings will follow on **Tuesdays, June 6, 13, 20, and 27.**

ALSM AUXILIARY APPEAL



THE 2017 ALSM AUXILIARY APPEAL continues through May and the year. Brochures are available in Trinity's Narthex and Office. Please

be generous to help provide meals and care for elderly residents, both at home and in our Lutheran Home facilities.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

ECUMENICAL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
Monday, June 26 through Friday, June 30, 2017
9:00 am to Noon

This year, we join up with our Episcopal, UCC, and Brethren friends for Vacation Bible School at St. Paul's UCC Church at 202 West Union Street in Somerset. Ages 3 through Grade 6 are invited!

Hero Central: "Do good! Seek peace....and go after it!" (Psalm 34:14)

June 26 - Samuel Anoints David (1 Samuel 16:1-12)

June 27 - Abigail Saves the Day (1 Samuel 25)

June 28 - Jesus Goes to the Temple (Luke 2:41-52)

June 29 - Beatitudes (Matthew 4:23-5:12)

June 30 - Pentecost (Acts 2:1-41)

These are the VBS Biblical Stories – the Mighty Acts of God include empowering God's People, who become Heroes for us -- simply by doing God's Work faithfully! Kids today love their super heroes – so they need to learn about super heroes among God's Faithful People, too! Learning with our brothers and sisters in faith (ecumenically) is a great way to share the work, the cost, and the JOY!

We are looking for Trinity folks to serve in a variety of ways – volunteer for just one day; donate or help prepare the snacks; help Pastor Linda in the Bible Story Re-enactments; help set up the props and decorations – there is something for everyone to do! Call Trinity's Office (445-5446) to volunteer or speak to Pastor Linda if you have a question.

COMMUNITY VBS REGISTRATION/ PERMISSION FORM

Age of Child _____ Last School Grade Completed _____

Any Allergies: _____

Hero Central

Location: St. Paul's United Church of Christ
 202 West Union Street
 Somerset, PA 15501

Name of Son or Daughter _____

Address (Street) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____ Cell/Work Phone _____

Emergency Phone _____

List any special instructions for pick-up after Bible School: _____

List any special needs that your child may have (ADHD): _____

Best way to contact you during Bible School hours: _____

Name and phone number of relative or neighbor that can be contacted in case of emergency and parents can't be reached: _____

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Family Physician _____ Phone _____

List any special instructions to assist your child (include any medication your child is taking and any allergies): _____

I **DO DO NOT** (*circle one*) authorize the leadership to administer over-the-counter medications as deemed necessary. Parents are responsible to inform the leadership of any medications taken during the hours of Vacation Bible School. Medications will be given to leaders for security and to be dispensed.

Serious behavior or disciplinary problems may result in parents being called to come and get their child/children. By signing this form you agree to this policy.

My daughter/son has my permission to participate in Vacation Bible School. I release St. Paul's United Church of Christ, the ministers, and volunteers of the Community Bible School from any liability for injury or accident and give my permission to the VBS's leadership to secure proper medical attention should the need arise.

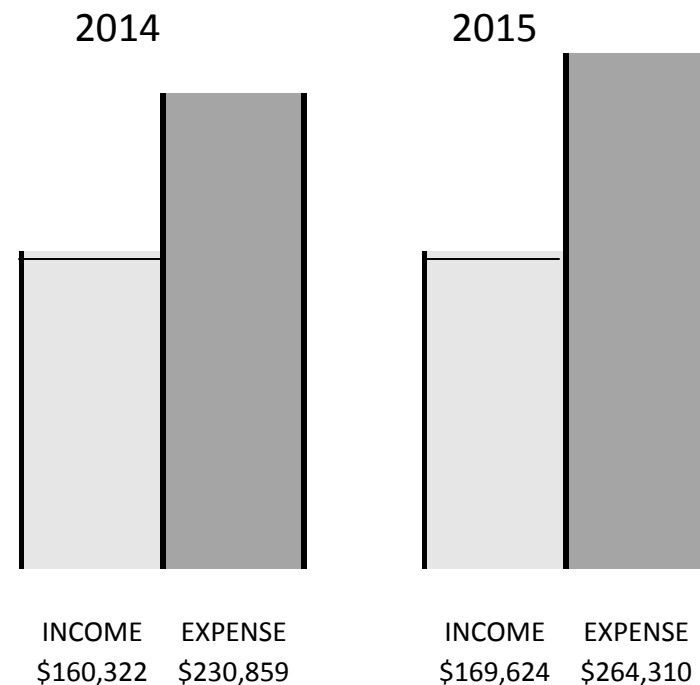
Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date _____

This form must be completely filled out and signed.

