

# 2018 PENTECOST

## FROM THE PASTOR'S HEART

***“We are Lutherans! We Worship! That’s what we do!”***

That is one of my favorite quotes from a Trinity member this year! It is an affirmation of who we are as Lutheran Christians – we are a Community who gathers to Worship God and expresses joy about it! How I pray that all members of Trinity could feel this way and convey this to their children and grandchildren. We are Lutherans – we worship – that’s what we do!



Some have described the church as a community that Gathers – then Scatters (in a good way!) That is, we gather to Confess our Sin, Receive Absolution, Praise God, Hear God’s Word – Read and Proclaimed, then we are Fed by God’s Hand and Sent Out with the Good News in Jesus Christ. It is also a description of our Order of Liturgy - just look at the headings in our bulletin or in the service order in the hymnal.

Another way some have described it: We are Called, Gathered, Washed and Fed, then Given our Assignment: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord!

However we describe it, WORSHIP is central to what we do – and who we are. It pains me to know that there are some who dislike worship, think it is boring, or don’t “get anything” out of it. Perhaps that is because they are expecting something that isn’t part of the deal. Worship isn’t meant to be our entertainment, and it isn’t meant to refill our tanks when we are feeling low...it isn’t about US at all – it is all



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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR SUNDAY,**  
**AUGUST 26, 8:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.**  
Jim Baker will discuss Trinity’s finances and  
answer any questions you may have about them.  
Join us!!

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about God! Don't get me wrong – I am glad when people feel convicted, forgiven, changed, fed from attending worship – but the purpose of worship is to WORSHIP GOD.



God's People from of old gathered to hear what God had to say – and in gathering, made it clear that God was their reason for gathering. When the Ten Commandments begins with "You shall have no other gods before me" – it really sets the stage. No Other gods Allowed Here! That even means the god of our own likes and dislikes. We gather because God said to do so – Honor the Sabbath.

When Marva Dawn (a writer and musician of the church) is greeted after worship by the words, "I didn't like that hymn" – she responds, "That's okay – we weren't singing it for YOU anyway!" That sounds a bit harsh, I know, but it is SO TRUE! Hymns are our corporate gift TO GOD – they are not sung for us. If you have that idea – you have worship all wrong! That's why our hymns have everything to do with the topic of the Day – that is determined by our Lectionary – God's Word for us that day. And we aren't the only ones – all the churches who follow the Common Lectionary are also on that lesson and topic that day. We are not the only ones at worship at that moment in time – we join hundreds, maybe millions of people all over the world on God's Day (the Sabbath) to listen to God's Word for us.

God's Word forms us into a Community, it ought to be heard and responded to in community, as well. We are one Body in Christ – and the weekly gathering is instrumental in shaping us, our attitudes and priorities... God's Word feeds us and gives us our work to do. All of worship is a Conversation with God.

God Calls us... we Gather...

God claims and forgives us...we praise God in response...

God speaks to us...in Christ Jesus...  
we listen, then respond...  
(Song, Creed, Prayers, Gifts)

God feeds us... we sing or pray a response....

God sends us out – We serve!

***We are Lutherans! We Worship! It's what we do!***

Pastor Linda McElroy Thomas

## CARE FOR CREATION

You are invited on **Saturday, September 8**, to hear The Rev. Gilson Waldkoenig, PhD at Trinity Lutheran Church; 2221 N. Oak Lane; State College for a presentation on "Care for Creation: Lutheran Voice and Vocation." He is the Paulssen-Hale-Maurer Professor of Church in Society and Director of the Town and Country Church Institute for United Lutheran Seminary. Professor Waldkoenig has taught courses and written articles on the rural church and the church in ecology at Gettysburg Seminary since 1995, and serves on the candidacy committee of the Allegheny Synod. The morning one-hour session begins at 10:00 a.m. and will highlight Lutheran efforts for ecological justice and creation care amid the carbon overload and pollution on earth, providing inspiration and ideas for participants to care for God's creation and their neighbors. A time for questions and discussion will follow the presentation, before the noon luncheon. A free will offering will benefit the Town and Country Church Institute.

# PRAYER RETREAT

**Friday-Saturday, September 14-15, 2018  
at Trinity Lutheran Church**

JOIN US for all or part of a Prayer Retreat where we are “keeping it local.” Everyone will be able to go home and sleep in their own beds! We begin at 1:00 p.m. on Friday afternoon and resume again on Saturday at 9:00 a.m. Cost for the evening meal and prayer retreat is \$10.00 per person.

- *Are you satisfied with your prayer life? Is something missing?*
- If you are finding that your approach to prayer is not “your style”—YOU MAY BE RIGHT! We will explore our Personality Types as a way to approach our prayer life. There are many kinds of prayers, many ways to pray...join us to find YOUR TYPE—and grow in faith, friendships, and your prayer life! Invite a friend!

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## PLEASE FILL OUT THE FORM BELOW IF YOU CAN ATTEND ANY PART OF THE RETREAT:

\_\_\_\_\_ I will attend the Friday Session from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will attend Friday meal from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will attend the Friday Session from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will attend the Saturday Session from 9:00 a.m. to Noon.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will attend Saturday lunch from Noon to 1:00 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will make a crockpot of soup for Saturday lunch.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will make a salad for Saturday lunch.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will make a dessert for Saturday lunch.

Participants will be asked to fill out a mini Myers-Briggs personality profile before the retreat.

