



the Trindle Trumpeter

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TRINDLE SPRING LUTHERAN CHURCH | 14 STATE ROAD, MECHANISBURG PA 17050

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Time to bring in your palms from last year for Pastor Aaron to make ashes for Ash Wednesday. Please bring them in and place in the narthex on the back wall **by/before Sunday, February 15, 2026.**

The February 2026 Newsletter is sponsored to the glory of God and in loving memory of Marlin E. Wood, by his family.



Message from Pastor Aaron & Pastor Martha

As I sit here in my dining room, the reflection from the sun off of the snow is almost blinding. The blank canvas of a big snowstorm always seems to slow everyone down. Only the essentials take place, and the rest seems to wait. In mid-February we will begin our Lenten journey. It too is a time to pare down, focus on what is important, and remember God as the foundation of our lives. You can read more about our Lenten series and the opportunities we will have to connect with God and the foundations of our faith this Lenten season. I hope that you will take the opportunity to be a part of those experiences.

"To do that, we have to allow our faith to inform our politics, and we need to understand that our humanity and faith should transcend politics."

Today as I write this, it is with a heavier heart. I am struggling with the world right now, and I know that I am not alone in that feeling. I know this isn't a new thing for people. The world tends to feel like it is falling apart around us regularly. Watching the images of violence in the name of peace is baffling to me, whether it is across the globe or much closer to home in places like Minneapolis. It is hard to watch as clergy, some of whom I know, are arrested for speaking out against an abuse of power, a lack of compassion, and political agendas.

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As I've been preparing for Sunday's sermon on Matthew 5:1-12, (the Beatitudes) I can't seem to reconcile those words of Jesus that offer a faithful way of living with the interactions that I am seeing in the news. In our baptism we are called to "strive for peace and justice in all the world." To do that, we have to allow our faith to inform our politics, and we need to understand that our humanity and faith should transcend politics. We have to be able to see one another as human beings, created by God, loved by God, and in need of one another. I know some of these happenings might seem far away, but they are a reminder that we can't lose our humanity, and we need to practice compassion toward all God's children. Thank you for taking the time to read these thoughts. If you would like to chat about them, please reach out to either one of us.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Aaron Pastor Martha

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The Great American Songbook Comes to TSLC!

The next Music at the Spring concert will feature songs from the Great American Songbook. From Irving Berlin to Ella Fitzgerald and from Frank Sinatra to Lady Gaga, performers have for decades loved singing this repertoire almost as much as audiences have loved hearing it. We are thrilled to welcome back Music at the Spring fan favorite Jeff Coon for an afternoon of songs like "Cheek to Cheek," "Moon River," and many more. Join us on Sunday, February 15, at 3pm for this awesome performance. Doors open at 2:30pm and the concert is free and open to the public!

Time to review the Prayers in the Bulletin:

Church Family, for those of you with current prayer requests in the church bulletin, please take a moment to review the prayers for any changes/updates and email the church office at office@trindlespringlutheran.org.

Thank you.



UNDER CONSTRUCTION:

A Work In Progress

Lent 2026

Have you ever built a house? For most of us, the answer is no. However, we understand that there is a widely accepted process that begins with laying a firm foundation and, after many hours of hard work, ends with a finished product. In many ways, building a life of faith is the same - we need a firm foundation, and we need commit to doing the hard work of trying to live as Jesus taught us. However, building a life of faith is never finished. There is always more we can learn, mistakes we need to repent of, and new ways to share the Gospel with others.

This Lent, we will be reflecting on what it means that our faith lives are always “UNDER CONSTRUCTION,” and that we are always a work in progress. Through our worship, discussions, and devotional reflections, we will consider how we can clear away the rubble that keeps us from being true disciples and build a strong framework for a life of faith. We hope you will join us!

Ash Wednesday Worship:

Our Lenten journey begins on Ash Wednesday, which is February 18. We will gather as a community for worship at 7pm. The service will include the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion, and provide us with a time to reflect and focus our attention on what God is calling us to. Please join us as we begin our journey to the cross.



