



the **Trindle Trumpeter**

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

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Thank you Notes

See all thank you notes located on the bulletin board in the east entrance, as they are no longer printed in the newsletter.

Easter Flowers sponsorships for Sunday April 5, 2026

Lilies and Tulips are \$13 each this year. Pick up a sponsor form from the bulletin board in the narthex. Please place completed form with payment in the black metal box on the wall by the church office.

Deadline to order flowers is Sunday, March 22, 2026.

The March 2026 Newsletter is sponsored to the glory of God and for all of God's children and especially the faithful of TSLC, by Lynda & Ken Farner.



Message from Pastor Aaron

“Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” As our Lenten journey to the cross began on Ash Wednesday, Pastor Martha and I spoke those words to the congregation and to one another during the imposition of ashes. For me, marking people with the sign of the cross with ash is a humbling experience each year. It is especially poignant when making the sign of the cross on the forehead of a small child. Among other things, it is a stark reminder for us of our own mortality and the reality that life is fragile.

As Christians today, when we bear the sign of the cross in ash on our foreheads it signifies all of those things; it is a reminder of our mortality, a sign of repentance and humility.

This year I have had several people ask me, “why ashes?” “Where does the practice come from?” The practice of wearing ashes goes back to the wearing of sackcloth and ashes in the Old Testament. It was done for a few different reasons. Wearing sackcloth and ashes was one of the ways in which people showed humility, repentance, and even grief. Sometimes this was on an individual basis, but there were times in the Old Testament when the people of Israel repented with the use of this practice.

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As Christians today, when we bear the sign of the cross in ash on our foreheads it signifies all of those things; it is a reminder of our mortality, a sign of repentance and humility. But they are also a reminder that despite our mortality and brokenness, we are still beloved children of God. The cross of ash is marked right over the place where we still bear the mark of our baptisms. The mark placed there at our baptisms doesn't go away, and it is more than a reminder of the day water was splashed on our heads in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. When we remember that cross, we are reminded who God has called us to be right now in the world. We will return to dust someday, but for today, rejoice and be glad that we are children of God.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Aaron

Join the TSLC Visitation Team

TSLC Visitation Teams visit homebound church members and deliver altar flowers from the worship services when they are available. This ministry brings fellowship, encouragement, prayer, a tangible reminder that our congregation cares, and a friendly face to those who cannot attend church worship services and events in person. Consider forming a team by pairing with a spouse, a child or children, or an existing member of the Visitation Teams. Teams can rotate visits and share altar flower delivery responsibilities. Visits can be scheduled to fit your availability, and additional information and support are available. The TSLC Visitation Teams monthly schedule is emailed to team members, and the email includes the Altar Flower Chart and the Homebound Members List with the address, phone number, and birth date of each homebound member. Each week, two teams are assigned to visit one of two homebound members listed for the week on the Visitation Teams monthly schedule. Each Team contacts their assigned homebound member to arrange a convenient visitation time to deliver a vase of altar flowers. Please consider participating in this worthwhile and meaningful ministry. Learn more by calling, texting, or sending an email to Jean Brackbill for more information and add your name to the TSLC Visitation Teams list. Jean's contact information can be found in the TSLC Directory. (Copies in the church office.)



UNDER CONSTRUCTION:

A Work In Progress

Lent 2026

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!

Midweek Worship

Midweek gatherings continue during Lent through March 25. 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

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, and share conversation as we gather in this faith formation opportunity.

The focus of this 5 Week Study will be:

3/1 and 3/4 – The Creeds

3/8 and 3/11 – Baptism

3/15 and 3/18 – The Lord’s Prayer

3/22 and 3/25 – The Ten Commandments

3/29 and 4/1 – 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. Zoom link and recordings will also be available if you are unable to be there in person!

Holy Week at TSLC

Palm Sunday: Worship at 8am and 10:30am, with 10:30am being livestreamed

We gather this Sunday with palms and prayers in the West Parking lot (weather permitting). After hearing of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem at the beginning of his final week, we process into the sanctuary with songs and shouts of Hosanna!

