

# 2017 PENTECOST II FROM THE PASTOR'S HEART

## All Saints' Celebration

I hope you plan to be with us on Reformation Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> and All Saints' Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>! With worship, music, food, and fellowship, we will Celebrate the Saints of the Church, past, present, and future! We begin with the Saints of the Reformation, 500 years ago and will carry that through to celebrate the Saints of Trinity, here in Somerset.

First, Celebrating the Saints of the Church of the Past, is an acknowledgement that Community in Christ, was both thriving as well as challenged, long before we got here. Community in Christ comes to us as an inheritance and as a gift, despite the fact that we may take it for granted or even (occasionally) consider it a curse! The Community in Christ – is at once, both strong and stalwart (as we are inclined to remember it). It is also delicate and fragile, as our memory is faulty and fleeting. An example: Trinity and Fire.



In the nearly 230 years of this congregation's existence, there have been three fires; each of them were devastating in their time...each of them caused the congregation to seek or build a new facility. And yet, when I mention Trinity and its history with fire – inevitably, folks think I am talking about the most recent one – a mere 50 years ago! The other fires were certainly as devastating, yet we don't remember them... because those who could remember them firsthand, are long gone, now part of the Blessed Church Triumphant!



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Trinity's Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 12, 2017 after the 10:00 a.m. worship service.  
Congregational Meeting Reports and 2016 Annual Reports are available in the Narthex Information Center, Chapel Kiosk, and Fellowship Hall.

# 2017 PENTECOST II

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The same is true as we consider our forefathers and foremothers in the Lutheran Reformation. We only know what has been passed down to us. How hard it was to live through those many years of danger, threat, and pestilence in Germany or as new immigrants in this land, is largely lost to us. That is why we watch movies, plan history lessons in Sunday school, and read Luther's works from the time – because we couldn't possibly comprehend or appreciate our own Lutheran heritage unless we rediscover it anew every generation! We will continue exploring the Reformation and its ramifications in the next year.

Celebrating the Saints present today is important, but also, a little "messy".... After all, God has seen fit to gather an interesting assortment in our Community...some have been here all their lives, others are more recent arrivals. Not all of us come from Lutheran stock. We are a veritable "vegetable soup" – with nearly every major Christian faith tradition represented in our midst! Celebrating our Community in Christ present today also means celebrating the faith in other forms - the Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox faithful, and all the Christian traditions that came along after the Reformation in Europe.

For our All Saints' Celebration Meal, we hope to include our youngest members as well as those folks included among our "homebound"... and folks who are "care bound" – in a nursing home or have moved in with family. If you are able to help get one of these beloved saints safely to the church, we want to welcome them to worship and to the meal to follow! Rides will be offered, but your help may also be needed. Our celebration includes everyone! A special visit from Martin Luther and his family, will also be part of the event!



To celebrate the Saints of the Church in the Future -- well, we will have to be creative! We will have an opportunity to create greetings and prayers for them. Opportunities abound to bless and provide for them – in our offerings of time and talent and treasure now, as we strengthen the church today and in our endowment gifts, as we provide for the church in the future.

We are links in a long chain...we are the current manifestation of God's Beloved Community here in this place. As St. Paul wrote, "we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses" and one day, we will BE part of that cloud of witnesses. Let's make our time count...to share as much Good News as we can, to "show that we are Christians by our Love," and when it is time, let's do our best to leave a legacy of joy and resurrection hope!

Ours is a Great Heritage – the ancient faith of our Jewish brothers and sisters, the faithful witness of the early Church, the Reformation legacy of Faith, Grace, and Scripture and the frontier character of Lutheran history here in America. Ours is also a Great Future...where more Ecumenical work lies before us, to heal the fractures in the church and together, mend the brokenness in the world. God is continually REFORMING the Church to be a vessel of Love and Service, formed anew for every age! It is good to be the Church, good to be formed by God's own hand, and good to celebrate that together!

Thanks be to God!

Pastor Linda McElroy Thomas



## SUNDAY SCHOOL STAFF

### 2017-2018

Our thanks to those who have taken on the challenges of assisting our youngest members to grow in faith:

Sunday School Superintendents:

Kathy Mitchell, Deb Stewart

2-4 Year Old Class

Pastor Linda McElroy Thomas, Sue Menser, Carla Fanale

Elementary Class

Kelley Thompson, Allison Walter, Kelly McNaul

Confirmation Class

Kathy Mitchell, Deb Stewart, Pastor Linda McElroy Thomas

Parents' Class

Karen Frantz, Pastor Linda McElroy Thomas

Adult Class

George Kaufman, Bob Thomas, Kathy Mitchell, Frank Kyle,  
Pastor Linda McElroy Thomas

### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

In November, we continue to explore the Reformation and its impact, not only on theology and the church but for life in community, language, education, and more!

In December, we look at the texts for the season of Advent and begin our study of the Gospel of Mark!

## VIEW FROM THE LOFT

### *Selah*

One of the great mysteries of the Bible is the word *Selah*. It occurs 71 times in Psalms, and 3 times in Habakkuk. Its exact meaning has been theorized by biblical scholars for ages. As a musician, some of the theories have always fascinated me.

Many of the Psalms were sung accompanied by musical instruments, and there are references to this in many chapters. Thirty-one of the thirty-nine psalms with the caption, "To the choir-master" include the word *selah*. It is often suggested that *selah* may indicate a break in the song whose purpose is similar to that of Amen ("so be it") in that it stresses the truth and importance of the preceding passage.