Midweek Worship

Each Wednesday during Lent, beginning February 25 and ending March 25, there will be an opportunity for a meal and time of fellowship. At 5:45pm, all are welcome to gather in the Fellowship Hall for a meal served by one of our committees. Then, at 7pm, we will gather in the sanctuary for Holden Evening Prayer. During this service, members of TSLC will share reflections from their lives based on that week’s theme. We hope you will make these weekly gatherings part of your Lenten discipline!

Weekly Themes

Week One: Laying the Foundation

* Faith and Grace

Week Two: Clearing the Rubble

* Confession and Forgiveness

Week Three: Building the Framework

* Prayer & Scripture

Week Four: Creating Spaces

* Discipline and Obedience

Week Five: Beyond the Walls

* Love and Service

Lenten Devotional Offerings

This year we are offering three different Lenten devotions, which will be available to pick up at the church beginning Sunday, February 15. We invite you to read a brief description below and choose the one that best suits your needs. Of course, you can always try more than one!

1. **UNDER CONSTRUCTION Devotions** - This devotional was created by our TSLC staff to help you more fully reflect on our Lenten theme. It includes a weekly Scripture reading, reflections written by staff members and clergy from within the congregation, reflection questions for each day of the week, and a prayer. Suitable for Ages 12+.
2. **Bible Scavenger Hunt Devotions** - This devotional is intended to help families explore the Bible together and talk about what they think God is saying to them through Scripture. Each day there is a short passage to find and read together, and a question to discuss. Suitable for families with children in elementary school or younger.
3. **Lenten Prayer Calendar** - this daily devotional will combine both our Lenten focus on building a strong foundation of faith with this year's Christian Education focus on prayer. Each weekday will provide a prayer prompt, and for the weekend there will be an activity suggestion on how to put your prayers into action. Suitable for ALL AGES!

Lenten Appeal

This year's Lenten Appeal will benefit Camp Nawakwa with their plan to update/remodel all cabins at the camp. This will include re-wiring, plumbing, flooring and more - and has an estimated cost of \$5,000 per cabin. It is our plan that this will be a year-long commitment, covering both the Lenten Appeal and Share Christmas. We are exploring what items Camp Nawakwa might need for our traditional Sunday School collection, and are also hopeful that we can plan a congregational work day. Keep an eye out for updates in weekly bulletins and the March newsletter.

NOTE: Any checks should be written to Trindle Spring with a note in the memo line, directing the funds to either "Nawakwa" or "Lenten Appeal."

Small Catechism 101

Join Pastor Aaron and Pastor Martha during Lent to learn, or re-learn, Martin Luther's teaching in the Small Catechism. Prepare to have your eyes opened, deepen your faith, understand the basis of the Lutheran faith, and share conversation as we gather in this faith formation opportunity.

The focus of this 5 Week Study will be:

Week 1 - The Creeds

Week 2 - Baptism

Week 3 - The Lord's Prayer

Week 4 - The Ten Commandments

Week 5 - Holy Communion

We will meet on Sundays during the Faith Formation hour at 9:15 a.m., and on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m., in the Young at Heart Room. So that we have enough materials for everyone, please sign up on the bulletin board by the office, or email/call the office to have your name added. Zoom link and recordings will also be available if you are unable to be there in person!

February Birthdays 2026

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEND A CARD AND WOULD LIKE TO KNOW THE BIRTH DAY, CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE: 717-766-7091 (OPT. 1)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FROM THE PASTORS AND STAFF