# VIEW FROM THE LOFT

God, Inspiration, and Art

Most creators, whether they are composers, artists, authors, or even scientists, who have experienced that highly sought after “eureka” moment cannot explain where their ideas/ inspiration come from. I am often asked “how do you write a song” by my piano students. I really can’t answer that question easily because most of the time it doesn’t really “feel” like I wrote the songs I write. Any creator who is being honest will express the same feeling. It’s this feeling that makes me confident that inspiration is in fact a gift from God.

Anyone who knows my hobbies knows I am a lover of Stephen King’s work. King explores the concept of inspiration in writing in several of his books. All of King’s books tie together in his magnum opus, “The Dark Tower” in which King himself appears. In the book, King meets his own characters and they view him somewhat as a god believing he is their creator. In this, King corrects them saying, “I guess I wrote about you, but I don’t think I’m your creator not really...I feel more like I’m the conduit. If anything my talent is my openness to letting the words flow out of me, but it never really feels like the ideas are mine.” Later in the book the protagonist, Roland of Gilead, states, “Stephen King’s not the water, Susannah—he’s only the pipe the water runs through.”

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*Stephen King  
The Dark Tower*

Pablo Picasso described it this way, “The artist is a receptacle for emotions that come from all over the place: from the sky, from the earth, from a scrap of paper, from a passing shape, from a spider’s web.” Vincent Van Gogh wrote, “The emotions are sometimes so strong that I work without knowing it. The strokes come like speech.” Ludwig van Beethoven, perhaps the

"greatest composer of all time, wrote, ""The vibrations on the air are the breath of God speaking to man's soul. Music is the language of God. We musicians are as close to God as man can be. We hear his voice, we read his lips, we give birth to the children of God, who sing his praise. That's what musicians are."

Regardless of the form, creators all feel the power of inspiration. One must hone his/her skills and techniques to be able to speak his/her language of choice (whether it be writing words, composing notes, painting pictures, etc), but ultimately the creation comes from a seemingly mystical place. Even creators who are not Christians attribute inspiration to something "other."

Throughout the book of Psalms, David often writes of God answering his prayers, and leading him in the right pathways. David clearly felt God's guiding hand and was able to "channel" it. In the Old Testament, God gives Moses the words he needs. In the book of Luke, Jesus tells us if we have faith, "...the Holy Spirit will teach you what you ought to say," (Luke 12:12). It is from personal experience that I say learning to be an "instrument" for God's voice is so important. That is why creative arts of all kinds are so essential in the education of our children, and I believe we adults must remember their value even as the weight of life builds upon us. Who has not at some time or another looked at a picture they drew and thought, "Really? I drew that? It's pretty good." I know for my part there are many times I listen to a past song and think, "I wrote that...it doesn't really feel like I did, but I know I must have."

In many moments of doubt and struggle I believe it is the Holy Spirit's will to "use us as pipe for His water." One of my favorite song quotes is from Dave Matthews, "Funny the way it is, right or wrong, somebody's broken heart becomes your favorite song."

Whatever your "pipe" is made of, let the water flow...and be willing to share!

Nicholas Carroll, Director of Music

## MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

### MEMBERS REMOVED BY DEATH:

July 13                      *Walter Raymond Rose, Jr.*

July 13                      *Virginia E. (Hoffman) Hoover*

## CONGRATULATIONS!!



**IT'S A BOY!** Congratulations to *Daniel and Emily Weimer* upon the birth of their first child, **Andrew Adams Weimer**, on **Thursday, July 19**. He weighed 9 pounds, 10 ounces and was 21 1/2" long. Proud grandparents are Amy and Gary Weimer, and great grandparents are Bert and Dick Adams.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to *Anthony and Carissa Sanner* upon the birth of their daughter, **Ellie Grace Sanner**, on **Sunday, July 22**. She weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces, and was 19" long. She joins her sister, Reese, who is four years old. Proud grandparents are Sam and Cristine Sanner, and great grandparents are Bert and Dick Adams.



**CONGRATULATIONS** to Ted and Billye Kyle on celebrating their 66th Wedding Anniversary on **Tuesday, October 9**. May God's love continue to strengthen them in their marriage. If you would like to send them a card, please send it to: 1228 Dar-Ed Drive; Somerset, PA 15501

## DINNER CHURCH

**Friday, August 24<sup>th</sup> – Summer's Final Fling at**

**Laurel Hill State Park (Lake View Pavilion)**

Trinity Lutheran Church has the Lake View Pavilion at Laurel Hill State Park ALL DAY on **Friday, August 24th!** Spend one of the last days of summer on the lake – canoe or kayak, swim or make sand castles, hike or play frisbee! If it is a work day for you...Join us after work!

**6:00 P.M. Dinner Church at the  
Lake View Pavilion.**

**Bring Pot Luck Picnic food to share!**

**Deadline for reservations: Wednesday, August 22**

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**We plan to attend the Dinner Church  
on Friday, August 24 at 6:00 p.m. at Trinity Park**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending: Adults \_\_\_\_\_ Children \_\_\_\_\_

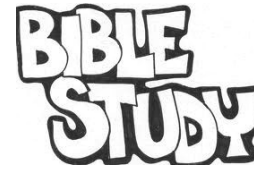
**I will bring a pot luck picnic food to share.**

I will help with the meal: setup \_\_\_\_\_ cleanup \_\_\_\_\_

Hot dogs, paper plates, napkins, and utensils will be provided.