Thank you for your cooperation.

RECAP OF GIVING A PAST 4-YEARS



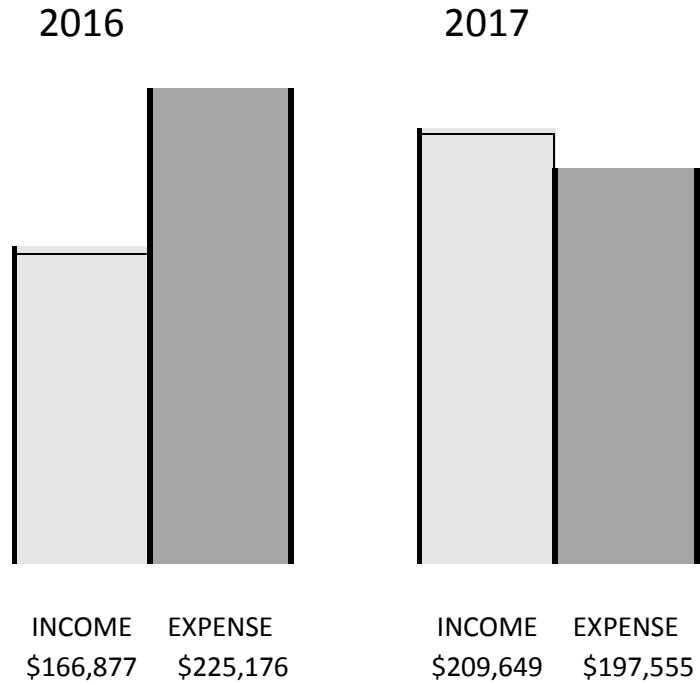
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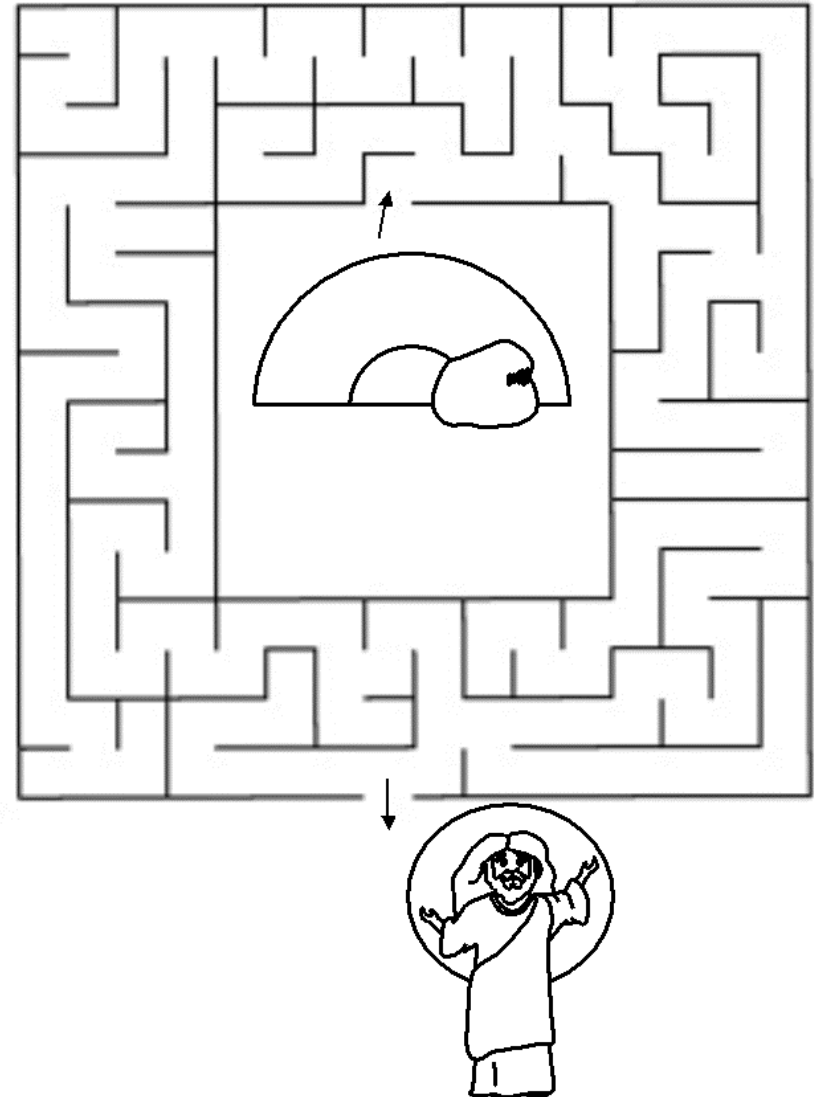
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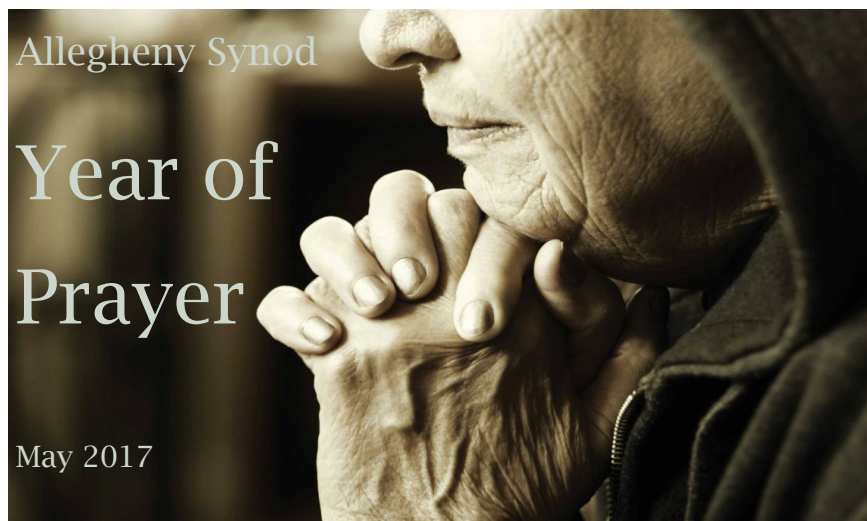
othermal Project.