Kenneth Boyer	Richard Harbold	George Scott	Dianne Farence
Debra Cline Barosi	Angie Hummel	Paul Glantz, Jr.	Chuck Sterling
Alan Knisely	Ryan Kelly	Diane Boone	Debbie King
John Rupp, Jr.	Elias Stoner	Lanette Yohn	Mason Wolfe
Morgan Lichtel	Liam Eichelberger	Sara Jane Basehore	Brenda Freed
Gerry Denison	Norma McCartney	Eliana Kirkman	Sharon Gregg
Mark Genchur	Rebecca Fahnestock	Rhys Finkenbinder	Lori Genchur
Bev Hertzler	Isabella Yohn	Susan Starr	Brian Mostek
Dee Lebo	Joyce Phillips	Barb Glinski	Brian Westby
Karen Eppley	Deb Smith	Paige Schank	

Christian Education

Did You Know:

We are excited to have you join us for a special hour of Faith and Fellowship! All are invited to our large group gathering – a wonderful opportunity to come together as a community, deepen our understanding of our faith, and engage in fun activities.

- **Theme:** Prepare Your Heart
- **Date:** Sunday, February 1, 2026
- **Time:** 9:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.
- **Location:** Fellowship Hall
- **Focus:** Our time together will include a brief period of prayer followed by an engaging, interactive lesson and fellowship. We will explore ways to prepare our hearts for the upcoming Lenten Season, live our faith in our daily lives, and share our experiences with one another.

We hope you will join us as we explore and share in our faith journey together!

Council Meeting Highlights

JANUARY 13, 2026

Highlights from January 2026's meeting include:

- The year ended on a positive financial note.
- The TSLC 15 State Road Task Force is focusing on designing the bell tower for the church side of the road.
- Council approved the members of the Audit Committee. The committee will be auditing 2 years of church financial records, along with Cemetery Association records.
- Council approved repairs to the baptismal font. Memorial funds will cover the cost of the repairs.

Seniors Monthly Luncheon

JOIN US AT C.C.'S KITCHEN

Any questions, contact Irene Dillahey or Carlotta Strohl. See the sign-up sheet on the board by the Ed. Wing.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2026, 11:30A.M.

The Shawl Ministry

JOIN US ON THE SECOND SUNDAY EVERY

MONTH AT 3P.M., IN THE LOUNGE

Any questions, contact Sandy Breech or Maggie Strawser.

Income & Expenses

OPERATING FUND JANUARY-DECEMBER 2025

INCOME

Offering	\$474,743
Misc. Income*	\$9,200
Total Income	\$483,943

EXPENSE

Ministry to Others

Outreach	\$48,518
Evangelism	\$2,300
Parish Life	(\$3,947)

Ministry within Congregation

Christian Ed	\$3,784
Fellowship	\$2,181
Keeping Our Church Safe	--
Stewardship	--
Worship & Music	\$4,224
Youth & Family	\$7,156

Administration

Archives	\$250
Property Maint.	\$100,198
Office Mgt.	\$19,260
Salary/Support	\$295,725
Vision of Ministry	(\$1)

Total Expense **\$479,648**

Net Income **\$4,295**

** Includes Thrivent Choice, Community Aid, Building Use, Donations, etc.*

Fellowship Events

Save the Dates JOIN US FOR THE FOLLOWING UPCOMING EVENTS

- Saturday, February 7, 2026 - Escape Room Game Night at Church
- February 20 – 22, 2026 - Congregational Retreat
- Saturday, March 7, 2026 - Youth and Family Spaghetti Dinner
- Sunday, March 15, 2026 - Hershey Bears Hockey Game
- Friday, April 24, 2026 - Sight and Sound – *Joshua*

Easter Eggs & Pretzels – 2026

We are making eggs/pretzels **each Tuesday** (8:00 a.m. to about 2:00 p.m.) **Starting Feb 3rd* to March 24th**. If you are able to help, even for a few hours, please sign up on the bulletin board outside of the office.

Everyone is invited to help out; **experience is not required** and there are sitting jobs also available. We're always looking for new faces to enjoy the fellowship and potluck lunches.

We will be making peanut butter, butter cream, and coconut cream eggs, along with pretzels covered with milk chocolate or dark chocolate. Orders submitted by Sunday will be filled the same week as products are made available. Based on previous experience, we may need to add an extra workday during dark chocolate week to cover the milk chocolate orders.