Please drop this form in the offering plate or call Trinity's Office at 445-5446 to sign up and help provide food.

## BIBLE STUDY GROUPS



**MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** group meets at 10:30 a.m. each Monday in Adult III across from Trinity's Office. Join with them for study of the upcoming Sunday texts and good discussions!

(No Bible Study on September 3 for Labor Day.)

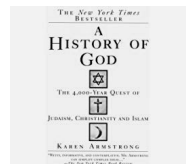
**TRINITY'S MEN'S GROUP** meets every **Tuesday** at 9:00 a.m. at the Turnpike McDonald's. We welcome any men that would like to join us for this coffee fellowship.



**MARYS AND MARTHAS** Bible study group for women of all ages meets on **Wednesdays, September 5 and 19 and October 3 and 17** at 7:00 p.m. in Trinity's Parlor. The group uses the

ELCA women's magazine, Gather. (Current issue copies are in the Chapel Kiosk, Office, and Narthex information desk.) Join with us when you can for study, prayer, and fellowship!

**LOVING JESUS STUDY GROUP** meets at 11:00 a.m. on the first Thursday of the month in Adult III. (Bring along a lunch.) **Thursday, September 6** is the next study group. (Book for discussion is Love Wins - A Book about Heaven, Hell, and the Fate of Every Person Who Ever Lived by Rob Bell); **Thursday, October 4** A History of God by Karen Armstrong. Please let Trinity's Office know (445-5446) if you want to join so a book can be ordered for you.



## ADULT EDUCATION

During the month of **AUGUST**, the **Adult Class** is studying the book of **Ephesians**. The early church was a diverse community which struggled with the worldly culture and how to live within it – much like our own! We have much to learn from them!!

- August 26** Jim Baker will share an **Overview of the Finances of the Congregation** for the first half of the year. He will also give us updates on the Child Care and the Geothermal loan payments.
- Sept. 2** **Somerset Area Ministries** – Working together for Somerset County residents
- Sept. 9** **Sally Lenz (ALSM) Lutheran Disaster Relief** – Lutherans working together have been instrumental in disaster recovery in our region. Sally will share Disaster Response protocols and discuss how members of Trinity can help be prepared!
- Sept. 16** **Animate:Faith** - If you have a journal used in the Spring, please bring it for the final session of this material.
- Sept. 23** **Animate:Bible curriculum begins and continues through November 11** (skipping November 4<sup>th</sup> when Nicholas is away). Nicholas Carroll will again lead the class. The study is designed that you can participate even if you miss a class. Please consider joining this dynamic study and invite others. We will be using digital resources so journals are not necessary to participate; however, they are available if you would like to have one ordered. Please let Trinity's Office (445-5446) know by **Tuesday, September 4**, and we will make a group order. Journals are \$15.

## DRAFT SOCIAL STATEMENT ON WOMEN AND JUSTICE

Trinity will participate in a time of examination and response to the newest ELCA Social Statement Draft. Our first gathering for discussion will be on Wednesday, August 22 at 6:00 p.m. at Italian Oven, and will proceed much like our Table Talks. Copies of the Social Statement can be downloaded from the ELCA.org website, or you may call Trinity's Office to get a copy. A second meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, August 29 at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room at the Lutheran Commons (Deb Stewart hosting). You will need to read portions of the Social Statement for each discussion. Conversation will occur over dinner; formal, written input is also welcome.

An ELCA Social Statement is used for teaching, policy development, and for responses to issues in society. Before approval of a Social Statement by the Church in Assembly, an extensive process of study, responses, and hearings are used so as to have input from the whole church. Trinity has been involved in the development of several of the Social Statements produced over the last 15 years. Join us!

## PASTORAL EXAMPLE

(reprinted from Christian Century, August 15, 2018 issue)

*Girls who have had a direct example of clergy-women in childhood grow up with higher self-esteem, better employment records and more education than girls who did not, according to research by Benjamin Knoll and Cammie Jo Bolin. When girls have had female clergy at least some of the time growing up, their later reported levels of self-esteem are consistently as high as men's, even though generally women report lower levels of self-esteem. In the survey, a gender gap in psychological and economic empowerment is present only among those whose religious congregational leaders growing up were exclusively men.*

## FOR TRINITY'S CHILDREN!

### Blessing of the Backpacks - August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018

To acknowledge and celebrate the beginning of the school year, we plan to offer a *Blessing of the Backpacks* at the August 26<sup>th</sup> church services at 7:30 and 10:00 a.m. We believe that ALL children are learners, therefore we see a true benefit to inviting all the youth (regardless of age) to this special blessing. We envision all children taking and/or wearing their backpacks to the front of the church where Pastor Linda will provide them with an encouraging back-to-school talk and bless them/pray over them and their backpacks. The children will be wished well by the Pastor and congregation as they prepare to embark on new learning opportunities and grade levels. Please let us know if your children/grandchildren will be joining us for this special event by calling Trinity's Office (445-5446)



### Youth Sunday School Begins September 9<sup>th</sup>!

**God's work.**  
**Our hands.**

This year's Sunday School theme has emerged as "God's Work. Our Hands," which we hope will evolve into a yearlong thematic unit focused on serving others and acting as the hands of Christ. Children generally enjoy participation in programs in which they partake in ownership and see a real outcome or result from their hard work. It is our aspiration that we can provide such genuine and active learning in our youth classes and that it will serve as a reminder to 'do unto others.' We look forward to a year filled with active learning and service as Trinity's youth learn about Jesus and celebrate His good works. Let's meet each week at 8:45 a.m. in the Chapel to begin!