KIDS' PAGE

Easter Maze

Help Jesus find his way out of the tomb so he can tell the disciples He's Alive!





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 Seminarians

Week 1: Discernment

Pray for this Synod's fifteen candidates for rostered ministry as they discern how God is calling them to serve

Week 2: For families of seminarians

Pray that they may find rest, renewal, and support for their part of this journey.

Week 3: For Allegheny Synod candidates

Curt, Kathy, Nancy, Susan, Dan, Roger, David, Anne, MJ, Doug, Tyler, Ted, Penny, Carlton, and Ruth

Week 4: For our Lay Worship Leaders

This Synod has over 20 faithful and dedicated lay worship leaders who serve congregations without a regularly called pastor.

VBS FOOD ITEMS NEEDED

Trinity needs a few snacks for the Community Vacation Bible School for Wednesday, June 28. Items may be brought to Trinity's Office on **Tuesday, June 27**. We need snacks for 80 children. Please call Trinity's Office (445-5446) if you can provide any of the following:

Seedless Grapes (red or green)

Twizzlers Cherry (red) Licorice

Presweetened Kool-Aid Canisters

ANNOUNCEMENTS



ANY MEMBERS OR GROUPS wanting to use Trinity's facilities or Pavilion should call Trinity's Office (445-5446) to schedule the date and time for 2017, even if you have used it for the same date/event in the past. Sometimes we have multiple requests for the same date. Our Pavilion and Playground are very popular!

INVITATION POSTCARDS to Trinity are available in the Narthex for you to pick up and use to invite others to worship with you here. We have Good News to share! Inviting others is something ALL of us are asked to do. It is what we are commissioned to do in our baptism.

**Invite
Everybody**

CALLING GARDENERS...

Calling gardeners, DIY-ers, handy-persons, landscapers!

Can you volunteer only 2 hours? Think of what we can accomplish working together!

