



Trinity Triangle

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Latrobe, PA

Growing in Faith...Reaching out in Love...Making Disciples

Pastor's Corner

As the calendar flips to October, one of my favorite things starts to appear on the store shelves again – Pumpkin Pie. It's not the best tasting dessert, but the smell and taste bring back so many memories of Thanksgiving dinners, family gatherings, and the moments our children realized they liked it, too! It's an unofficial holiday in the Felici household when dad brings home the first Pumpkin Pie of the season.

This reminds me of how important our senses are in connecting to important moments and places in our lives. That is especially true in the church. What we see and hear change based on where we sit in the nave. Sometimes the taste of the bread or wine can take us back to a message we heard in worship long ago. The smell of that one Sunday School room can instantly take us back to learning the Lord's Prayer or the Apostles' Creed in that place.

At the end of October, we commemorate the Reformation – the events inspired and led by Martin Luther that led to the formation of what we now call the "Lutheran Church." We will join together in celebrating and praying for our confirmands as they take on the promises of their baptism and become full members of our congregation. What they experience now will be another chapter in their faith story, and all of us who gather in this place help in the writing of it.

As your family settles into fall routines, I invite you to commit—or recommit—to attending worship and Sunday School. These habits of faith keep us connected to Christ and strengthen us to serve as his witnesses in the world. The Word we hear and the bread we share reconnect us with the lessons and experiences that shaped our faith. Your presence and gifts help us become the congregation God has called us to be!

Pc. Jason

IMPORTANT YOUTH UPDATE!

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Social Chit Chat

Our next Chit Chat gathering will be on **Monday, October 12th at 10:00am**. Come and share and tell. Come and share your hobbies, anything from listening to music, knitting, sewing, gardening, etc.



Congregational Updates

Council Minutes are posted monthly on the Bulletin Board across from the Office and online at: www.TrinityLatrobe.com/council-minutes

Mother Hubbard's Cupboard— (located in the narthex)
In October we are collecting **paper towels and toilet paper** for the Greater Latrobe Food Pantry.

Meal Ministry—If you or another member of Trinity are in need of a few home cooked meals delivered to your house to get you through a difficult season in life, please reach out to the church office at 724-537-4450 to sign up for our Meal Ministry. We are gladly accepting new volunteers to help cook; expenses incurred can be reimbursed using grant funds.

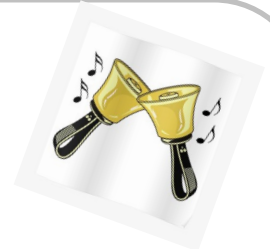
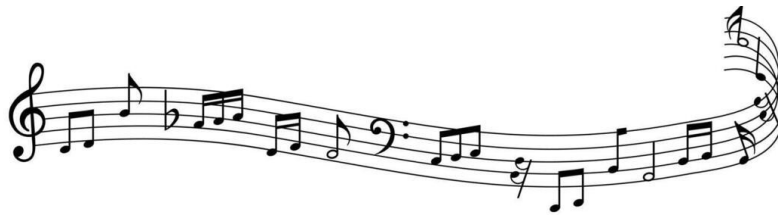
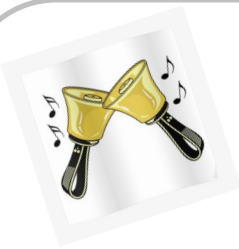
Deaths

+Marie Miller (9/7/26)
+Paul Houck (9/14/26)



Baptisms

🐚 Liana Irene Flack
🐚 Louella Jo Flack



Let Us Make A Joyful Noise

Adult Choirs have begun! New members are needed and welcome at any time! We practice together on Wednesdays at 7pm in the church. Men's Choir meets the 1st & 3rd Sundays at noon. Any questions? Please see Debbie! (412) 817-0151.