One common theory supposes that the word is a musical instruction similar to the Italian word "*forte*" meaning loud. This would possibly be to emphasize the text by also raising the volume of the musical accompaniment and perhaps indicate a cymbal crash. This theory came about because one root part of the Hebrew script for *selah* means "lift up." This theory has been debated because many instances of the word *selah* come at the end of a Psalm. Some have argued that many Psalms were meant to be performed one after another in a set, like movements of a Sonata, and therefore, it would still make sense to have it listed at the end of a Psalm. It still doesn't make much sense though.

Another theory, assuming *Selah* is a musical term, believed it could indicate a tempo change from fast to slow or slow to fast. The issue with this theory is that there is no

indicator of which is which or what starting tempo each piece would have making a relative change an irrelevant descriptor. Others have theorized that *selah* indicated the singer was to wait to begin the next stanza or verse for a musical interlude, with the interlude giving the listeners time to reflect on the meaning of the words they had just heard.



Another possibility is that *Selah* meant to repeat a section of the music like a refrain. This would be like the Psalm tones used in our “Celebrate” insert which have a line repeated at certain intervals for emphasis of the main theme. The issue with this theory is that no “refrain” or part to repeat is indicated, unless it would have simply meant repeating the previous line or stanza like a repeat sign in western music notation.

Some view *selah* as simply an instruction to the liturgist (or person reading/reciting the passage) to pause for a moment of silence and emphasis.

In my view it is most likely true that *selah* was a musical term since it only occurs in scripture in places where music would have been used. There are other songs in the Bible that don’t contain *selah*, such as Mary’s “Magnificat.” This could be due to several reasons, the most obvious being that the Psalmists were trained musicians and Mary was not. It is much more likely David would have indicated a musical term and Mary would not. Another possibility is that by Mary’s time, the word was no longer being used. There are records of even ancient Greek Biblical scholars debating the meaning of the word *selah*, so it is possible that Mary and Jews of her time would not have known what it meant either.

The meaning of *selah* is certainly a good example of, “God only knows.” All I know is when people ask, “If you could ask God one thing what would it be?” I am certainly tempted to respond, “What does *selah* mean?”



Nicholas Carroll  
Director of Music

## TRINITY LUTHERAN CHILD CARE AND LEARNING CENTER

Thank you to everyone who ordered pizzas and subs from our Child Care. We appreciate the support and made \$872.50 profit! Our next fundraiser will be Rada Cutlery in the month of November. Keep in mind Christmas is coming! Order forms and booklets are in Trinity’s Office, Narthex, Chapel, and Fellowship Hall.

For the month of October, our children learned about different community helpers. We had a fire truck, an ambulance, police cars, and a tractor trailer come and visit us. The children learned about their jobs and the different tools they use to help them with their job. We learned all about how these people help us and what they look like in their uniforms. Thank you to all those who came and visited us.



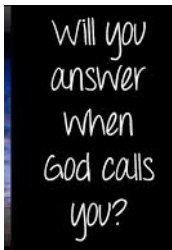
Jody Jurgevich, Child Care Director

## A GREETING AND THANKS

To the Saints of the Allegheny Synod,

May God's grace and the love and mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Thank you for your partnership in our ministry together as the Allegheny Synod. It is a blessing of God and truly amazing the way in which you reach out to the world, responding to needs both in our community and in our world and sharing the love of Jesus Christ with our neighbors. All that we do and can do happens because Jesus Christ is alive and is here with us in the heart of Pennsylvania.

The success our Allegheny Synod Can Challenge has had over the past three years testifies to the ways in which the Holy Spirit is working through you to care for your neighbor. The Allegheny Synod leads the nation in contributions to the Lutheran World Relief Blanket Sunday offerings each year. You continually respond to calls from Lutheran Disaster Response after earthquakes in Haiti and Mexico, flooding in West Virginia and South Carolina, and most recently in the wake of Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. You feed and clothe your communities by supporting your local food and clothing pantries, and some of you are the food and clothing pantries for your communities. Where there is a need, you respond and you help. Thank you for listening to God's call to care for people who are vulnerable and hurting. We thank God that we are invited to be part of our Lord's healing work in this world.



I thank God for our leaders. We are blessed in our Synod with deacons and pastors who are among the best in the ELCA. Our leaders love Jesus Christ, and they love you. God has gifted us richly with quality rostered ministers and the gifts they bring to care for God's people here in the heart of Pennsylvania. We are truly blessed. To our deacons and pastors, thank you for your service to Christ and the gospel.

We also are blessed by God to have a dedicated team of lay worship leaders in our Synod. These are the people who participate in the Ignite Program (formerly DYD program) to be trained in the basics of leading worship and the life of the church. They undergo what can be a two-year program of study to be able to lead worship in those congregations that don't currently have, or possibly are not able to call, a pastor. Our lay worship leaders are a blessing to us. If you know anyone who is in or has been in this program, please thank them for their service to our church and our Synod.

We thank God for the way the Holy Spirit is raising up people to consider seminary and life in ministry. As of this writing, we have 16 people from the Allegheny Synod in our candidacy process. In 2014 we had two people in the process. God has blessed us. That has happened because you, the Allegheny Synod, have prayed for, encouraged, and supported these people in your congregations as they have started this journey. Please continue to pray that God will raise up leaders for our church.

Finally, I want to thank the staff of your Synod Office. Our staff works very hard to work with you and support you in your ministry. They are selfless in their love of our Synod and their love for you. Thank you Michelle, Marty Jo, Pastor Paula, and Pastor Tim for your service.