Project 1: The Property Committee has decided to **remove some plantings and replant grass** around much of the playground (the weeds are taking over!) I would like to **save the healthy plants and replant them** in the remaining “circles” around the trees...can you help? Bring your shovel and garden tools! We already have folks who have adopted two circles for the summer, YooHoo!

Project 2: **A “Raised” Vegetable Garden for the Child Care Summer Program.** We have the raised bed built! (Thank you Fritz and Jack!) We have the seeds... the soil is soon to be delivered...bring your shovel and garden tools, and let's help the children of the Child Care learn about Stewardship of the Earth, Nutrition, and Responsibility this summer!

Project 3: **A Wildflower Bed**....mulch needs to be moved, and in its place, a Wildflower bed prepared.... Removing shrubs and roots...so the children can sow the seeds. You can help us on your own time to do this project! - If anyone has a tiller or earth moving equipment! Help!



Speak to Pastor Linda (289-3140) about upcoming projects and schedule your volunteer hours! If EVERYONE who is able would donate just 2 hours of time, we could accomplish a lot!

TRINITY'S CHILD CARE IS GROWING AN EXCITING SUMMER!

A Wildflower bed, a Vegetable Garden, a Flower Garden and a summer of gardening fun is planned for Trinity's Child Care! We are looking for help from the congregation – let Trinity's Office or Pastor Linda know if you can volunteer just 2 hours for our projects! Our thanks already to Fritz Morocco and Jack Hess for creating two raised beds – the children are excited to plant their gardens, and plan to make one into a *Fairy Garden*!

Several members have already “adopted” a circle bed to care for all summer – Thank you!! We need a few volunteers to put in a few hours to prepare them. If you prefer to work with others, come out on **Saturday, May 27th** (9:00-11:00 a.m.) and **Wednesday, May 31st** (9:00-11:00 a.m.) Yes, these dates might not be good for everyone – they are during the Memorial Day week. However, friends of the Gardens can come out to work at any time! We need to clear the circles around the trees of weeds, move healthy plants into those circles, add weed guard, soil, and mulch. Any of these can be done when YOU are free!

The Summer Day Care will have weeks that focus on Teamwork, Science, Arts and Crafts, and Nature/Care of Creation. There are a number of projects that will need supplies – WE NEED YOUR HELP!

WE NEED: Birdseed; pompoms; shaving cream; empty water bottles; small Legos; flat, smooth rocks (no bigger than palm of your hand); quart Mason jars; lids/rings for mason jars; large rectangular or square totes containers; clear plastic garbage bags; OR donations to help us purchase them!

ANNOUNCEMENTS



NICHOLAS CARROLL PIANO STUDIOS
RECITAL is scheduled for Trinity's Nave on
Sunday, June 4 at 1:30 p.m. The recital is free
 and open to the public. All are invited!

CARDS AND NOTES OF CHEER
 would be most appreciated by **Pastor**
William Triebe and may be sent to:

GOD BLESS YOU

425 West Patriot Street
 Somerset, PA 15501

GEO THERMAL UPDATE

ORIGINAL GEOTHERMAL PROJECT TOTAL	\$400,612
GIFTS FROM MEMBERS TO DATE	\$206,708
CURRENT BALANCE OUTSTANDING LOAN (MIF)	\$150,123
CURRENT MONTHLY PAYMENT	\$1,100
SAVINGS SO FAR GEOTHERMAL HVAC VS. ELECTRIC HEAT	\$14,941
(Please continue to give when possible as we try to reduce this debt)	

GRADUATES ACKNOWLEDGED

TRINITY WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE
ITS GRADUATES in the newsletter and Sunday
 bulletin. Please inform Trinity's Office by calling
 445-5446 (or by filling out the form below) with
 the names of the seniors in your family graduating from high
 school, college, technical school, or graduate school by noon
 on **Tuesday, June 6** so that they may be included.



Graduate's Name _____

School/College Name _____

If applicable, degree earned in _____

Home Phone # _____

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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2017!