## FOR THE CHILDREN (CONT'D)

### Youth Kick-off Breakfast - September 9, 2018

Many of our youth participants attend different school districts or don't share a common proximity with one another. Therefore, we must work to build relationships and friendships among the youth who attend Sunday School. Strong relationships among the kids will only solidify the strength, interest, and participation in our programming and activities.



In an attempt to build and strengthen these relationships, we plan to kick-off Youth Sunday School with a celebratory breakfast. The breakfast will be served in the Youth Sunday School classrooms and will occur during the traditional time of Sunday School. We can't wait to celebrate and kick-off a fun and exciting Sunday School year with you! We begin in the Chapel at 8:45.

### Upcoming Weeks for Children's Sunday School:

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| <b>Sept. 16</b> | <b>Nature/Church Scavenger Hunt</b>                          |
| <b>Sept. 23</b> | <b>Introduction to and beginning of the Ten Commandments</b> |

## UPDATE...UPDATE...

**CHURCH CAMP FOR SOMERSET COUNTY FOSTER CARE YOUTH:** Camp Sequanota invited youth from the Somerset County Foster Care to attend summer camp this year at a cost of \$500 per youth. (Many of these youth have never had an opportunity to attend a church camp.)

**Trinity's members have donated \$1,285.00 for this special Foster Care camp experience!! Thank you!!**



## SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDENT 2018 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 ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Food Allergies \_\_\_\_\_

2018 School Grade Completed \_\_\_\_\_ Age as of 9/1/18 \_\_\_\_\_

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, on social media, and may be used for publicity purposes if you give permission.

THE FIRST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL  
IS SEPTEMBER 9 AT 8:45 A.M.  
BEGINNING IN THE CHAPEL.

## POTATO PICKING

### 2018 SPUDS OF FAITH POTATO PICKING PROJECT

The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Potato Picking Project will be held on **Saturday, September 15, 2018** at Laurel Vista Farm, 1665 Coxes Creek Road in Somerset near the village of Edie, which is near Sipesville. This is the 11th year Ken Soldano has hosted this project and donated his time, his equipment, and 1/2 acre of his land.

Anyone needing directions or a question answered can call Becky Minnich @ 814-445-7660 or email her at: [jbmin60@gmail.com](mailto:jbmin60@gmail.com)

Picking will begin at 8:30 a.m. Volunteers are needed to pick the potatoes, help get them into the bagging area, tie the bags, and load them onto trucks from each of the 9 Food Pantries of Somerset County, who are the beneficiaries of the potatoes for their client families back in their own communities.



If possible, volunteers should bring buckets that have their name on to be used in the field.

Lunch and water will be provided and a restroom is available.

In case of questionable weather, either very wet weather prior to the 15<sup>th</sup> or rain that day, please call Becky Minnich at (814) 279-2091 (cell) to make sure the event will be held.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL STAFF 2018-2019

Classes begin at 8:45 a.m. each Sunday. Children begin in the Chapel. Adults meet in the Fellowship Hall. There is a class for everyone—so come learn about God's love for US!

**The Leaders/Organizers of each group are:**

<b>Infant-4 Years Old</b>	Meagan Richter
<b>Kindergarten-Grade 3</b>	Kelley Thompson Allison Walter
<b>Grade 4 and Above</b>	Cathy Wheeler
<b>Confirmation</b>	Deb Stewart, Kathy Mitchell, Pastor Linda
<b>Junior and Senior High</b>	Angie and Andy Miller
<b>Adult Class</b>	Frank Kyle, Kathy Mitchell, George Kaufman, Nicholas Carroll, Robert Thomas, Pastor Linda, and others
<b>Music</b>	Nicholas Carroll
<b>Co-Superintendents</b>	Meagan Richter Cathy Wheeler

## CHILD CARE NEWS

Our 'Disney Summer' is coming to an end. The children had a great time exploring different themes that we get from the Disney movies that they love. From visiting the forest, to learning about how to care for pets, and having fun on the beach, the kids enjoyed it all.

We are finishing off our summer with a celebration of our children. On **Thursday, August 23** at 4:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, all of the children will perform for their families. Feel free to come and watch our spectacular children show off their talents.

I want to thank everyone who ordered Kettle Korn from us. We had a successful fundraiser, having over \$650 in profit. With the school year right around the corner, we are preparing our children to transition into their new classrooms.

We are always looking for volunteers who would want to help us in our rooms. Come read a book, lead a craft, or help the teachers. If you are interested, please come and see me for more details on the requirements needed.

Jody Jurgevich,  
Director of  
Trinity Lutheran Child Care and Learning Center



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ALL COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS** should submit their 2019 Budgets to Trinity's Office by **Friday, August 31**. Proposed Budgets will then be prepared for the Finance Committee/Council Budget Meeting on **Thursday, October 18** at 6:00 p.m. in Adult III.



### SAFETY AND SECURITY

**IN AN EFFORT TO IMPROVE SECURITY**, Trinity's Council has decided to lock **ALL entry doors** BUT the front and handicapped doors on Sunday mornings after the congregation begins worship.

ALL DOORS CAN BE EXITED SAFELY AT ANY TIME!