It is a blessing to serve in the Allegheny Synod. As we begin this fourth year together, please know that you are always in my prayers. I pray that God will continue to bless and lead our Synod. Christ is with us. Christ is alive here in the heart of Pennsylvania. May we continue to be led and opened to where our Lord Jesus is leading us.

In Christ,

Bishop Michael Rhyne



## REFORMATION SERVICE

Please remember that we have a Synod Reformation service coming up as we mark the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the start of the Reformation. We hope you can join us as we praise our Lord and celebrate what the Spirit continues to do in this world.

### Wednesday, November 1

Allegheny Synod All Saints' Festival Service:

"First Day of the next 500"

Zion Lutheran Church, Johnstown  
Service begins at 7:00 p.m.

All are welcome, Rostered Leaders are invited to vest and process. Color of the day is white.

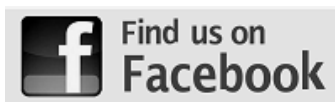
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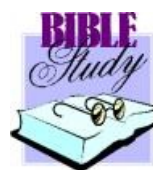
Check out our Website: [www.trinitysomerset.org](http://www.trinitysomerset.org)

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## BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

**THE ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS** meets in the Fellowship Hall at 8:45 a.m. each Sunday. (On November 5, the class will meet in the Parlor in the Educational Building due to the All Saints' meal set up.) Join us for fellowship, food, and study each week. Please see page 5 for more details on what the Adult Class will be studying.



**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!

**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.



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**THE MARYS AND MARTHAS** study group meets on the first and third **Wednesdays** of each month. Their next meetings are **November 1** and **November 15** 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.

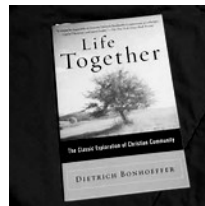
## BIBLE STUDY (CONTINUED)

**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, November 9**

Life Together

by Dietrich Bonhoeffer



**No meeting in December**

**Thursday, January 11, 2018**

Thank You for Being Such a Pain

by Mark Rosen



**TABLE TALK...Monday, November 13** at 6:00 p.m. at the Italian Oven. (Please check the Sunday bulletin to confirm the date/location.)

One of the most interesting 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.

## MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

### BAPTISM:

August 27 Cole Michael Lloyd

Cole is the son of Christopher and Stephanie Lloyd.



### MEMBERS REMOVED BY DEATH:

August 22 Elvin Charles Kaufman, Sr.

September 8 Patricia Ann (Walker) Arthur

### PASTORAL ACT - A FUNERAL:

August 30 Terri Lynn Knupp-Ritchey\*

### MEMBER REMOVED BY TRANSFER:

October 3 Evan Charles Cary transferred to Emmanuel Lutheran Church; Bath, Pennsylvania

\*Not a Member

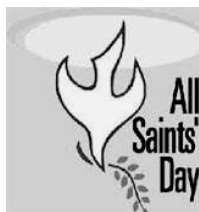
## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**GOD'S BLESSING AND TRINITY'S BEST WISHES** to *Lillian Lloyd*, who will turn 95 years old on **Tuesday, October 31.**



## FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**COMMEMORATION OF THE SAINTS** is on **Sunday, November 5** at 7:30 a.m. in the Chapel and 10:00 a.m. in the Nave with Touch of Brass. This is also the day of the Reformation Celebration/Lunch. A brief Holy Communion will be offered following the All Saints' meal for those who could not make it to a worship service. There will not be a Chapel Communion Healing Service at 4:00 p.m. Please fill out your deceased loved one's name and return the form on the next page to Trinity's Office by **Thursday, November 2**.



**SERVICES HONORING VETERANS** will be on **Sunday, November 12** at both services. Please call Trinity's Office (445-5446) with the name of your living veteran and branch served if it is not listed on pages 26-27 of this newsletter.

**Christ the King Services** on **Sunday, November 26** with Eucharist at 7:30 a.m. (Chapel) and 10:00 a.m. (Nave) with Touch of Brass. This day offers all an opportunity to prepare for the Advent Season.



**FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT IS DECEMBER 3!**

## 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 as well. Please fill out the form and place it in the offering plate or return it to Trinity's Office by **Thursday, November 2** to include additional loved ones' names that are not included on page 17.



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

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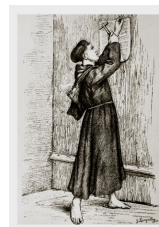
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## PICTURE WITH LUTHER

A **"PHOTO BOOTH"** will be available through **Sunday, November 5** at Trinity for you to pose and take your photo to remember this special 500th Reformation Year. Individuals and whole families are invited to **TAKE SELFIES** or allow pictures to be taken with Martin Luther or at the 95 Theses door...props are provided on a table nearby, too. Join in the fun! If you will allow your picture to be posted on our Facebook and Website pages, send your photos to Pastor Linda at 814-289-3140 or Nicholas Carroll at 814-233-2093.