Maundy Thursday: Worship at 7pm, will be livestreamed

We will gather to remember Jesus' last meal with his disciples, giving thanks for the gift of Holy Communion. We will also hear his mandate to love one another, and reflect on God's great love for us shown through Jesus' death and resurrection. The service ends with the stripping of the altar accompanied by the chanting of Psalm 22, which reminds us of Jesus' arrest and how he was stripped of his robes and his dignity.

Good Friday "Way of the Cross": Worship at 12pm

At noon we gather to hear the reading of Christ's passion, with musical responses and time for reflection and prayer.

Good Friday Tenebrae Service: 7pm, will be livestreamed

Tenebrae is the Latin word for darkness, and the Tenebrae Service, or "Service of Shadows," is based on a 12th century service that is an extended meditation on the Passion of Jesus Christ. This service consists of readings, hymns, and eventual darkness, which is only illuminated by the Christ Candle, as we look ahead to Christ's resurrection.

Easter Sunday Sunrise Service: 6:30am

Worship begins with only the light of the Christ Candle as we will our baptisms and light candles to signify Christ's light overcoming death. As the service continues, more light returns during each reading, until the Easter Proclamation proclaims Christ resurrected and we hear the Easter Gospel. The service will also include Holy Communion.

Easter Breakfast: 7:45-8:45am

Join your church family for a delicious breakfast! If you can help by baking muffins, set-up, serving or clean-up, please sign-up on the office bulletin board—many hands make light work!

Easter Festival Service: 9:15am, will be livestreamed

With full hearts and voices raised we celebrate that our Redeemer lives! This service will include the story of the first Easter, music by the Chancel Choir, Bell Choir, and TSLC Orchestra, and the celebration of Holy Communion.

Lenten Appeal

This year's Lenten Appeal will benefit Camp Nawakwa as they plan to update/remodel all the cabins in lower camp. This includes re-wiring, plumbing, flooring and more - and has an estimated cost of \$7,500 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 workday. NOTE: Checks should be written to Trindle Spring with a note in the memo line, directing the funds to either "Nawakwa" or "Lenten Appeal."

Join Us for a Pick-Up Choir!

Our next "Pick-Up Choir" will be on **Sunday, March 15, 2026**. If you love to sing and would like to help lead worship, we want you to join us! All interested singers should gather in the choir room at 9:30a.m. for rehearsal, and then we will sing for 10:45am worship. If you have any questions, contact Danielle Erdley. We hope you will join us!

Music at the Spring Presents "Filament"

Join us on **Sunday, March 22, 2026**, as the Philadelphia based chamber ensemble, Filament, delights our audience with their program "Bach Reimagined." This performance features J.S. Bach's Trio Sonatas for organ, but rearranged for violin, treble viol, and harpsichord. Doors open at 2:30p.m. with the concert beginning at 3:00p.m. The performance is free and open to the public. Mark your calendars and plan to join us!

Save The Dates: The Grief Support Group will be offering a series of four sessions. They will be held on **Wednesday April 8, 15, 22, 29 from 6-7:30 p.m.**, in the Lounge. There are many types of grief and loss. from loss of a loved one, loss of job, miscarriage, divorce, loss of a pet, tragic accident. Those are only a few that come to mind. The purpose of this group is to support each other through the grieving process. If you have attended one of the other sessions, you are again invited to join us. Anyone interested in attending these four sessions may contact one of our group members or the office.