## HOW TO CONTACT US

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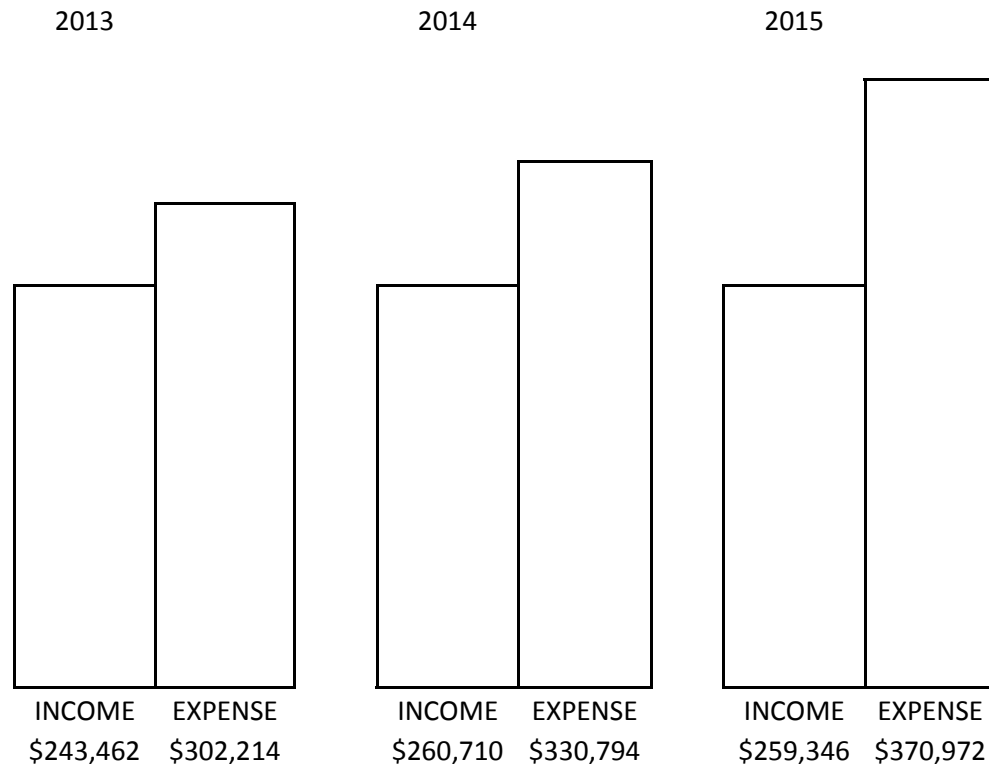
Website: [www.trinitysomerset.org](http://www.trinitysomerset.org)



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## RECAP OF INCOME AND EXPENSE



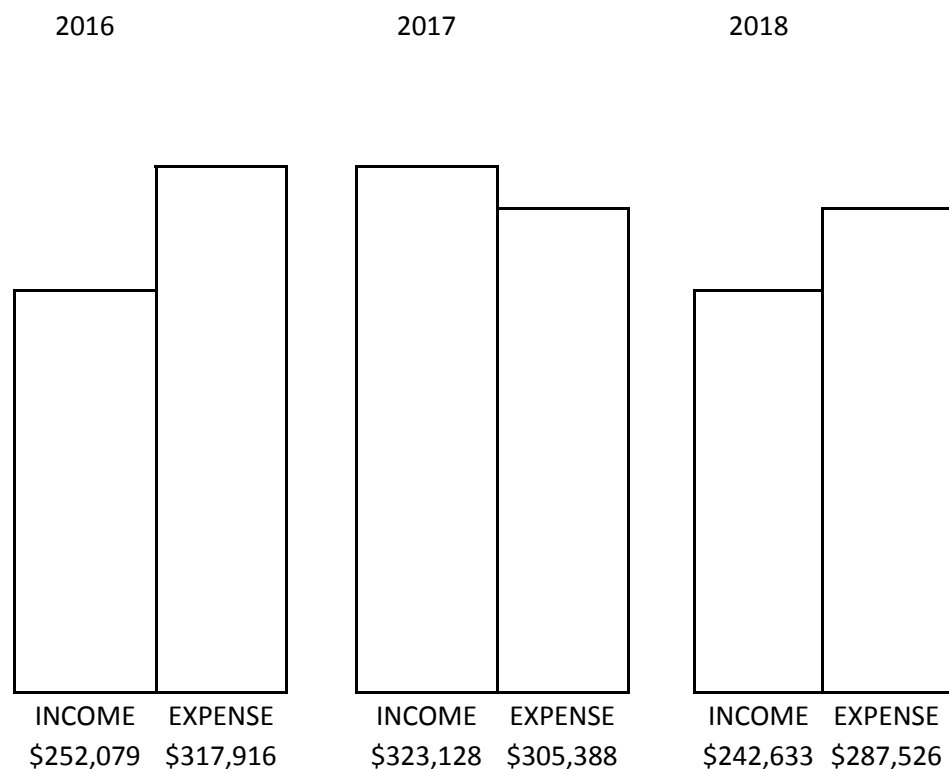
Expense control continues to be good with lowest gross expense for the year. The Trinity Child Care continues to run in the black which has eliminated the deficit. Income (although off last year) continues to be compatible to 2013-2014 levels. Be sure to join us August 26th, during Adult Sunday School for a detailed report.