## For All the Saints

### November 5, 2017

#### Members of Trinity who have died this past year:

<i>Sondra Lee (Baird) Spruell</i>	<i>October 31, 2016</i>
<i>*Daniel Richard Thomas</i>	<i>December 31, 2016</i>
<i>Jason Wade Zimmerman</i>	<i>March 8, 2017</i>
<i>Robert Lawrence Flick</i>	<i>March 15, 2017</i>
<i>J. Robert Brougher</i>	<i>March 17, 2017</i>
<i>Sally Ann (Hoffman) Spangler</i>	<i>March 28, 2017</i>
<i>*David Cable Troyer</i>	<i>April 5, 2017</i>
<i>*Jay Drake</i>	<i>May 16, 2017</i>
<i>Paul Eugene Eicher</i>	<i>June 15, 2017</i>
<i>Elvin Charles Kaufman, Sr.</i>	<i>August 22, 2017</i>
<i>*Terri Lynn (Knupp) Ritchey</i>	<i>August 30, 2017</i>
<i>Patricia Ann (Walker) Arthur</i>	<i>September 8, 2017</i>
<i>*Non-Member</i>	

*Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven. (Matthew 5:3-4, 12)*

#### OTHERS WHO ARE REMEMBERED:

Scott Balsley	Paul and Cora Knupp
Craig Barron	Grace Kriner
Rev. George E. Bowersox, Jr.	Grace Miller
Virginia "Pat" Bowersox	Kenny Pryce
Elaine Brugh	Maria Pryce
Jeanne and Joe Cascio	Ignatius and Magdalene Riek
Lloyd Fait	James and Ann Riek
Ronald Fait	June Whitworth Ryan
Carol Franicola	Fred Sieg
Stanley and Anna Gawlas	Anna and John Szewczyk
Brent Heitzer	Judy Tallentire
Drew Hittie	JoAnn Webb
Marie Jordan	Claire W. Wilson
Don Knupp	

## ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

**Sunday, November 12, 2017**  
**11:30 A.M.**

### Annual Meeting News:

Along with the Elections, Reports from the Staff, and the Committees of the Church, we will hear a summary of the results of the Congregation's "Gatherings" this past spring and summer.

We know that some of you may have missed Jim Baker's presentation in Sunday School in early September, and since that day, a few more items have been developing that you will want to hear about!

Several members have stepped up to take on various areas of ministry that were needing help...and a few folks have come up with some creative ideas they would like to implement. You will want to hear about them! Perhaps they will inspire you! (The Holy Spirit works like that... you hear about someone's passion and their joy in service...and life in community changes in some amazing ways)!

For example:

#### New Development for Christmas Program!

Meagan (Griffith) Richter has volunteered to coordinate the Christmas Children's Program and plans to involve not only the Trinity families, but also the Child Care families as well! We thank her for stepping up to the plate!! For those who had already been involved in early planning for Christmas, or invited to participate in the program – look for NEW material to

**STEP-UP**

be shared and NEW invitations made! If you have copies of what was already distributed, you can drop them off at Trinity's Office. Be sure to make plans to come and participate in the Christmas Children's Program on **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24 at 3:00 p.m.**

Joe Carroll has enjoyed a "game night" at churches in the Ligonier area while he went to college. He would like to offer a similar evening here at Trinity... for young people and for families. He is willing to teach games that he enjoys and share the fun – what a great idea for winter weather!



Nicholas Carroll is offering a concert in November on musical themes found in online games. Nicholas plans to offer a Young Adult/Adult Sunday School program he'd like to have Trinity begin. The Animate! program is offered by Spark House Publishing. You can preview videos about the program at [animate.wearesparkhouse.org](http://animate.wearesparkhouse.org).

Flor Hernandez wants to provide a "de-stress" night, once a month...for those who want to engage heart, mind, and body with Rachel Allen. (You might remember, she offered a Mind-Body-Spirit program as we prepared for Lent.)

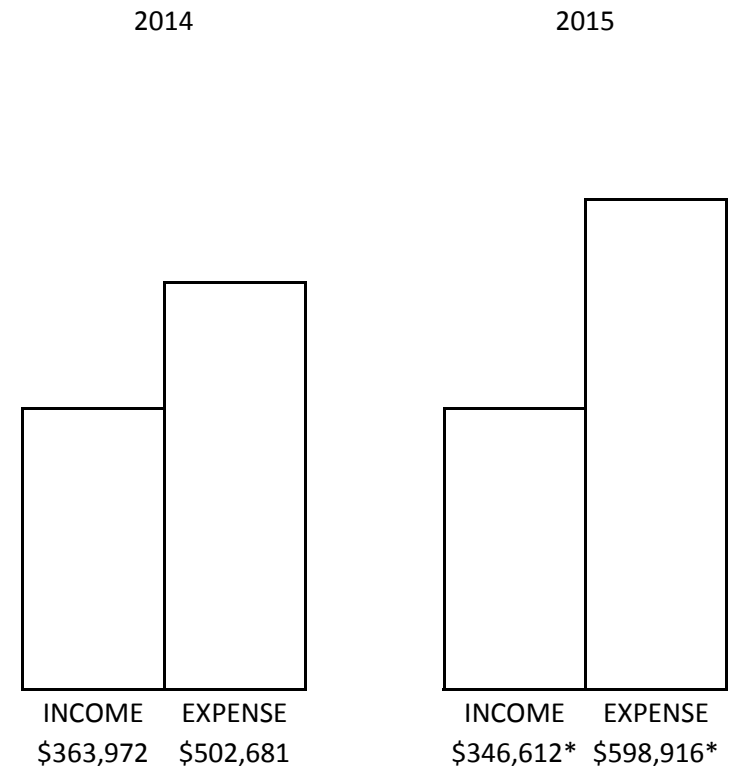
Come to the Congregational Meeting and learn more...and

## DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS



**DON'T FORGET** to turn your clocks back one hour on **Saturday, November 4.** Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 5 which is All Saints' Sunday.