Youth Choir

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Handbells and Choir Chimes

If singing isn't your thing, or you want to share your musical gifts even more - please consider joining Handbells or Choir Chimes! Handbells rehearse on Tuesdays at 7pm in the church. Choir Chimes - grades 4 til age 99 rehearse on the 2nd and 4th Sundays at noon in the church. Music can be marked if needed! If you are curious or just want to try it out before committing, please see me and I will be happy to give you a brief lesson! Handbell rehearsals begin October 6. Choir Chimes begin on September 27. Come and join us! Debbie 412 817-0151

Funeral Choir

Are you available during the day? Funeral Choir offers music to support the grieving families. You will be called 2 days before a funeral at the church. Come a half hour before funeral time. See Debbie if interested. (412) 817-0151

Prayer List

Please join us in praying for beloved members & friends of Trinity with ongoing concerns:

Dave Shaffer	Sue Wintermeyer	Lin Sorber	Luke Chamberlain
Pastor Leedahl & David Shank	Annalisa Overstreet	Teresa Aguilo	Ken Howell
Caroline Kondrich	Bill Robb	Heather Wirick	Jack Street
Susan Hill	Bridget Shirey-Horman	Linda Barney	Levi Key
Barry Niswonger	Anne Brumfield	William Cloonan	Janet Houser
Grace Patterson	Larry Findish	Georgette Sandrowicz	Ron George
Nicole Buzzard	Patricia Hall	Dale Evans	Brenda Rohde
Aletha Young	Debbie Luttner	Phyllis Morgan	Marilyn Kondrich
Mark Lawry	John Thompson	Shirley Kohan	David Colaianne
Gary Rolfe	Bill Krall	John Carlson	Ruth Ann Fleming
Abigail Glagola	Robert Heide Jr.	Sandy Gaul	Paula Wasko
Darlene Schultz	Luka Smith	Diane Day	Helen Potter
Ted Massa	Keith Mossburg	Bev Rich	Sharon Matuszky
Johannah Frenchik	Sue Ramage	Cassie Murphy	
Michael Voytens	David Murrell	David Shirey	
David Meholic	Joan Smeltzer	Roger Shaffer	
	Paula Tucker	Steve Conrad	

Please call the Office (724)537-4450 or email Office@trinitylatrobe.com to add someone to the prayers.

COMFORT CARE TEAM

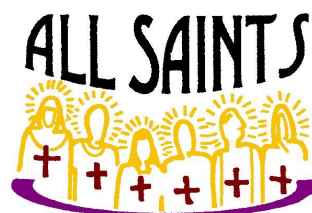
The Independence Health System Latrobe Hospital Volunteer Department is seeking volunteers to provide a compassionate, comforting presence to families who are sitting bedside with their loved ones. The volunteer will provide a gentle presence, active listening, as well as offering refreshments, and small breaks, for the family if needed. They also can serve as a liaison between the family and staff. Training will be provided.

Please call Dolan Vogle 724-537-1357 or Maureen Ceidro 724-516-8605 for more information about our Comfort Care Team!



All Saints' Weekend—October 31st & November 1st

On this weekend we remember all the saints of the church, including those who have died in the faith since last All Saints Sunday. If you would like to include the name of a loved one who was not a member of Trinity, please fill out the form below and drop it in the offering plate or return it to the church office.



Please include the name of:

Date deceased: _____

My / Submitter's

Name: _____

Requests are due in the church office

no later than Tuesday, October 27, 2026

The German Lutheran Christ Church

written by Carole Marcy

Did you know that for nearly a half of the first part of the 20th century there was a German Lutheran Church at the corner of Alexandria Street and Second Avenue in Latrobe? Many present-day members of Trinity are descendants of those families who worshipped there. Among the familiar names were Deglau, Pohland, Boehme, Weiss, Houck, Netzlof, and many more.

Following are excerpts from "A Summary of the Church History to May 1944." The original work was written in German, but was translated by an anonymous writer and placed in the church record book.