Please Note--On Tuesday, February 3rd*, we will have a full day of making PRETZELS only!

Order forms are available in an envelope on the bulletin board outside of the church office.

Completed order forms and payment are to be placed in the black metal box outside the church office.

Any questions, speak with Chuck Sterling or Lee Yohn

Hope to see you on Tuesday, February 3rd!!

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Coffee Hour

A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board outside the office. Our hope is that each church committee will host a week or two throughout the year and Council will continue to cover the last Sunday of each month (those dates have been marked). All other weeks, we're asking individuals - a group of friends or a family or anyone at all - to sign up for a week. You will need to make coffee and provide a simple snack. It's really an opportunity for conversation and fellowship - not about the food. On dates where no one signs up, **THERE WILL BE NO COFFEE HOUR**. Feel free to contact a member of Council if you have any questions, but please consider signing up for a Sunday so that we can continue this weekly activity. Thank you, Cindy Duck

Escape Room Game Night – Looking for a fun challenge? Join us for a “board game” style Escape Room on **Saturday, February 7, 2026**, from 6p.m. to 7:30p.m. at church! Open to ages 10 and older, this event is a great way to work together, solve puzzles, and enjoy fellowship. Feel free to bring a snack to share. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board outside the church office. **The deadline to sign up is Sunday, February 1, 2026**. Any questions, contact Stef Eichelberger.

Annual Congregational Retreat FEBRUARY 20-22, 2026

It is once again time to consider the upcoming Congregational Retreat. It is sometimes hard to believe that this is our seventeenth year! The theme for the 2026 retreat is ***“What are you building?”*** This retreat will focus on what kind of life and faith we are hoping to build as individuals and as a community of faith. The retreat will start on Friday evening February 20, 2026, and conclude on Sunday afternoon February 22, 2026, at Camp Nawakwa. Registration for our retreat is available online only at bit.ly/TSLCretreat. If you cannot attend the entire weekend, Saturday day campers are welcome too! Final registrations must be in by **Sunday, February 1, 2026**. ******Please be sure to fill out and submit one online form for each camper***

If you have any questions regarding the retreat, please feel free to email Charlie Bender at CharlieB1414@Gmail.com.

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Hershey Bears Hockey

The Fellowship Committee is sponsoring a night out with the Hershey Bears **Sunday, March 15, 2026, 5:00 pm.** A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board outside of the office. **Deadline for sign-up and payment (\$20/ticket) is February 22, 2026.** See Lee Yohn for any questions and payment.

Sight & Sound- “Joshua”

The Fellowship Committee is sponsoring a night out at Sight & Sound Theatres, Lancaster, **Friday, April 24, 2026, 7:00p.m.,** for the brand-new show, “Joshua.” A sign-in sheet is posted on the bulletin board outside of the church office. **The deadline for sign-up and payment (\$100/ticket) is Sunday, March 22, 2026.** If 25 or more tickets are purchased there will be a \$5 refund/ticket. See Lee Yohn for any questions and payment.

Upcoming Local Plays and Musicals

See the list of upcoming local plays and musicals on the music board in the hallway by the pastor’s offices. There are copies for you to take one.

Men’s Monthly Breakfast

JOIN US AT: MIDDLESEX DINER, CARLISLE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2026, 7:30A.M. Any questions, contact Steve Vogelsong

Outreach Committee

Community Aid

Trindle Spring Partner Number#**10139**

Tags for your bags are available in the Outreach Corner in a basket.

New Hope Ministries

See shopping carts in both entrances (East/West) for your donations for New Hope Ministries. Our collection amounts for January 2026 -**174lbs.**

Share Christmas 2025- Everstand

Thank you

Thanks to our very generous congregation, a check in the amount of **\$2,175** has been sent to Everstand (with additional funds still coming in). Several of us also delivered a carload of items collected through the Sunday School classes & other giving members of TSLC, as noted in these photos. Thank you to Kaycee Glantz, whose idea it was to donate to Everstand.

