

TRINDLE SPRING LUTHERAN CHURCH



STRATEGIC PLAN 2017



Brief History of Trindle Spring Lutheran Church

Trindle Spring Evangelical Lutheran Church traces its roots to a time when Pennsylvania was still a colony of Great Britain. Founded in 1765, the church came into existence eight years before the Boston Tea Party and eleven years before the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The name of the congregation is derived from a spring found on land settled in 1728 by William Trindle, a Scots-Irish Presbyterian. William Trindle was a leader in the growing community.

The agricultural lands surrounding Trindle Spring attracted German Lutherans and German Reformed Calvinists. William Trindle gave to these settlers lands to be used as a burial ground. This land is now the southern portion of our cemetery. After the land grant from William Trindle, a log building was erected which served as both church and school. A brick building was eventually erected in 1823.

A renovation of the two-story brick building was completed in 1876. In 1907 the congregation installed pews for the first time. This renovation also saw the addition of stained glass windows and a steeple-bell. Further renovations were made in 1951 when an addition was placed on the north side of the building to house a fellowship room, a kitchen and a stage area. Unfortunately, the 1951 addition was extensively damaged during hurricane Agnes which ravaged the central Pennsylvania area in June of 1972.

The current educational building was constructed in 1975. This building was the first step in the construction of a new fellowship hall and sanctuary. The new construction was completed in 1993 with the dedication of the current sanctuary. Since that time, the congregation has continued to grow and serve the community. It is with our abiding faith and dedication to the Word of God that we continue to carry on the traditions begun over two centuries ago.



Trindle Spring Lutheran Church Mission Statement



Trindle Spring Lutheran Church:

Claimed by God in Baptism,

Fed by Christ in Worship,

Led by the Spirit in love for one another and the world.

Trindle Spring Lutheran Church Vision

Trindle Spring Lutheran Church is being called to :

- Equip people to tell the stories of God working in scripture, our lives, and the world.**
- Connect people to God. One another, and opportunities for ministry.**



VALUES

Tradition – We are grounded in the rich tradition of Lutheran Christianity, building on the faith of those who came before us.

Relationships - We are created to be in relationship with God and one another, which entails knowing, supporting, and caring for each other, as well as building new relationships.

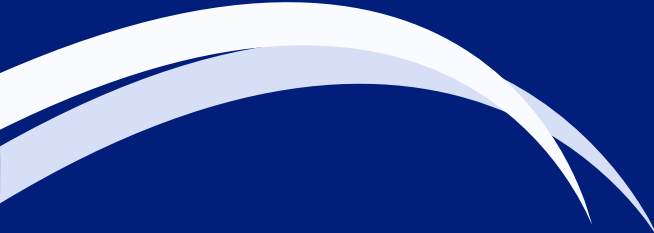
Serving – Following Jesus we use our time, talents, and resources for the good of our neighbor.

Worship – God is always worthy of our praise. When we gather in community God meets us in word and sacrament. As a Lutheran congregation we value liturgical worship.

Faith Formation – Faith is a gift and we spend our lives learning to live it out. We nurture growth through education, relationships, serving and worship.

Trindle Spring Lutheran Church Goals

- 1. Develop an intentional and comprehensive Evangelism strategy.**
- 2. Evaluate current opportunities for adult Christian Education and develop a comprehensive plan for the future.**
- 3. Develop tools for empowering more shared and intentional congregational involvement and leadership.**
- 4. Create a seasonal church devotion written by members of TSLC.**



***The Property Committee and Church Council are working on addressing facility and grounds issues, including the future of the old church building at 15 State Road.**



TRINDLE SPRING LUTHERAN CHURCH

14 State Road Mechanicsburg, PA 17050

Phone: # 717-766-7091

Fax: 717-766-5601

Email: office@trindlespringlutheran.org

Website: www.trindlespringlutheran.org