March 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

Todd Duffie	Becky Heimbach	Abby Lefin	Braxton Boyer
Robin Garlick	Denise Palmer	Jim Miller	Caleb Eichelberger
Ashley Mostek	Bill Lefin	Peyton Leitzel	Bob Stailey
Frank Guswiler	Lee Yohn	Becky Knisely	Mary Eberly
Ron Beers, Jr.	Dawn Rupp	Donna Rager	Forrest Cleaver
Julie Baldwin	Cole Genchur	Pat Harbold	Doris Gochenaur
Ryan Smith	Brenda Wood	Judy Seitz	Dan Lebo
Bobbi Shearer	Matt Giordano	Stephanie Schank	Charlotte Shanabrook
Pat Dayton	Olivia Jacobs	Bradford Ray	Greyson Shanabrook
Jane Webber	Bob Ruhl	Kathy Carper	
Marty Baim	Don Milbrand	Vinny Rotondaro	
Lee Seitz	Ron Stephens	Torre Mangine	

The TSLC Quilters Ministry

(Meets every Thursday morning around 9a.m.)

Our Quilters are looking for more bedsheets.

Flat- cotton, cotton blend, preferably large pieces, any color. The sheets are used for the backs of quilts. See the bin in the narthex for drop-off.

Any questions, contact Lynda Farner. Do you like to quilt? Contact us!

Other quilting members- Robin Cleaver and Hazel Ruff

Council Meeting Highlights

FEBRUARY 10, 2026

Highlights from February's 2026's meeting include:

- Council approved the purchase of a bowl and pitcher for the refurbished baptismal font. The cost will be paid from Deacon Leanne Elliott's memorial fund.
- A Strategic Planning survey will be sent to the congregation for completion in March.
- Council approved replacing the lectern. Pastor Aaron and his father will build the lectern using wood from the old church. Torre Mangine will mill the wood. There will be no cost to the church.

Seniors Monthly Luncheon

JOIN US AT TRINDLE FAMILY RESTAURANT

Any questions, contact Irene Dillahey or Carlotta Strohl.

See the sign-up sheet on the board by the Ed. Wing.

MONDAY, MARCH 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 AS OF JANUARY 2026

INCOME

Offering	\$32,984
Misc. Income*	\$406
Total Income	\$33,390

EXPENSE

Ministry to Others

Outreach	\$1,833
Evangelism	\$45
Parish Life	(\$248)

Ministry within Congregation

Christian Ed	--
Fellowship	\$536
Keeping Our Church Safe	--
Worship & Music	\$901
Youth & Family	\$1,862

Administration

Archives	--
Property Maint.	\$10,604
Office Mgt.	\$2,272
Salary/Support	\$23,021

Total Expense **\$40,826**

Net Income **(\$7,436)**

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

Fellowship Events

Save the Dates JOIN US FOR THE FOLLOWING UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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.) **through 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 are 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.

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

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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

Sight & Sound- "Joshua"

The Fellowship Committee is sponsoring a night out at Sight & Sound Theatres in Lancaster on **Friday, April 24, 2026, 7:00p.m.**, for the brand-new show, "Joshua." A sign-up 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, MARCH 14, 2026, 7:30A.M. Any questions, contact Steve Vogelsong

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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 February 2026 -**82 lbs.**

College Care Package Collection Spring 2026

Collections end **Sunday, 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!

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

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

MENU:

CHOICE OF: FISH SANDWICH OR TOASTED CHEESE
CHOICE OF: TOMATO SOUP, CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP
OR SEAFOOD CHOWDER
CRACKERS/ FRUIT COCKTAIL
ASSORTED MUFFINS AND BREADS
ASSORTED DESSERTS
HOT AND COLD BEVERAGES

Youth and Family Ministry News

YOUTH - ELEMENTARY YOUTH GROUP (K-5)

March 1, 2026, 12-1pm

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 – ITALIAN DINNER FUNDRAISER

March 7th, 2026, 4-7PM

On March 7th, the youth group will be hosting our annual Italian 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 Italian dinner will be sold at all church services on March 1 from 9-12p.m. All proceeds will benefit our youth group by helping to pay for events like retreats, events, and Confirmation Camp. Last year proceeds went towards Harrisburg Area Confirmation Camp fees. Come hungry, enjoy a night out, and support our youth at Trindle Spring! We are looking for youth to help sell tickets and help run the event! In addition to the Italian 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 – Jr./Sr. High YOUTH GROUP (6-12)

March 15, 2026, 5-8pm

We have our next youth group meeting of the year from 5-8p.m. (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 – YOUTH GROUP LOCK-IN (6-12)
March 20-21, 2026, 7pm-7am

Youth group members in grades 6-12 are invited to spend the night at the church. There will be games, food, and plenty of time to spend with friends. If interested, please contact Elaine or Casey.



