



Trinity Triangle

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Latrobe, PA

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

Pastor's Corner

The summer blossoms are beginning to fade and evenings have begun to carry in a chilly breeze... school buses are making their way through our streets once more. As summer winds down, so does our communal project of creating a fabric banner here at Trinity. Each week this summer we have heard about different ministries of our congregation and imagined together the ways we can dream bigger. As people have written their answers to prompts throughout these weeks, we have gathered more than **two thousand** strips of fabric on our colorful collective banner!

This semi-chaotic banner serves as a reminder for us of just how many people at Trinity gather in this intersection of God's Kingdom! From weekly worship services to Shepherd Shop with weekly meals and clothing for all, to Grandparents Raising Grandchildren, Head Start, and folks who wander in for Early Intervention with the Intermediate Unit and who seek help through Centralized Assistance, Trinity is a busy hub of love and service.

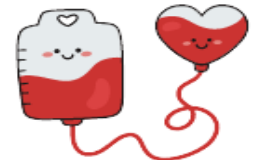
As you turn through the pages of this newsletter, you will find pictures of the many joyful moments we've marked over the summer across VBS and our church picnic, a mission trip and so much more! What's next? How might you grow more deeply connected in the Kingdom of God here at Trinity? Don't stop imagining with us!

Peace,

Pastor Jess

Red Cross Blood Drive

Trinity is the host site for a Red Cross blood drive on Wednesday, September 23rd from 11:00am till 4:00pm in Fellowship Hall. There is an urgent need for blood! All donors will enjoy sandwiches and homemade cookies at the refreshment table. REMINDER: You MUST pre-register either by calling the Red Cross 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter TrinityELC in the sponsor code area.



Social Chit Chat

Our next Chit Chat gathering will be on **Monday, September 14th at 10:00am**. We will have special guest "Jackie" leading us in painting our favorite autumn pictures. Bring your favorite picture along to help you get some fall ideas.

Life's Final Chapter: Planning Today for peace of mind tomorrow.

**Sunday, September 13th from
2:30-5:00pm at Prince of Peace**

Join us for a free event designed to help you prepare for the future with confidence. Hear from local professionals, ask questions, and connect with trusted community resources.

Topics include: Estate Planning, Hospice Care, Funeral Planning, Aging Resources, Faith and Spiritual Care, Medicare, and more!

Hosted by the Greater Latrobe Ministerial Association. Sign up sheet is posted across from the lounge.

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 September/October we are collecting **paper towels** and **toilet paper** for the Greater Latrobe Food Pantry.

Deaths

+Ralph Neiman III (6/24/26)
+Kathryn Deglau (6/26/26)
+ Lynda Turney (7/08/26)
+ Lynne Golembiewski (7/12/26)
+ Joseph Visconti, Jr. (8/15/26)
+ David Ghrist (8/22/26)



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.

Let Us Make A Joyful Noise

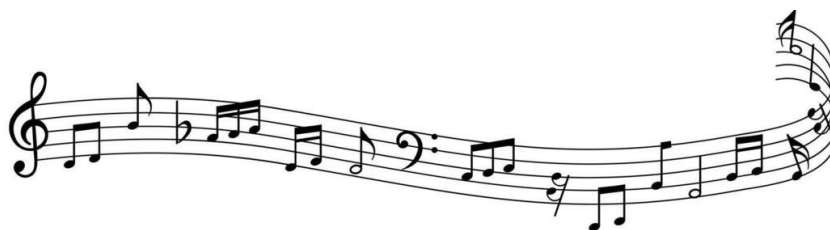
"I will sing of your strength, I will celebrate your love in the morning" (Psalm 59:16). I hope that you all sing in worship and if that brings you joy, consider singing even more in the choir! Adult rehearsals begin soon! Trinity (8:15am) and Chancel (10:45am) Choirs practice together on Wednesdays at 7pm in the church. The first rehearsal is September 9. Men's Choir meets on the first and third Sundays at noon and sings once a month during worship. Any questions or concerns?- please see Debbie! 412 817-0151.

Youth Choir

Youth choir is for grades 4 through 12! They meet for the first 15 minutes of Sunday School - 9:30am til 9:45am in the church, starting on September 20th. They offer their gift of singing during the prelude, so it is possible to sing and be an Acolyte! Call or text Debbie 412 817-0151.

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



For more information on any events contact the church office at 724-537-4450 or office@trinitylatrobe.com.

Prayer List

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

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

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

Satisfy Your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) using a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)

We are delighted to see the number of members who have chosen to make their donations to Trinity using a Qualified Charitable Distribution and save on taxes.

If you have a Traditional or Rollover IRA and are at least 70 1/2, you can make a Qualified Charitable Distribution (a "QCD") to Trinity or other qualifying charities and not pay Federal Income Tax on the withdrawal. If you are at least 73, this QCD counts toward satisfying your Required Minimum Distribution ("RMD"). There are limits, but they will not impact most people.