"At the conclusion of a German service in Trinity Church, October 26, 1902, eight men signed an agreement which led to the organization of this congregation. (The German Church)

These eight families were: August Pohland, Sr., Carl Pohland, Andreas Daw, Albert Heisir, Morris Boehme, Leon Gerst, Michael Lingsch, and Edwin Honig. Then, additional families later agreed to contribute monthly to the support of the new church. A building site in the northern part of Latrobe 100x100 feet was bought from Joseph Kelly for \$500, and a contract let for the construction of a frame church at the cost of \$2,475. The fount was donated by John Maier, the altar by Leon Gerst, and the organ by Michael Lingsch. During the impressive cornerstone laying on October 18, 1903, there were addresses in German, English, and Bohemian by Michael Lingsch.

In 1928, a parsonage was built at a cost of \$8,200. In about the year 1930, the church building was partially destroyed by fire, after which it was repaired and completely redecorated.

The church left the German Conference and joined the Greensburg Conference of the Pittsburgh Synod on May 23, 1944. During the intervening years, the church flourished with a Sunday School program, German singing groups, and activities.

But due to the economic problems beyond their control, the congregation dwindled. Many Germans moved away during the coal strikes of 1909-1910. The same thing happened during the depression. Restricted immigration during World War I caused a further decrease. During the Second World War, the German language services were dropped and only English was used since German was discouraged to be used in churches.

The last pastor resigned in 1952, and it was seen to be advisable to dissolve the congregation. According to an article in the Latrobe Bulletin of December 19, 1952, the church disbanded one month before their golden anniversary. Members were encouraged to join other Lutheran churches in the area. Many of those members chose Trinity. Due to sporadic entries in the German church official record book, it appears that the church merged with our church in 1952 and entrusted their record books to us.

We are planning to have follow-up historical articles. They will include information about your family ties and other information you may have about the German Lutheran Christ Church. For example, Paul Houck and his family were active in that church. Tell us about your ties to the church. You may send articles or information to the church office, or you may call Carole Marcy at 724-539-8312.

Children, Youth & Families

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

GRG - **October 14th at Trinity** - Big Brothers/Big Sisters will be presenting about their resources. Children will paint pumpkins!



GRG - **November 18th at St. Cecilia** - Thanksgiving Dinner and painting with Jenny O!

Presentation of Bibles

Presentation of Bibles will be on **October 17th & 18th**. We will be mailing out invitations to kindergarteners and 3rd graders. Please RSVP which service you will be attending to the church office at 724-537-4450, or email to office@trinitylatrobe.com. Thank you!



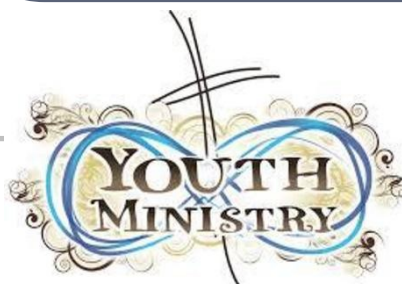
Save the Dates:

First Sunday!

-All youth in grades 7-12 are invited to join us **October 4 from 6-8pm** for **First Sunday Youth!** Pastor Jess will make her "famous" queso dip and all participants are invited to bring their favorite nacho toppings. Sign-ups are on the youth bulletin board, but you are not required to sign-up for the event. **ALL YOUTH ARE ASKED TO BRING A PLAIN SHIRT OR SWEATSHIRT** that they would like to decorate using Cricut vinyl for our youth gear.

Lock-In

-Youth in grades 7-12 are welcome to come to a Lock-In on **Friday, October 9!** Our service project will be setting up the coat donations for our Winter Coat Distribution in Fellowship Hall. Please see the Youth Bulletin Board or the "Group Me" for details on the Lock-In!



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Important Confirmation Dates:

- Saturday, October 24** - Rehearsal and Luncheon
- Sunday, October 25** - Rite of Confirmation at the 10:45am worship service



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New Member Class



Have you been worshipping with us and want to dive deeper?
Are you interested in joining Trinity's membership?