AS YOU ARE ABLE, PLEASE BE GENEROUS

DO REVIEW OUR FINANCES FOR THE FIRST HALF \*\*\*

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## WE NEED YOUR ADDRESS

**A REMINDER TO ALL COLLEGE/TECHNICAL STUDENTS AND/OR PARENTS...** 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](mailto:trinluth918@verizon.net); or call us at 445-5446 . Thanks!



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

Student Name/Address \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

## GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS

**God's Work – Our Hands** is more than a tag line – it is who we are!

**“FLOOD BUCKETS”** will be put together and blessed on **Sunday, September 9**. They be made available to our neighbors in the event of local flooding. The list of items needed include specific kinds of reusable cleaning supplies and cleaning tools. There will be slips of paper with an item needed IN THE FLOOD BUCKET that you can pick up and take to the grocery store with you. If you prefer to make a cash donation instead, mark your offering envelope “Flood Bucket.” This will help us purchase needed supplies.



Donated items can be brought to Sunday School BEFORE or ON **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9**. A FULL LIST of Flood Bucket Contents Needed will be posted on Trinity's website for your consideration and on each of the flood buckets.

### **HIGHWAY CLEAN UP on Sunday, September 16 (Weather permitting)**



Trinity Lutheran Church has laid claim to several miles of Route 281 South, beginning at our property line. We are organizing a Roadway Clean Up Day on **Sunday, September 16** at 2:00 p.m. We break up into teams of two or three to pick up trash along the highway. If you are willing to help, please sign up in the Narthex or the Chapel. Having your name and number will help if we have to reschedule due to weather.

### **POTATO PICKING**

Potato Picking is also an excellent choice for God's Work - Our Hands event. Please see page 16 for more information.

## CONFIRMATION IS A-MAZING

### **LAUREL HIGHLANDS CONFERENCE CONFIRMATION EVENTS are *coming soon!***

One result of the conversations among our Laurel Highlands Conference congregations was the desire to work together to provide an excellent supplemental Confirmation program for every congregation – no matter the size of their congregation or Confirmation classes. Our goal is to create Somerset-wide opportunities for Confirmation students (or Confirmation-age students) to gather for learning, service, and fun activities. Deb Stewart and Pastor Linda are part of the planning team.

The Calendar of Events (about every 6 weeks or so) will include fun and active learning modules, worship, and a meal. Community building and exploring our Identity in Christ will be the focus in our early gatherings. A letter will be going out to Trinity youth and families with a full calendar soon.

The First Gathering will be on **Sunday, September 30** from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

**The Faranda Farm** – Corn Maze, campfire, hot dogs, games, hay rides, and more! Cost is \$8.00 per person.



Youth who are in Grades 6 through 9 and their families are invited to join us for First Introductions and A-mazing Fun!

**Trinity's current Confirmation Class** will be finishing up their two-year program in September and October. **Confirmation Sunday is also Reformation Sunday – October 28**. These Confirmation students, as well as those who are not yet enrolled in a Confirmation class, are welcome to come to this Fall Kick-Off Event. These Conference events will supplement the classes provided in individual congregations. Come and Check it out!!

# MEALS ON WHEELS

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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 22-26 and October 29 to November 2. 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. Note: You may also deliver your desserts a day or two ahead of time if that works better for you, from 6:30 a.m. to Noon. **Please use the rear entrance to deliver desserts.**

**Trinity will again purchase pies for Tuesday, October 30 which will cost around \$100 for that day.**

The sign up sheet for desserts is available Sundays 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 in a brown pew envelope marked "MOW," or dropped off at Trinity's Office. **All checks should be made payable to "Trinity."** Your support is a blessing to many people! Please call me at 445-7660 with any questions you may have. *Becky Minnich*

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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>LARGE ANGEL FOOD CAKES (24)</u>
(NO NUTS, ICING, OR CHOCOLATE)	_____ Thursday, October 25 (12)
(Prefer: Banana, Applesauce, or Box)	_____ Thursday, November 1 (12)
_____ Monday, October 22 (10)	
_____ Monday, October 29 (10)	

<u>COOKIES (20 DOZEN)</u>	<u>MUFFINS OR CUPCAKES (30 Doz)</u>
(NO CORN MUFFINS; NO NUTS, CHOCOLATE, OR ICING)	
_____ Tuesday, October 23 (20 doz)	_____ Friday, October 26 (15 doz)
(Purchasing Pies for Tues, October 30)	_____ Friday, November 2 (15 doz)

LARGE LOAF QUICK BREADS (30 Loaves)  
(NO NUTS OR CHOCOLATE)  
(Prefer: Raisin, Apple, Zucchini, or Banana)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Wednesday, October 24 (15)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Wednesday, October 31 (15)



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

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# MEMBERSHIP

*Membership in a Lutheran Congregation  
is both a privilege and a responsibility.*

It is a PRIVILEGE because, by Baptism, God has given us a family in which to Grow in Faith, Worship God, and Serve others.

It is a RESPONSIBILITY because God has given us gifts of time, talent, and treasure to steward. Stewardship is sharing those gifts to help build up the body of Christ and participate in God's mission in the world.

We are a community formed to hear the Gospel, to receive God's love in Word and Sacrament, to gather with God's people regularly for worship, service and fellowship – it is a meaningful relationship.

**We have noticed** that some in our number, have been absent for some time. Perhaps they have moved out of the area or have become active in another congregation. Perhaps they have had some conflict or tension... or simply have fallen out of the habit of attending.