With much appreciation from the Outreach Committee!!

Note from Kaycee- *"Thank you very much for supporting me in my idea for Everstand collections during Advent. I am so grateful to have all of you to help make my idea come true!"* Thank you!- Kaycee Glantz



College Care Package Collection Spring 2026

Collections will begin **February 15, 2026, and end March 15, 2026.**

There are currently **24 college students** on the list to receive care packages.

Shipping costs this past Fall 2024 were **\$11 - \$14/box**

Estimated cost of goodies to fill a box - **\$20.00**

Are you interested in sponsoring a box? Donating towards shipping costs? Donating toward snacks but can't get to the store? Contributing to sending the students TSLC Easter Eggs and/or Pretzels? **YOU CAN!** Reach out to Kristin Cleaver for details!

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College Care Package Grocery List Ideas (Take this page to the store with you.)

- Water flavor packets, K-Cups, instant coffee, individually packaged tea bags,
- Hot chocolate, single serving bags of chips, pretzels, goldfish, combos,
- snack-sized candy bars – or even full size, granola bars, instant oatmeal packets,
- gum, tic-tacs, hard candies, sandwich crackers, Pop tarts, pudding, microwave popcorn
- fruit snacks, cookies, Post-its, pens, mechanical pencils, highlighters, stickers, tissue packs
- mini hand sanitizers
- Please place donated items in the designated bins, located in the narthex. Thank you!

Parish Life Ministries

SECOND SATURDAY SUPPER

FEBRUARY 14, 2026, 4-6P.M.

MENU:

CHOICE OF CHICKEN POT PIE OR BEEF POT PIE

PEAS

PEPPER SLAW

PEARS W/ A CHERRY GARNISH

ASSORTED MUFFINS, BREADS, ROLLS

ASSORTED DESSERTS

HOT AND COLD BEVERAGES

Youth and Family Ministry News

YOUTH – ELEMENTARY YOUTH GROUP (K-5)

February 1, 2026, 12-1p.m.

We have our next elementary youth group meeting from 12-1pm (lunch provided)! Come out to eat, play games, and learn more about God!

YOUTH – Jr./Sr. High YOUTH GROUP (6-12)

February 15, 2026, 5-8p.m.

We have next our youth group meeting of the year from 5-8pm (dinner provided)! Come out to eat, play games, and deepen your relationship with God! Friends are always welcome! We hope to see you then.

YOUTH – SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER

March 7, 2026, 4:30-6:30p.m.

On March 7th, the youth group will be hosting our annual spaghetti dinner from 4:30-6:30p.m.. The youth will be helping to cook and serve our guests! Takeout will be available that evening for pick up. Kids under 11 cost \$5 and for ages 12+ the cost is \$10. Tickets for the spaghetti dinner will be sold at all church services in February from 9-12p.m.. All proceeds will benefit our youth group by helping to pay for events like retreats and confirmation camp. Last year, we raised money which helped pay for Harrisburg Area Confirmation Camp. Come hungry, enjoy a night out, and support our youth at Trindle Spring! In addition to the spaghetti dinner, we are asking for donated desserts and volunteers to help! Please contact Casey and Elaine if you are willing to help in any way!

YOUTH – WINTERFEST SYNOD RETREAT (9-12th grades)

RECAP

From January 2-4, 2026, several TSLC youth and leaders joined with others from around Central PA for the Lower Susquehanna Synod's annual retreat for youth in Grades 9-12, Winterfest. This year's theme was "Better Together," and participants explored what it means that we are built for community, and we are more fully who God created us to be when we live in community with other believers. As an active sign of how we are "Better Together," youth worked together to pack 30,000 meals for Rise Against Hunger in under an hour! This project was a favorite of TSLC members, with senior Thomas Burns sharing, "I really enjoyed the meal packing because we got to put into practice so much of what we learn about helping others. We go to actually do something good to help those who most need it." Enjoy these pictures from Winterfest. To see more pictures from the weekend and read reflections from other TSLC participants, check out the Youth and Family section of our website.