A New Members Class will be held on **Sunday, October 4 at 12:15pm** in the Café. We will have a light lunch, and then discuss the basics of our Lutheran faith, how Trinity operates and is governed, and offer a tour of the building with an overview of our ministries.

Please contact the church office to let us know you will be coming!



Coat Distribution

Trinity's Third Annual Coat Distribution is set for **Saturday, October 10 from 10:00am until 1:00pm**. You are invited to bring new and gently used coats of all sizes to Trinity in the coming weeks. Any coats that remain after the event will be distributed to local schools for children this winter!

Blessing of the Animals

Bring your family pets to the annual "Blessing of the Animals" on **Sunday, October 4th at 5:00pm**. We gather in the Trinity Reiner Garten Gazebo area, and Prince of Peace and St. James Youngstown members will join us for this annual event for all God's creatures!



Sunday, October 19th - Potluck and Craft!

The Fellowship Committee invites families and friends of Trinity to join us for a Covered Dish Potluck following the 10:45am service in Fellowship Hall. In conjunction with this potluck, Christian Ed plans to offer Fall Craft Stations including a canvas painting craft.



Club FRED

(Food, Recreation, Education, Discussion)

After School Program

Club FRED is gearing up for another school year and we could use some help!!!! Club FRED will start again on **October 1, 2026** and meet each Thursday that school is in session. The children arrive at 3:50pm and are at Trinity until 6:15pm. Dinner is from 5:45pm to 6:15pm.

- Leaders to direct groups of students
- Dinner Companions (join us just for dinner, eat, and talk with the children)

We also have a strong need for more men. Many of the children do not have a positive male role model in their lives, and it is needed!!!

If you would be interested in helping in any of these areas, or if you have a friend who would like to help, please contact Kathy Ferlin at 724-875-8301 or ferlin.kathy@gmail.com. Clearances are required and links can be found at Trinitylatrobe.com/clearances.

SAVE THE DATE!

VETERANS DAY LUNCHEON

Please come join us in honoring and remembering our veterans on **Sunday, November 8th.**



Bible Study on Zoom

Pastor Jess hosts a Bible Study on Zoom at noon on Mondays called Monday's Mercies. This is intended to be a time spent going deeper into God's Word with others. It will be kept to 40 minutes and is open to anyone who can attend! Mondays

12pm-12:40pm

Meeting ID: 769 4589 5943 /

Passcode: grace4all



Hospital Visitation

The pastors will make every effort to visit members of our congregation who are admitted to the hospital. Please have a loved one call the church office and report your name, hospital where you are a patient, and room number if known. **The hospitals do not call the church office at 724-537-4450 to report this information.** We thank you for helping us minister to you and your family during a difficult time.

Fall is here, the leaves are changing, and pumpkin products are flooding the market. It's time to start planning the annual Thanksgiving Day dinner. As always, we need to make sure there are enough volunteers to help serve and clean up before moving forward. Sign-up sheets are posted across from the lounge, the online form on the website/app or contact the church office by Sunday, October 25. Help Trinity continue this worthwhile and much appreciated community event.

FALL 2026 GARDENING

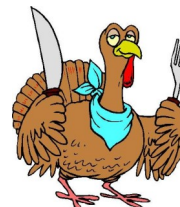
To all the faithful Trinity Gardening helpers first a huge thank you for everything from planting, weeding, deadheading, and watering, as well as those who donated toward purchasing the flowers this year. Without all of your help Trinity's outdoor areas would not have been as beautiful as they were this year.

New things happen every year. Numerous small improvements are always being implemented on an ongoing basis. Thank you to everyone involved in these projects.

As fall approaches it is the time of year that we need to plan to clean up. We will keep an eye on the weather and plan a clean-up day in October. More information will be published as that time approaches.



It's time to talk turkey!



Do you receive the E-Blast?

Did you know that Trinity has a weekly E-Blast that delivers straight to your in-box? Stay up to date on what's happening around here by signing up at: **www.TrinityLatrobe.com**



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October

Please Note: The Church Office is closed on Wednesdays at 11:00 for staff meetings.

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