## RECAP OF INCOME & EXPENSE



\*We have not included any income or

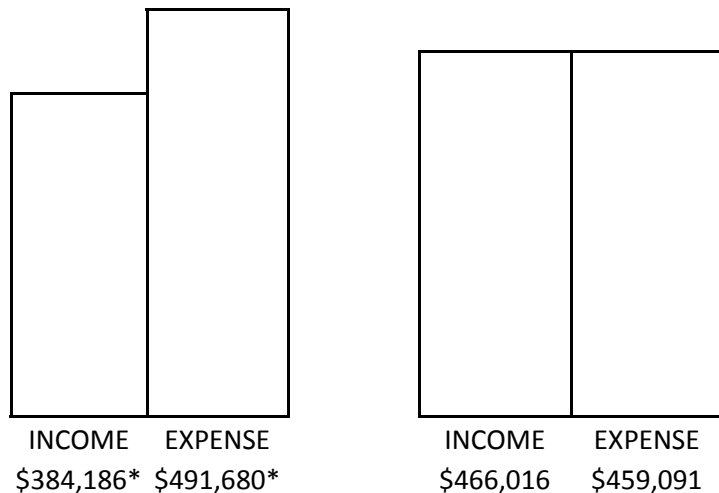
Through the first nine months, income has topped the past four years. The Child Care continues to show strong improvement and expense. With a strong 4th Quarter of giving, we should have a balanced year.

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## BEQUEST RECEIVED LOIS COUNTRYMAN ESTATE

Trinity has received a bequest of more than \$38,000 from the Estate of Lois Countryman. A gift to the church is a person's final word of witness and thanksgiving to God. Trinity is grateful for Lois's love for her church. The bequest will be used both to fund Trinity's missions in 2017 and to enrich Trinity's Endowment Fund which provides for future ministry endeavors.

The Endowment Fund is meant to exist in perpetuity, with the principle invested and preserved, while only the interest and dividends are available for spending. This income provides money that has been used in the past to work on Capital Improvement projects (breezeway wall; kitchen gas line, pave driveway, new sound system); to provide funding for our Vicars; to respond to needs of local ministries not budgeted (Somerset Community Clinic); and gives the Council funds that can be used to invest in new ministry projects (or new ministers - recently, the Endowment interest was used as a kick-starter gift for Carlton Jacobson at Seminary!)

Trinity's Endowment Fund, because of the generosity of congregation members, and wise investment decisions, continues to grow. As the fund grows, dividends and interest annually generated are made available to Council for **Social Ministry and Mission, Program Ministry, Facilities Fund, and Undesignated projects.**

Have you included Trinity in your will?

From the fund's founding document: *"We believe as Christian stewards we are responsible for all God has given us....our time, our talent, and our treasure. We believe we are to share these gifts so that the Gospel message of God's gracious love and forgiveness can be made known to all people."*

**Submitted for your consideration,  
Trinity's Endowment Fund Committee**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



**VOTE ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7.** All of our Veterans have fought for your rights to vote and to live in a land of peace. It is your right, duty, and privilege to vote!

**DRIVERS FOR SUNDAY MORNINGS IN DECEMBER** are needed. If you can help transport members to worship, please call Trinity's Office at 445-5446.



## ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

**TRINITY'S ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will follow the 10:00 a.m. worship service (around 11:30 a.m.) on **Sunday, November 12**. We will elect Council Members, vote on the 2018 Proposed Budget, and approve the 2016 Annual Report. Congregational Meeting Reports and Annual Reports are available in the Narthex, Chapel kiosk, and Fellowship Hall. Please bring these copies back with you on November 12 for the meeting. A quorum is needed at the meeting—please attend!



## COMMUNITY EVENTS



**PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK:** There is now a new **permanent** medication return, **MedReturn Drug Collection Unit**, at the Pennsylvania State Police Barracks—142 Sagamore Street, Somerset and the Somerset

Borough Public Safety Building—340 West Union Street, Somerset. This gives community members the opportunity to properly dispose of prescription and over-the-counter drug medications that are unused, unwanted, or expired. Accepted are solid medications, tablets and capsules, liquid medications, inhalers, creams, ointments, nasal sprays, and pet medicines. (No intravenous solutions, injectables, or needles, please.) Of people who abuse prescription pain relievers, 75% say they got them from friends or relatives! Please use these drop boxes to safely and environmentally-friendly dispose of unneeded medicines. Pass the word along to your friends and neighbors.

**SALVATION ARMY'S COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER** is on **Thursday, November 23, 2017** at St. Paul's United Church of Christ at 202 West Union Street in Somerset. Serving time is 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Do not be alone on Thanksgiving! Donations and volunteers are from surrounding communities. All are welcome!



**ALLAN SCOTT FREE CONCERT** is scheduled on **Friday, December 1** at 7:00 p.m. at Friedens Lutheran Church. Call (814) 445-4627 to get your free tickets. Freewill offering will be received to benefit the Salvation Army.

## 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 children and adults in the Fellowship Hall and Adult III
- 10:00 a.m. **Holy Communion Service** in Trinity's Nave
- 4:00 p.m. **Healing Service** is normally the first Sunday of the month. However, due to special events and winter weather attendance, we make a few changes. Look for publicity.

**November 5** - A brief Holy Communion follows the All Saints' Meal in the Fellowship Hall in place of the 4:00 Chapel Service.

**Sunday, December 3** - A Special Event: 3:00 p.m. **"Getting through the Holidays in Grief"** followed by a 4:00 p.m. Service of Healing and Hope.