Changes to the tax code have significantly increased Standard Deductions, allowing fewer people to take advantage of Itemized Deductions on their Federal taxes. If you have to take RMDs, using QCDs for your charitable giving, allows you to receive a tax benefit from your charitable giving.

The QCD must be made directly from your IRA to the qualified charity. If you manage your own investments, many mutual fund companies make this process very easy, just contact them for information. If you use a financial advisor, they should be able to help you. **If you plan to donate to Trinity via a QCD in 2027 please check the box on your Stewardship Commitment Card, or contact Lori in the church office.** Since QCD checks often arrive at Trinity with no identifying information, it can be difficult to identify the source of the donation.

Even if you currently itemize your deductions, using a QCD might be a better choice depending on your individual tax situation. Depending on your income level, using QCDs can also potentially help you reduce taxes on your Social Security and reduce or avoid Medicare premium penalties. Therefore, there are at least three different ways that might help you save on taxes by using QCDs!



After many months of preparation and anticipation, the Schulmerich Symphony Carillon and four new speakers were installed on Wednesday, July 1. A technician from the company came to update the speakers and get the carillon unit in working order, giving the pastors and Dan a short training on the functions and capabilities of the unit.

Thanks to the memorial gifts remembering so many Saints of Trinity, our carillon bells are now ringing during the week once again! Each day at noon at least two hymns play and the chimes ring on the hour during the daytime. The timer function allows the call to worship bells to be programmed to ring exactly 15 minutes before each service. The functionality of this machine allows us to do much more, and we will continue introducing the features of this carillon as we move into the Advent and Christmas seasons!



VBS 2026 at Prince of Peace—"Who is My Neighbor"



GRG at Altoona Curve



Children, Youth & Families

Save the Dates:

Rally Day:

- Rally Day kicks off our Fall Sunday School this year on **September 13th**. Join us with your family as we learn together and begin another year of Christian Education!

Back to School Shopping:

- It's time for the new school year to begin again! Join us on Thursday, **September 10th from 6:00-7:00pm**, for back to school shopping in the Shepherd's Shop and the Food Pantry. We have been stocking up our children's section with clothes and shoes. Stop in to see if your kids can use any new things for the new school year!



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Nebraska youth volunteers in July



In July, youth volunteers from Nebraska stopped at Trinity. Pastor Jess had a group on yard clean up, a group making meals for the Union Mission and meals for shut-ins, and a group cleaning and organizing the Food Pantry room. We were grateful to have them stop in Latrobe to help us at the church and around our town!

Synod Youth Mission Trip - July 5-8th



Pastor Jess and some of our youth traveled around Pittsburgh for a mission trip to help put new roofs on homes.



Trinity Lutheran Annual Church Picnic



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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!

Confirmation Informational Meeting

September 20 @ 9:30-10:30am in the Catechism Classroom

All families with students in grades 7-10, who are actively involved in the confirmation program or who have not yet been confirmed are welcome to attend an Informational Meeting on Sunday, September 20. We will discuss the calendar for the upcoming year, this year's confirmation project, some camp opportunities for summer 2027, and our Confirmation Weekend plans for October.

Students and a parent/guardian should plan to attend, and please bring your calendar!

First Sunday

Youth in grades 7-12 are invited to "First Sunday" Youth Group events throughout the year! Our first event will be held on a special date-- **September 13 from 6-8 pm** to plan our schedule of events for the year. Both youth AND their adult(s) are encouraged to attend with calendars in hand.



Coat Drive

Trinity's Third Annual Coat Drive is set for **Saturday, October 10 from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm**. 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!

Ushers, Deacons and Lectors are needed!

We are looking for volunteers to be Ushers, Deacons and/or Lectors. Watch Trinity News for more details or call the church office if you are interested.

Save the Date!

Blessing of the Animals

Join us at Trinity Lutheran on **October 4th** for a blessing of the animals! Watch for more details!

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 3:50 and are at Trinity until 6:15. Dinner is from 5:45 to 6:15.

- 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!!!

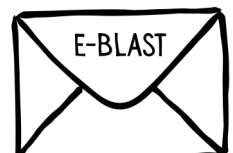
If you would be interested in helping in any of these areas, or if you have a friend who would like to help, please contact Kathy Ferlin at 724-875-8301 or ferlin.kathy@gmail.com. Clearances are required and links can be found at Trinitylatrobe.com/clearances.

Men's Communion Breakfast



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



MATTHEW 20: 1 - 16

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PENNY
SIXTH HOUR
STEWARD
THIRD HOUR
VINEYARD

Our thanks to David Colaianne who produces these word searches for the Triangle!

Happy 90th Birthday Bonnie!!

Friends gathered in July to have a special surprise party for Bonnie.



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

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