*Whatever the reason,  
we would like to do something about it!*

Each and every member is important to the whole in the Body of Christ. When a child is baptized and when new members are received, we say, "We welcome you... we promise to support you in faith... we promise to work with you"...etc. These words we speak, these promises we make ARE important.

If YOU know someone who is no longer attending Trinity – for whatever reason – please, ask them to return with you! If they have found a new church home – please ask them to make that known to Trinity’s Office (or YOU can be empowered to do so.) If they have something to talk about, ask if the Pastor or a Council member can call on them, to talk – and then convey that to us!

Letters will go out later this year asking folks who have become inactive, to identify how they would like to be related (or not) to the congregation in the future. Our constitution calls for the Council to conduct an annual audit of the rolls of the congregation – this is an important exercise!



Membership can take several different forms – and proper assignment is important for a host of reasons. Each form has specific privileges and responsibilities. The five forms of membership are:

- a. Baptized                      b. Confirmed                      c. Voting
- d. Associate                      e. Seasonal

Persons may elect to move from one form of membership to another, based on their particular circumstances and meeting the criteria. Persons may also be removed from the roll of members due to inactivity, in accordance with the provisions of Trinity’s Congregational Constitution and Bylaws.

The Council has appointed Deb Stewart, Melanie Miller, and Pastor Linda to examine our rolls and to come back to the Council with recommendations. This notice is a first step. If you know of someone this information may apply to – someone who has become inactive, for whatever reason – invite them back into fellowship! Share this information with them and ask them to take the first step.

## SEQUANOTA FALL EVENTS

### FALL WORK DAY is **Saturday, September 8**

beginning at 9:00 a.m. Grab your work gloves and a sturdy pair of shoes to help prepare Camp for the upcoming 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 “THANK YOU” DINNER - Sunday, September 23.** Appetizers and Fellowship at 4:30 p.m.; Dinner and Program at 5:30 p.m. Call the Camp for reservations.

**ADULT DAY WORKSHOP on Thursday, October 11** from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Rev. Nathan Pile will lead the discussion on “Church and Youth: Today and Tomorrow.” Bring a Bible (any translation) and a pen or pencil. Dress comfortably. Cost is \$10.00 including lunch. Please register with the Camp Office by calling (814) 629-6627 or email to the Camp at [contact@sequanota.com](mailto:contact@sequanota.com).

### SPORTING CLAYS CHALLENGE **Sunday, October 14**

**Cost:** A donation of \$80 per shooter  
The clay shoot benefit will take place at Buffer Creek Sporting Clays near Somerset. Registration is from 12:00 to 12:45 p.m.; 1:00 p.m. start; dinner and cash bar begins at 5:00 p.m. Your donation includes 100-target course, cart, refreshments, and dinner.



## SEQUANOTA (CONTINUED)

### FALL WELLNESS RETREAT

**Friday, October 19** at 6:30 p.m. through **Sunday, October 21** 2:00 p.m.

\$135 - Double Occupancy

\$50 - No Lodging (whole program with meals)

Take this time to check-in with yourself, assess your health, and learn something new. Elizabeth Hunsberger will stretch your faith with daily, Christian focused, yoga for all abilities. Please bring a mat if you have one. Embrace your creative side with guided painting lead by Beth Thomas. Sequanota staff will nurture our spirits with Bible study at the prayer labyrinth and creative worship.



Register by mailing in a registration form and a check; contact the office via phone or email; or register [online](#).

## SMILE.AMAZON.COM

Did you know that Trinity is an Amazon Smile designated charity? Give to Trinity by simply shopping at Amazon! How?

- 1) Navigate to smile.amazon.com
- 2) Under the search bar, you will see supporting: (a default charity). Click the arrow next to that charity, then click change.
- 3) Search for Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church Somerset. Click on Trinity.
- 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!



## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



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



## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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



## CONGRATULATIONS!

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



## UPCOMING CONCERTS AT TRINITY

**Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup> 2:00 p.m.**

**“Clergy Concert”** in the Nave featuring Rev. Arnie McFarland, Father Lenny Anderson, and Pastor Linda. Guitars, songs, and sing along!



**Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m.**

**“All Hallow’s Eve Spooktacular”** in the Nave. Pipe organ music by Nicholas Carroll and poetry read by “Madam Stephanie” Carroll. The event and music will be geared for children, featuring music from: Harry Potter, Pirates of the Caribbean, Bach, Nightmare Before Christmas, and others. Attendees are invited to come in costume and Halloween treats will be distributed.



**Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> 2:00 p.m.**

**“Christmas in Somerset”** release concert in the Nave. Nicholas Carroll will perform the entirety of his **first solo piano album release**. Entitled, “Christmas In Somerset,” the 12-track album features original compositions and arrangements of beloved Christmas Hymns by Nicholas. Information on CD pricing to come as recording is still in progress.



## COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

**PLEASE GIVE US YOUR 2019 COUNCIL NOMINATIONS** on the form below. Nominations must be active voting members of Trinity. A voting member is a confirmed member who has communed and contributed 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: Roger Bailey, Chad Mosholder, Dale Kriner, and Michael Mitchell. 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:

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

**DEADLINE FOR NAMES:**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24**

## LUTHERAN FALL FESTIVAL

This afternoon of fellowship and worship will be held **Saturday, September 22** at Legion Park in Hollidaysburg from 3:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Starting at 3:00 p.m., we will have booths set up by congregations, vendors, and partners. These will include food stations, games, information, arts and crafts, and other activities. Throughout the afternoon we will welcome musical entertainment from members of our Synod and our Synod congregations.