Dickinson School of Law of the Pennsylvania State University

Joseph Aaron Carroll
Juris Doctor Degree

Slippery Rock University

Kelsey Anne Weimer
Doctorate Degree of Physical Therapy

University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown

Joshua Lee Lloyd
Bachelor's of Science Degree in
Electrical Engineering Technology

Rockwood Area Senior High School

Sydney Shea Beam
Madelyn Paige Mitchell

Somerset Area Senior High School

Michael Allen Beeman, Jr.
James Spangler Gnagey-Davis

OUR VERY BEST WISHES to our high school and college graduates. We pray God's blessings will be upon you as you continue in your education or embark on a new career. Please let Trinity's Office know if you have a high school or college graduate not listed here.

JOIN US ON SUNDAY EACH WEEK FOR WORSHIP!

7:30 a.m. Holy Communion Service
in Trinity's Chapel in the
Educational Building

8:45 a.m. Sunday School Classes
for all ages in the Fellow-
ship Hall. The last day for
Children's Sunday School
for the summer will be **Sun-
day, June 4**

10:00 a.m. Holy Communion Service
in Trinity's Nave

**4:00 p.m. Healing Service with Holy
Communion**
1st Sunday of each month
in Trinity's Chapel
(June 4 and July 2)



TRIENNIAL WOMEN'S GATHERING NEWS!

The women attending the Women of the ELCA Triennial Convention (**July 13-16**) are Deb Stewart, Flor Hernandez, Pastor Linda, and we hope to have one or two more! We are feeling blessed to have all the support that Trinity members have been providing for our fund raisers from folks baking for the Bake Sale (yummy!), those who purchased those goodies, and all those going out to eat at the restaurants for the Community Fund Raisers! Thank you all!

We are discussing the options for travel this month. We plan to stop to see the ELCA Church Offices in Chicago on the way, and on the return trip, we are thinking of stopping in at a Retreat Center operated by one of my colleagues.

The Triennial is, on the one-hand a Convention: the country-wide meeting of representatives from every Synod of the church which makes major decisions. Women of the ELCA is an auxiliary of the church, an extension of the church that serves mission, outreach to young women (Bold Café), and supports ministries with, for, and by women all over the world. It is possible that this will be the last of such gatherings, as the whole church, and the Women of the ELCA in particular, is struggling to survive with falling financial support. (An example is our own church's decision to reduce by half, our support for the ELCA.) With less support, important decisions need to be made about the priorities.

But the Triennial is **MORE** than a convention – it is a key gathering for servants of the church. We are inspired by worship, we grow in faith and understanding by attending Bible Studies and workshops. It provides an opportunity to create

relationships that support our ministry back home and inspires us with new stories and ministries. Please pray for the whole church, for the Women of the ELCA, and if your resources allow it, consider supporting our work in the larger church and through the Women of the ELCA – it is a gift that blesses us in many ways.

- Pastor Linda



GERANIUMS

RED GERANIUMS AT PENTECOST (Sunday, June 4) are a tradition at Trinity. The bright red color reminds us of the fire of the Holy Spirit. You may order a geranium by placing \$4.00 per plant in your offering envelope or a brown pew envelope and mark it "Geraniums." The flowers will be planted on Trinity's grounds as a summer reminder that the Holy Spirit gives us power to share the Good news of the Resurrection. Order deadline is **Tuesday, May 30**. Please wear red on Pentecost Sunday!

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GETTYSBURG SEMINARY

2017 SUMMER LAY SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY AT GETTYSBURG SEMINARY is ***Congregational Renewal for Lay People***. Dates: **Sunday, July 23** beginning at 4:30 p.m. **through Saturday, July 29** ending at 12:30 p.m. ELCA Deacon *Marsha Roscoe*, Lower Susquehanna Synod Center for Faith Formation & Resource Ministries Director, is the presenter. She has worked in all areas of faith formation for more than 18 years. She desires to help others grow in faith and discipleship. A full schedule is available at www.Ltsg.edu/academics/lifelong-learning/lay-school. Scholarships are available. Please stop in at Trinity's Office for a registration form to attend. ***Early Bird Registration is through Thursday, May 25.***

DAILY AMERICAN 10K

ANNUAL 5K/10K DAILY AMERICAN RUN/RACE: This year, the money raised goes to the ***Salvation Army, SOS Secret Santa, and St. Francis Sharing and Caring.*** We need team members for the race which is **Saturday, June 10**, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Somerset High School Track. Please see or call Sally Miller (814) 395-5593 if you are interested in being part of the race.