### GEOTHERMAL PROJECT UPDATE:

ORIGINAL GEOTHERMAL PROJECT TOTAL	\$400,612
GIFTS FROM MEMBERS TO DATE	\$211,788
CURRENT BALANCE OUTSTANDING LOAN (MIF)	\$146,785
CURRENT MONTHLY PAYMENT	\$1,100
SAVINGS SO FAR GEOTHERMAL HVAC VS. ELECTRIC HEAT	\$15,187

(Please continue to give when possible as we try to reduce our debt)

## RECOGNITION OF VETERANS NOVEMBER 12, 2017

**WE WILL HONOR OUR VETERANS** on **Sunday, November 12** at both services. Please call Trinity's Office (445-5446) with the name of your living veteran and branch served if it is not listed or it is incorrect:



Robert Armstrong	Army
Pauline Baker	Army Nurse Corps
Stephanie R. Barnett	Army
William G. Barnhart, Jr.	Air Force
Timothy J. Bence	Army
Arnold N. Benford	Navy
David H. Bowers	Air Force
I. Frederick Brubaker	Army
William R. Carroll	Army
John M. Cascio	Navy
John R. Dick	Marines Corp
Eugene E. Fike II	Army
Ellsworth E. Flyte	Coast Guard
C. Gregory Frantz	Air Force
Ralph W. Friedhofer	Navy
Clarence S. Greig	Army
Jack Hess	Marines Corp
Robert C. Holt, Sr.	Army
Randy L. Hoover	Army
Peter C. Jacobson	Air Force
William D. Johnston, Jr.	Army
Joseph W. Kennick, Jr.	Marines Corp
James G. Knepper, Sr.	Army
James Franklin Kyle, Sr.	Air Force



## RECOGNITION OF VETERANS (CONTINUED) NOVEMBER 12, 2017

Theodore F. Kyle	Navy
Philip Lantz	Army
Sarah Lantz	Army
William R. Lloyd, Jr.	Navy
Larry L. Mazer	Army
James H. McElroy	Army
John E. McNaul	Navy
William G. McNelly	Army
Floyd R. Miller	Army
Glenn E. Miller, Sr.	Army
Frederick K. Morocco	Navy
Jack E. Mosholder	National Guard
David E. Nicholson, Sr.	Navy
Garry L. Pryce	Army
Craig M. Rosman	Army
Bruce E. Rhodes	Navy
John S. Ross	Army
Kimberly J. Ross	Army
Harry R. Sandusky	Navy
Kenneth E. Saylor	Army and Korean War
Luther J. Shaulis, Jr.	Air Force
Larry H. Stahl	Air Force
George P. Stein, II	Army
Aaron R. Swanson	Navy
Amanda L. Swanson	Navy
Kenneth L. Walker	Army
Nathan P. Weimer	National Guard
Gregory M. Widmann	Marines Corp
Zachary D. Zufall	Army



## CLEANING TOYS

**FOOD PANTRY TOY DRIVE:** Volunteers are needed to clean toys and check whether donated games and puzzles have all of their pieces or not. These will then be used for the Toy Drive on December 13.

**These items could also be taken home and worked on as well.** If you can work an hour or two anytime, please call Ann Voytish in Trinity's Office at 445-5446.



## TOYS NEEDED

**IF YOU HAVE NEW OR SLIGHTLY USED TOYS OR GIFTS** for children and youth (ages birth to 18) to donate for the upcoming Food Pantry Toy Drive, **please bring them to Trinity's Office by Monday, December 11 or earlier.** Gifts and used books for older teenagers; stuffed animals; dolls; trucks; and creative kits (science, art, etc.) for all ages are



always needed. A \$10-\$15 gift is given to each child, as well as a book, stuffed animal, and a \$1-\$2 toy. With almost 300 children



served, that is a lot of gifts to purchase! If you don't have time to shop but would still like to help, please donate to this loving cause by making your check payable to "Trinity Lutheran Church" designated for the Food Pantry Toy Drive. The toys will be given out on **Wednesday, December 13** during Food Pantry from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. Please call Ann Voytish at Trinity's Office (445-5446) if you can volunteer to set up the toys in November; put batteries in toys; help parents choose toys for their children; and/or wrap the toys on the 13th.



## 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation

*“For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law”—Romans 3:28*

The heart of Martin Luther’s work was the understanding that we are not saved by our own power or ability. Our salvation is a gift from God. In God’s tender compassion, Christ Jesus comes to save us from the powers of sin, death, and the devil. We will never be good enough to earn or deserve the gifts of forgiveness, eternal life, and life with God that we receive in Jesus Christ. Nevertheless, Christ came because God loves us and would not abandon us to destruction. Salvation isn’t about us. It’s all about Jesus.

Like many of his time, the young Luther didn’t understand this idea of the free gift of life in Jesus Christ. He believed that there was a very high bar to jump over in order to earn the salvation of Christ. It was common in Luther’s day for preachers to try to scare people into behaving by telling them how bad they were and how short they fell from what God wanted for them. This type of preaching led people to think that salvation was something that they had to accomplish.

While he studied Holy Scripture, Luther rediscovered what the Apostle Paul wrote in his letter to the Romans (3:28) and his heart was opened. Paul reminded Luther—and us—that it is God who makes us right through faith which is a gift to us through the Holy Spirit.

Since our salvation is secured in and through Jesus, then what are we supposed to do? Luther tells us that we are still to do good works, and we are still to love our neighbor. However, we do not do good works and good deeds SO THAT God will love us. We do good works, good deeds, acts of mercy, and works of justice BECAUSE God first loved us in Jesus Christ. We love and care for our neighbor because the Holy Spirit is leading and guiding us to do so. So, Luther would argue, don’t sit around worrying about your salvation; get out there and start helping your neighbor.