If you are interested in your congregation having a booth or display at the festival, please be in contact with Pastor Drew McCaffery at [blcpastor@atlanticbbn.net](mailto:blcpastor@atlanticbbn.net).

Starting at 5:00 p.m., we will have a community meal. We are planning to have pulled pork and pulled chicken provided by Holland Bros of Duncansville. Tickets for the meal are \$10.00 and are available through our Synod office (814) 942-1042 or [office@alleghenysynod.com](mailto:office@alleghenysynod.com).

At 6:30 p.m., we will have worship in the Pavilion at the Park. Part of the service will be a candlelight service. We are moving to the pavilions this year because we will have lights in case the evening gets dark before we are finished. Also, we will be under cover in case of inclement weather.

We would like to invite congregations to bring congregational banners to decorate our worship space. If you would be able to bring a banner with you, please contact Pastor Paula or Bishop Rhyne at the Synod office (814) 942-1042.



## OCTOBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

**BLANKET SUNDAY** will be **Sunday, October 7**. 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 23**.



**COMMITTEE REPORTS** for the Annual Congregational Meeting are due into Trinity's Office by **Friday, September 28**.

OUR NEXT NEWSLETTER

DEADLINE IS:

MONDAY, OCTOBER 15

### CARE AND SHARE COMMITTEE SOUP MAKING DAY

The annual soup making by the Care and Share Committee for our Trinity members who are 80 years and older, and those homebound members who are in their homes, will be held on **Thursday, October 25**.

Beef vegetable soup will be made so volunteers are needed for cooking beef, chopping vegetables, filling the containers, and delivering soup.

Please contact Becky Minnich at 445-7660 or see her at worship if you can help in any way.



## WHAT ARE YOU MISSING OUT ON AT M&M

Recently in our Marys and Marthas (M&M) Bible Study, we were discussing an article entitled “Snap Judgment.” The article was written by Bev Stratton, a couple’s therapist and professor emerita of religion at Augsburg University, Minneapolis. “Where judging goes wrong, and how we make it right.” is her lead-in statement. Check out her article in the April “Gather” magazine.



“That’s stupid” I believe we have all said that at some time or another. In other words, we all make quick decisions and then realize how this automatic and painful judging can be to others. Stratton tells us that there is a reason for this. Our quick emotions are part of a survival system in our brain and cause us to make automatic, non-thinking, split second judgments.

Stratton goes on to say that we are set up with a “negativity bias” in our everyday thinking. I certainly agree with this, as I feel when talking with many people I hear them being very negative. She says this is because we do not feel safe, and need to learn to “think slow” and we will be more positive in our thinking and judgments.

We read in the Sermon on the Mount that Jesus tells us “not to judge the speck in our neighbor’s eye when there is a log in our own” (Matthew 7:1-5). Paul reminds us that when we judge others we are condemning ourselves for we do the same things (Romans 2:1). Martin Luther in the *Small Catechism* explains in the eighth commandment – you should not bear false witness against your neighbor. He provides us with more helpful guidance: “We are to fear and love God

so that we do not tell lies about our neighbors, betray or slander them, or destroy their reputations. Instead we are to come to their defense, speak well of them, and interpret everything that they do in the best possible light.”

Stratton, goes on to give us excellent reading material in all that helps us to be thinking slow. I found this excellent poem that is helpful in doing just that.

### PRACTICE THE PAUSE

**PAUSE BEFORE JUDGING**

**PAUSE BEFORE ASSUMING**

**PAUSE BEFORE ACCUSING**

**PAUSE WHENEVER YOU’RE ABOUT**

**TO REACT HARSHLY**

**AND YOU WILL AVOID DOING AND SAYING THINGS**

**YOU’LL LATER REGRET**

--from THE CELTIC CHRISTIAN TRADITION  
by Lori Deschene



Submitted by Shelby Rhodes

## ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

**ON ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4** 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 30** to include additional loved ones' names.

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

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## SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

**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 Educational Building/Fellowship Hall. Children's First Sunday School Day is **Sunday, September 9**.

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

**4:00 p.m. Healing Service with Holy Communion** in Chapel **Sundays, September 9 and October 7**

## AUG/SEPT/OCT EVENTS

**Wed, Aug 22 & 29** Women and Justice Social Statement Gathering (p. 9)

**Fri, Aug 24** Dinner Church Laurel Hill State Park (p. 12)

**Sun, Aug 26** Blessing of the Backpacks (p. 13)  
Review Finances in Adult Sunday School (p. 20)

**Mon, Sept 3** Labor Day—Office and Child Care CLOSED

**Sat, Sept 8** Care for Creation, State College (p. 4)  
Fall Work Day at Camp Sequanota (p. 28)

**Sun, Sept 9** Youth Sunday School Begins (p. 13)  
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**Fri/Sat, Sept 14/15** Prayer Retreat (p.5)

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**Sat, Sept 16** Highway Cleanup (p. 23)

**Sat, Sept 22** Lutheran Fall Festival, Hollidaysburg (p. 35)

**Sun, Sept 23** Camp Sequanota Volunteer "Thank You" Dinner (p. 28)

**Sun, Sept 30** Laurel Highlands Confirmation Event:  
Faranda Farm Corn Maze (p. 24)

**Sun, Oct 7** Clergy Concert at Trinity (p. 33)

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