**THE NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:
MONDAY, AUGUST 7**

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Ava Fanale
Erin Gibson
- 2 Janet Fetterolf
Scott Lloyd
- 3 Amanda Rugg
- 4 William Peck
- 5 Bruce Rhodes
- 9 Evan Walter
- 11 Evan Fetterolf
Zeke Pizer
Kathy Mitchell
- 12 Jennifer Rice
- 13 Samantha Hause
Allison Harrold
- 14 Shirley Gibson
Bonnie Rice
Diane Wagner
Andrea Weimer
Nathan Weimer
- 15 Emily Lloyd
- 16 Abigail Bokros
- 17 Pamela Croyle
Aaron Swanson
- 18 John Centi
Lori McNelly
- 19 Betty Hunter
- 20 Madelyn Mitchell
- 21 Judy Greig
Jonathan Jacobs
Paul Urbain



- 22 Donna Cascio
- 24 R. Michael Cascio
Ian Fetterolf
- 27 Ruth Nicholson
- 28 Taylor Demchak
Alyssa Morocco
Janet Morocco
Walter Rose, Jr.
- 30 Kathy Johnson

Happy Birthday
to you....

BIRTHDAYS IN JULY



- | | |
|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Matthew Miller | |
| 2 Nancy Friedline | |
| Randall Harrold | |
| 4 John R. Dick | |
| Corey Whaley | |
| 5 Shirley Kuhlman | 20 Bert Adams |
| Lacie Morocco | Susan Christner |
| Barbara Walker | Eloise Fetterolf |
| 7 James Gnagey-Davis | Nancy Shaffer |
| 8 Kim Baker | 21 Lori Heiple |
| Richard Shockey | 23 Georgia Harrold |
| Kamryn Younkin | James Harrold |
| 10 Benjamin Carroll | 25 Matthew Jacobs |
| Janice Crise | Glenn Miller, Sr. |
| Barry Phillips | Neil Miller |
| Amy Weimer | 26 F. Ray Ellis, Jr. |
| 11 Michele Rhodes | Rose Long |
| Brian Thompson | Robert Snyder |
| 13 Timothy Bence II | 27 Connie Bowers |
| Angela Drenning | Cory Fanale |
| Andrew Miller | Gretchen Knupp |
| 14 Sydney Beam | Melissa Meyers |
| Carla Fanale | 29 Eric Zimmerman |
| Frank Morocco | Deborah Stewart |
| Mary Scott | 30 Denise McDonald |
| Laura Whaley | Charles Mitchell, Jr. |
| 16 Alexandra Ansell | 31 Allison Walter |
| 17 Kathy Reed | |
| 18 Richard Lloyd | |
| Evan Sanner | |



Lutheran Day at the Altoona Curve and the Great Allegheny Tailgate Sunday, July 30, 2017

Tailgate 4:00-5:00 p.m. at

The Allegheny Synod Office, 701 Quail Ave. Altoona

Hot dogs and drinks provided—bring a snack to share.

Game begins at 6:00 p.m.

Peoples Natural Gas Field

Blair County Ballpark

Adults/Children Age 3 and up: \$5.50 per person *

Children Age 2 and Under: Free

(*There will be a mailing fee of \$.50 for each group of tickets)

Fireworks after the game!

Complete the order form and return it to the Synod office by Friday, July 14
Allegheny Synod, 701 Quail Avenue, Altoona, PA 16602

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 John X. Dick | 22 Mary Fait |
| Betty Wahl | 23 M. Mitchell Fetterolf |
| 2 Dorothy Barnhart | C. Gregory Frantz |
| Larry Stahl | Heather Wingfield |
| 3 James Kyle, Jr. | Gayle Miller |
| 4 Meredith Barkman | Katie Snyder |
| Thomas Pinkham | 26 R. Eric Critchfield |
| 5 Darrell Yutzy | Erin Knepper |
| 6 Michael Beeman, Jr. | Martin Walat |
| 8 Betty Anderson | 28 Jennifer Hemminger |
| Linda Phillips | 29 Dorothy Bennett |
| Linda Troy | Harry Sandusky |
| 9 John McNaul | Bradley S. Walker |
| 11 Ayden Liston | 30 Derek Ellis |
| M. Jean Long | |
| 12 Alexander Boose | |
| Chad Bowers | |
| Samuel Crouse | |
| Brooke Glessner | |
| Riley Harrold | |
| 13 Wendy Shaffer | |
| Michael Troy | |
| 17 Robert Reed | |
| 18 Flor Hernandez | |
| 19 William Johnston, Jr. | |
| 20 Wayne Coleman | |
| Darrell Mitchell | |
| Mark Walker | |