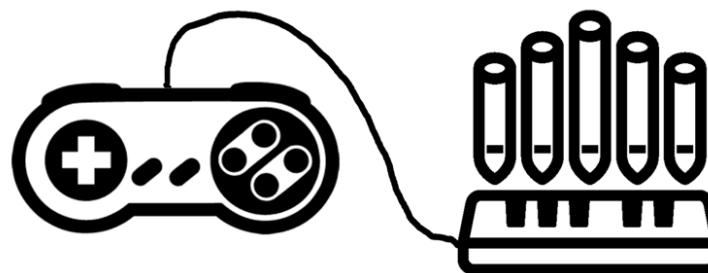
What Luther learned, and teaches us, is that Jesus Christ is the great gift that changes, forms, and reforms us. Jesus is the one who chose in his mercy to save us from sin, death, and the devil. Now Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit, is continuing to work in this world and inviting you and me into that work of loving and caring for all people.

The Reformation calls us to re-center our lives in Christ. We are called and led by God to be a blessing to others. All of this is possible because of what Jesus Christ has done and will continue to do. For that we can say – thanks be to God.

May you continue to be re-formed to share Christ’s love in the world, and may God be with you on this Reformation Sunday.

In Christ’s grace - †Bishop Michael

## Games 4 Organ



Nicholas Carroll, Organist

## Music of **MARIO**™

The classic and iconic music of Super Mario Bros. 3 in its entirety, plus other favorites played on Trinity's beautiful pipe organ.

**Friday, November 17, 2017 - 7:00 p.m.**

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church  
918 Tayman Avenue; Somerset, PA

Everyone Invited!  
Freewill Offering Only

## GETTING THROUGH THE HOLIDAYS IN GRIEF

### Secret Anniversaries of the Heart

*The holiest of all holidays are those  
Kept by ourselves in silence and apart;  
The secret anniversaries of the heart....*

--Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

The Holiday Season is particularly difficult for us and many of our friends and neighbors, when we are grieving the loss of a loved one. There is no timetable on grief; there is no particular way any of us should grieve; and we are not alone when the holidays make our grief all the more acute.

On November 5, a brief Holy Communion will be offered following the All Saints' Meal in the Fellowship Hall instead of the 4:00 Chapel Service. (The dates and times for the Healing Service change over the winter months to accommodate taking the services to area nursing homes.)

On **Sunday, December 3**, the 4:00 p.m. Healing Service will be offered at Trinity, in the Chapel, but its emphasis will be on **Healing and Hope** in the midst of Grief. Preceding the service, from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m., there will be a light reception and conversation on "**Getting through the Holidays in Grief**" in the Parlor, near the Chapel. Join us, and bring a friend – there are many around us who grieve. During the Healing Service, there will be time to remember our loved ones, light candles, and pray for the Peace that passes all understanding in Christ, our Lord.

Pastor Linda

## 2017 CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

### REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS:

Give to Shut-Ins: ( ) Yes ( ) No

I Will Pick Up My Plant(s): ( ) Yes ( ) No

\_\_\_\_\_ Number of plants at \$8.00 each \$\_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to: *Trinity Lutheran Church*

DEADLINE: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12



*(Please do not forget to pick up your flowers after  
the 8:00 p.m. service on Christmas Eve  
on Sunday, December 24.)*

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

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In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Presented by \_\_\_\_\_

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## 2017 SPECIAL GIFTS

*This year, in addition to or in lieu of Poinsettias,*

*our special gifts will go to:*

\_\_\_\_\_ *Trinity's Youth Ministry*



Amount \$\_\_\_\_\_ Envelope #\_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to:

**Trinity Lutheran Church**

**DEADLINE: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12**

*In Memory of* \_\_\_\_\_

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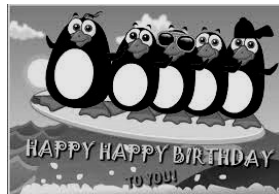
## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



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|---|--|
| 1 Jennifer Prete  |  |
| 2 G. Edward Bowersox<br>Michael Fetterolf   |  |
| 3 Brittany Mills  |  |
| 8 Claire Guzman<br>Doris Rayman   |  |
| 9 Evan Cary<br>James Walters  |  |
| 10 Eric Mostoller, Jr.  |  |
| 11 Tammy Engleka<br>Samantha Huls<br>Barbara Kennick<br>William Maranowski<br>Alisa Murphy<br>Vicki Stafford<br>Grace Richter |  |
| 14 Karen Frantz<br>Paul Lenhart<br>Molly Metzgar  |  |
| 15 Kristi Brant<br>Michael Opp<br>R. Inez Kyle  |  |
|   | 16 Samantha Crouse<br>Dennis Maranowski, Jr.<br>Kathryn Maranowski         |
|   | 17 John J. Cascio<br>Adam McNaul   |
|   | 21 Alice Fritz<br>James Stoy   |
|   | 22 Jane Zimmerman  |
|   | 25 Rev. William Triebe<br>Earl Wahl, Jr.                                   |
|   | 26 William Carroll<br>Gregory Opp, Jr.<br>Thomas Johnston                  |
|   | 27 Linda Fetterolf<br>Cheryl Spangler<br>Amanda Swanson<br>McKenna Shaffer |
|   | 29 Gail Lambert<br>Brandy Mills  |
|   | 30 Heather Marek<br>Hope Miller  |