Church Calendar February 2026 – www.trindlespringlutheran.org

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Worship 8:00a.m. & 10:30a.m. Large Gathering-Faith Formation 9:15a.m. Elementary Youth Group 12p.m. Confirmation 3:30p.m. MOW cakes due before second service	2 Zumba 6p.m. Start bringing in your Palms from last year to burn. Place in the narthex.	3 Pretzel making only today 8a.m.-2p.m. Pot-Luck Luncheon 12p.m. Parish Life - Shrine Ushers Banquet 5p.m. Fellowship Committee Meeting 7p.m.	4 Zumba Gold 10a.m. Evangelism/Stewardship 6:30p.m.	5 TSLC Quilters 9a.m. Bell Choir 6:15p.m. Archive Meeting 7p.m. Chancel Choir 7:20p.m.	6	7 Fellowship-Escape Room Game Night Fellowship Hall 6p.m.
8 Worship 8:00a.m. & 10:30a.m. Faith Formation 9:15a.m. Brass Ensemble 9:15a.m. TSLC Retreat Mtg 11:30a.m. The Shawl Ministry 3p.m. Superbowl Sunday	9 Zumba 6p.m.	10 Easter Eggs/Pretzel making 8a.m.-2p.m. Church Council 7p.m.	11 Zumba Gold 10a.m.	12 TSLC Quilters 9a.m. Bell Choir 6:15p.m. Chancel Choir 7:20p.m.	13	14 Valentine's Day Men's Breakfast 7:30a.m. Middlesex Diner Second Saturday Supper 4-6p.m.
15 Worship 8:00a.m. & 10:30a.m. Faith Formation 9:15a.m. Music at the Spring Concert at 3p.m. Jr./Sr. High Youth Group 5p.m. Palms deadline College Care Package Collection starts <i>March 2026 Newsletter Article Deadline</i>	16 Seniors Luncheon 11:30a.m. CC's Restaurant Zumba 6p.m.	17 Easter Eggs/Pretzel making 8a.m.-2p.m. Property Committee Meeting 7p.m.	18 Zumba Gold 10a.m. Ash Wednesday Service 7p.m.	19 TSLC Quilters 9a.m. Grief Team Meeting 11a.m. Bell Choir 6:15p.m. Chancel Choir 7:20p.m.	20 TSLC Retreat-Camp Nawakwa	21 TSLC Retreat-Camp Nawakwa
22 Worship 9:15 a.m. Council Corner New Hope Food Blessing TSLC Retreat-Camp Nawakwa	23 Zumba 6p.m.	24 Easter Eggs/Pretzel making 8a.m.-2p.m.	25 Zumba Gold 10a.m. Lenten Supper 5:45p.m. Lent Holden Evening Prayer Service 7p.m.	26 TSLC Quilters 9a.m. Bell Choir 6:15p.m. Chancel Choir 7:20p.m. <i>March 2026 Newsletter Published</i>	27	28

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Church Family, in order to protect your information, we do not publish your phone or email address in the newsletter or bulletin, **unless you expressly ask for it to be published in writing(email)**. Directories are available in the church office, and you are also welcome to call the church office to request a copy to be emailed to you and/or ask for the contact information you are seeking. If you have any questions, see the Electronic Media Policy, posted on our website at the link below:

https://www.trindlespringlutheran.org/uploads/6/7/8/4/67843315/electronic_media_policy_may_2016.pdf

A NEW TAX BENEFIT FOR DONORS IN 2026!

Most taxpayers will be able to deduct charitable gifts - even if they don't Itemize.

It's great time to support the missions and organizations you care about!

Key Highlights:

- Deduct up to \$1,000 (individual) or \$2,000 (married filing joint).
- Applies even if you take the standard deduction.
- Gifts must be in cash or equivalent to a qualified 501(c)(3) organization.

This is general information only. Please consult a tax advisor for details about your individual situation or see IRS.gov.

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