YOUTH – CONFIRMATION CAMP REGISTRATION DEADLINE
April 1, 2026

Any youth 6th-12th grade who plan to attend Harrisburg Area Confirmation Camp June 21-27th need to have registration forms turned in to Casey or Elaine McMillan **by April 1, 2026**, and pay any outstanding balances (first year=free, returning years=½ price). This year’s camper registration fee is \$500, which makes your cost \$250.00.



Church Calendar March 2026 – www.trindlespringlutheran.org

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Worship 8:00a.m. & 10:30a.m. Faith Formation 9:15a.m. Small Catechism Class 9:15a.m. Elementary Youth Group 12p.m. MOW cakes due before second service	2 No Zumba	3 Egg/Pretzel making 8a.m.-2p.m. No Fellowship Committee Meeting	4 Small Catechism Class 10a.m. No Zumba Gold Lenten Supper 5:45p.m. Lent Holden Evening Prayer 7p.m.	5 TSLC Quilters 9a.m. Bell Choir 6:15p.m. Archive Meeting 7p.m. Chancel Choir 7:20p.m.	6	7 Daylight Savings Time Ends Youth & Family Italian Dinner 4p.m.
8 Worship 8:00a.m. & 10:30a.m. Faith Formation 9:15a.m. Small Catechism Class 9:15a.m. New Member Conversation 9:15a.m. The Shawl Ministry 3p.m.	9 Zumba 6p.m.	10 Egg/Pretzel making 8a.m.-2p.m. Church Council 7p.m.	11 Small Catechism Class 10a.m. Zumba Gold 10a.m. Lenten Supper 5:45p.m. Lent Holden Evening Prayer 7p.m.	12 TSLC Quilters 9a.m. Bell Choir 6:15p.m. Chancel Choir 7:20p.m.	13	14 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. Small Catechism Class 9:15a.m. Jr./Sr. High Youth Group 5p.m. College Care Package Collection ends <i>April 2026 Newsletter Article Deadline</i>	16 Seniors Luncheon 11:30a.m. Zumba 6p.m.	17 Happy St. Patrick's Day Egg/Pretzel making 8a.m.-2p.m. Property Committee Meeting 7p.m.	18 Small Catechism Class 10a.m. Zumba Gold 10a.m. Lenten Supper 5:45p.m. Lent Holden Evening Prayer 7p.m.	19 TSLC Quilters 9a.m. Bell Choir 6:15p.m. Chancel Choir 7:20p.m.	20 Jr./Sr. YG Lock-In	21

Church Calendar March 2026, Continued

<p>22 Worship 8:00a.m. & 10:30a.m. New Members received in both services Faith Formation 9:15a.m. Small Catechism Class 9:15a.m. Music at The Spring 3p.m. "Filament"</p>	<p>23 Zumba 6p.m.</p>	<p>24 Egg/Pretzel making 8a.m.-2p.m. Chris. Ed. Meeting 7p.m.</p>	<p>25 Small Catechism Class 10a.m. Zumba Gold 10a.m. Lenten Supper 5:45p.m. Lent Holden Evening Prayer 7p.m.</p>	<p>26 TSLC Quilters 9a.m. Bell Choir 6:15p.m. Chancel Choir 7:20p.m. <i>April 2026 Newsletter Published</i></p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29 Palm Sunday Worship 8:00a.m. & 10:30a.m. Faith Formation 9:15a.m. Small Catechism Class 9:15a.m. New Hope Food Blessing Council Corner</p>	<p>30 Zumba 6p.m.</p>	<p>31</p>				

PROTECTING YOUR PRIVATE INFORMATION

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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