FUND RAISERS

A HOSS'S STEAK AND SEA HOUSE

COMMUNITY NIGHT is being held on

Monday, June 12 (all day) to benefit

Trinity's women attending the July 2017 WELCA Triennial Gathering. Cards are available in the Chapel, Narthex, and Trinity's Office. One card is good for all persons in your party, and 20% of your guest check gets donated back to Trinity (if we reach \$300.00 in sales). See you there and bring your friends!



TRINITY'S CHILD CARE is selling 1 oz. Country Meats Smoked Pork Snack Sticks in these flavors:

Sweet Annie Brown - A favorite made with real honey and brown sugar.

Bold Teriyaki - An orange mandarin sweet Asian teriyaki fusion with a hint of smokey citrus.

Hot Cajun - Three different peppers - white, black, and red blended and seasoned.

Original Smoked Hickory - Mild, rich, and hickory flavored smoked to perfection snack stick.

Pepperoni - Incredible taste

Old #9 - Picture a steak marinated in a sweet bourbon peppercorn sauce. After 9 tries at this formula, it seemed only right to name it Old #9.



The **above** flavors are available in Trinity's Office for just \$1.00 each per stick! If you love them, **check out all 14 flavors at Countrymeats.com**. We will be placing orders for anyone wanting **24** or more of any **one flavor**. (Payment must be made to Trinity before we order.) Profits go to support Trinity's Child Care. Any questions, call Ann (445-5446).

FUND RAISERS (CONTINUED)

A BAKE SALE to benefit the women attending the WELCA Gathering in July will be held on **Sunday, July 2** after both worship services. Support and enjoy at the same time!



CONGRATULATIONS

TRINITY MEMBERS HAVING SIGNIFICANT

BIRTHDAYS (80 YEARS AND OLDER)



Abigail Bokros—June 16

Betty Hunter—June 19

Paul Urbain—June 21

Ruth Nicholson—June 27

Janet Morocco—June 28

Nancy Friedline - July 2

Shirley Kuhlman - July 5

Mary Scott - July 14

Bert Adams - July 20

Nancy Shaffer - July 20

Glenn Miller, Sr. - July 25

Rose Long - July 26

CONGRATULATIONS

TRINITY MEMBERS HAVING SIGNIFICANT

BIRTHDAYS (80 YEARS AND OLDER)



Dorothy Barnhart - August 2

Thomas Pinkham - August 4

Darrell Yutzy - August 5

M. Jean Long - August 11

Dorothy Bennett - August 29

Harry Sandusky - August 29

THANK YOU



Thank you to all who sent me get well cards during my illness. I truly appreciate the Care and Share Committee bringing me soup after my hospital stay. The cards and soup were much appreciated!

- Janet Shockey

THANK YOU

May, 2017

Members of Trinity,



I wanted to thank you all for your prayers for my safety and joy as I traveled across the southern tier of the United States on my 58-day bicycle trek. I felt your strength many times and know that prayer brings such peace and encouragement to an event like that. When I sat in church this morning, I knew that this was a home I longed to be in at this conclusion! Pastor Linda welcomed me home warmly and invited me to talk with any and all about the experience. I would be happy to answer questions at some point. I just wanted you to know that I did ride for NewBikes-ForKids.org. Any monies sent to them by the end of May will benefit children from Somerset County. I have left a business-type card in the Narthex if you are interested in contributing any amount for that cause. In the meantime, I will prepare to speak to anyone interested about my experiences. Again, thank you for being such an important and helpful part of our Trinity Lutheran Church Congregation!

- Sydney Bowersox

THIS SUNDAY, MAY 21: SPECIAL MEETING FOR TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH MEMBERS



JOIN US DURING
ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL
SUNDAY, MAY 21ST – 8:45 a.m.

Come for a financial update and a continued conversation about church trends. Bring your ideas, concerns, and comments. We will have time for an open discussion.

Trinity Council