## BIRTHDAYS IN DECEMBER

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|----------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Elizabeth Urbain   | 15 John Ross       |
| 2 Daniel Bowersox    | 16 Ella Thompson   |
| Kristy Walker        | 17 Kristie Shuller |
| 3 Clarence Greig     | Jason Svonavec     |
| Barbara Smith        | 18 Erihia Marek    |
| 4 Zachary Bence      | Stephanie Lloyd    |
| 5 James Harrold, Jr. | 19 Jeanne Cascio   |
| Terrell Ickes        | Susan Weimer       |
| Judith Mosholder     | 21 David Bowers    |
| 6 Lois Brougher      | Kelsey Baker       |
| 7 Virginia Holland   | 23 Nicole Rininger |
| Jodi Liston          | 25 Kristen Walker  |
| 8 Sammy Barnett      | 26 Sarah Jacobs    |
| Eugene Fike II       | 28 Sandra Harvey   |
| 9 Sara Triebe        | Jason Shuller      |
| Jane Hilligoss       | 29 Corey Barndt    |
| 10 Alicia Zimmerman  | MaKayla Morocco    |
| 12 Barbara Harrold   | 30 Joshua Lloyd    |
| Shannon McNelly      |                    |
| Iris Rice            |                    |
| 14 Carol Whitfield   |                    |



## CONGRATULATIONS!

### TRINITY MEMBERS HAVING SIGNIFICANT BIRTHDAYS (80 YEARS AND OLDER)

**Doris Rayman—November 8**

**Alice Fritz—November 21**

**Elizabeth Urbain — December 1**

**Barbara Smith—December 3**

**Lois Brougher—December 6**

**Virginia Holland—December 7**

## CAMP SEQUANOTA CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

**A NOTE FROM TRINITY'S CAMPER:** I've gone to Camp Sequanota for the past four years. Each year I enjoyed the Camp a lot. I got to meet new people which was fun. Also, I got to do challenging activities that I enjoyed like the climbing wall and zip line. My favorite part of Camp was the food.

Brandon Rhodes

Trinity has sent \$15,311 to Sequanota's Capital Campaign to exceed our pledge and support the Camp's ministries and fun that Brandon talks about. Thank you all!



## RADA KNIVES FUND RAISER

Trinity Lutheran Child Care will be selling Rada knives for their November fund raiser. Rada Cutlery offers various kitchen gadgets from their famous paring knives to marinades, and seasonings. Also available are recipe cards, cookbooks, dips, cheeseballs, knife sharpeners, serving utensils, cheesecakes, and soups. The products make wonderful Christmas presents.

Catalogs and order forms are available in the Narthex, Chapel, Fellowship Hall, and Trinity's Office.

Help our Child Care and get a start on your Christmas shopping. The Child Care will earn 40% profit on all orders. All orders must be turned into Trinity's Office by **Monday, November 27** with a check made payable to Trinity Lutheran Church. You may also use your offering envelope and mark it "Knives." You may pick up your order after Monday, December 11.



DEADLINE FOR TRINITY'S NEWSLETTER

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2017

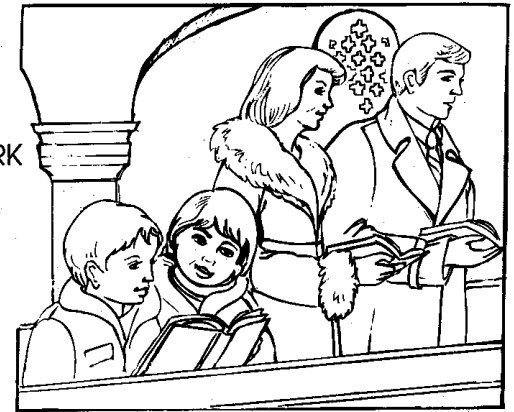
HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

TRINITY'S OFFICE AND CHILD CARE WILL  
BE CLOSED ON THANKSGIVING!

## KIDS' PAGE

### What Do Christians Value?

FAITH	LOYALTY
HOPE	FAIRNESS
LOVE	HARD WORK
KINDNESS	FAMILY
HONESTY	PRAYER
TRUST	TRUTH



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## THANK YOU'S

Dear Members of Trinity,

Today I am attending orientation, and I am incredibly excited to begin full-time studies. I want to **sincerely thank you** for the financial support! It will grant me additional time to pursue my studies and calling in Christ's Church and reduce worry about extending school's duration, accruing debt, and seeking employment. Please pray with me that the Holy Spirit will be with all Seminars and that the investments made in us will bear much fruit.

In Christ,

Carlton Jacobson

**WE JUST WANT TO SAY...**  
**THANK YOU!**

**THANK YOU ALL** for the financial, spiritual, and emotional support given to Carlton in his calling. As parents, we are overwhelmed by everyone's support. Keep him in your prayers!

Pete and Donna Jacobson

## LET'S COMMUNICATE!

There are many forms of communication, and Trinity would like to know your preferences. Please fill out the following form and place it in the offering plate; drop it at Trinity's Office; email to [trinluth918@verizon.net](mailto:trinluth918@verizon.net); or fax it (814) 445-3316.

### I PREFER TO RECEIVE THE NEWSLETTER BY:

☐ Mail  
☐ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
(My email address)  
☐ I Will View Newsletter on Trinity's Website  
☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

### DO YOU WANT TO RECEIVE MESSAGES ABOUT EVENTS AT TRINITY, LUNCHES, PET BLESSINGS, ETC.?

☐ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
(My email address)  
☐ Contact Me with the Method Below  
☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

### MY PREFERRED METHOD OF CONTACTING ME:

☐ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Text \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

We will do our best to accommodate your preferences.

Name \_\_\_\_\_