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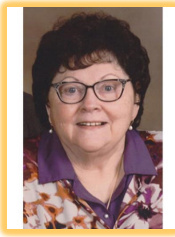
MAY 2026

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

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In Memoriam



The congregation extends condolences to the family of **Mary Lois Paulus**, who passed on **Wednesday, March 25, 2026.**

Summer Schedule

We go to one service at **9:15a.m. on Sunday, May 24, 2026.**

The May 2026 Newsletter is sponsored to the glory of God and in loving memory of Bob Warren, by Betty Warren.



Message from Pastor Aaron

Friends in Christ,

I love being with the congregation in worship on Sunday mornings. As we sing together, pray together, and engage in God's word each week I am reminded of our need for Christian community. During the week, our church is buzzing with different ministries, meetings, and conversations. Many of those conversations are behind the scenes and the congregation isn't always up to date on some of the projects until they come to fruition. So I want to update you on three projects that we are undertaking at the moment.

First, we have assembled an AV Taskforce that is looking into audio/visual updates in both our sanctuary and fellowship hall. The more we use these spaces the more apparent it becomes that our systems are inadequate. We are in need of updating our audio system in the sanctuary so that all can hear the service, both in person and online. This group is just getting started but is hoping to have a proposal for the congregation to consider at our annual meeting in November.

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Another item that we are hoping to bring to the annual meeting in November is a plan for the church bell. There is a taskforce that has been working on developing a plan for the bell and updated church signage for the corner of Church and State Road. This group is meeting soon to

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look at a few of initial designs, and will then move forward with hiring a structural engineer to give us the drawings we will need for securing permits and bids from contractors.

The last group I want to update you on is the Visioning Team. This group put together the survey that has been sent out to you. They have had two Sundays to complete the survey in person. The next step is to distill that information and begin moving forward with the next step of discerning a vision for TSLC. There will be more opportunities for feedback and conversation as we move forward. If you have not completed the survey yet, contact the church office for the link. We need everyone's insights as we discern where God is leading us as a congregation.

There are a lot of other wonderful ministries happening at TSLC, but I wanted to make sure that you were up to date on these larger conversations before they became a reality.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Aaron

SAVE THE DATE for Faith Formation this Summer

Beginning the week of **July 12th through August 19th, 2026**, Pastor Aaron and Pastor Martha will be teaching a course on selected Parables of Jesus. We will gather in-person and on Zoom, Sundays after worship at 10:30a.m. and Wednesdays at 10:00a.m. More details to follow. Mark your calendars!

Altar Guild

Volunteers Needed

The Altar Guild is seeking dedicated volunteers to help with preparing the altar for communion. No prior experience is necessary, just a willingness to serve and an eye for detail. Each group of 3 volunteers is responsible for only 2 months throughout the year. Set-up and cleanup will not require much of your time. Also, you will be with other experienced volunteers. Please contact Kathy Bowers for more information or to join. Your support will make a meaningful difference!

May Birthdays 2026

If you would like to send a birthday card and would like to know their birthday date, contact the church office at 717-766-7091.

Happy Birthday from the Pastors and Staff

Stephen Vogelsong	Ken Farner	Lee Thompson	Deb Sterling
Pastor Aaron Erdley	David Ray	Kayla Henry	Linda Yohn
Deb Bender	Barb Bressler	Jameson Nace	Noah Greiss
Gary Gochenaur	Jamie May	Laney Newton	Brittany Palmer
Evonne (Vonnie) Neibert	Dennis Stoner	Logan Stoner	Dorris Gerber
Roger Fugere	Jonathan Wolfe	Butch Garman	Jim Spangler
Karen Liebel	Megan Talton	Joyce Stine	Andy Glantz
Riley Henry	John Rupp	Connor Greiss	
Elisabeth Miller	Patti Peterson	Betty Warren	
Mark Eppley	Alaina Leitzel	Rachel Durnin	

From the Music Director

Help us fill our summer worship services with music!

Share your musical gifts with us this summer. The choirs are on summer break beginning **Sunday, June 7, 2026**, and so soloists, duets, and small groups are needed to provide special music. Whether you are a seasoned musician, just starting out, or anywhere in between - if you are willing to share your musical talent with our congregation, please contact Danielle Erdley if you need assistance!

Mechanicsburg Area Ecumenical Area Choir Concert

Join us at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 410 E. Simpson St., Mechanicsburg, for our Ecumenical Choir Concert on **Sunday, May 17, 2026, at 3p.m.** Any questions, contact Vonnie Neibert.

Summer Camp 2026 Registration Now Open!

It might just be the best week of summer you've ever had! Don't wait, sign up today for an American Camp Association accredited faith-based summer camp program at Kirchenwald in Lebanon or Nawakwa in Arendtsville. Youth Camp, Family Camp, Elder Camp, Adult Camp....something for everybody! Flexible fee schedules allow you to pay what you can, PLUS campers from Trindle Spring are eligible for a \$20 registration fee reduction because of our congregation's CampPerson participation. Never been to camp? See Carlee & Kaycee Glantz for first-hand camper feedback and their top reasons to go to camp...and learn how to work there! A week at camp makes a great gift for your loved one, and provides a week of peace & quiet for their parents, too! For registration & employment info: <http://www.lutherancamping.org>

VBS 2026 - Join Us on a Tropical Trek!

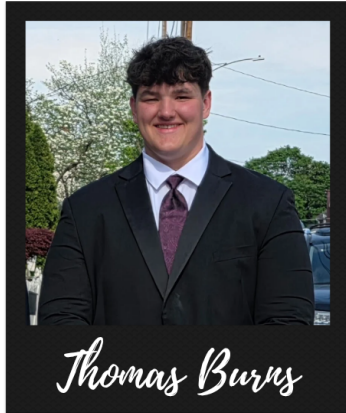
VBS 2026 will take place from **Sunday, July 26-Thursday, July 30, 2026, from 5:45-8:00p.m.** (Dinner served from 5-5:45p.m.) Through stories, games, crafts, songs and service, VBS participants will explore how Jesus is with us on every journey! Classes are available for ages 3 - Grade 5, as well as adults, and we hope you will join us! Registration opens May 1, 2026, and will be available on our church website. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Martha, Danielle Erdley or Deb Smith.



We welcomed through **Holy Baptism,**
Brooks Alan Greiss on
Sunday, April 19, 2026.
Parents, Connor & Karleigh Greiss
Proud Grandparents, Keith & Sandy Greiss



Congratulations to Our Seniors!



Thomas Scott Burns is the son of Cheryl & Patrick Burns. He will be graduating from Mechanicsburg Area Senior High School. Following graduating, Thomas plans to attend Alfred University, where he will study business and play football. (Go Saxons!)



David James Ray is the son of Allison and Brad Ray. He will be graduating from Cumberland Valley High School. Following graduation, David plans to attend Millersville University. At Millersville, David will major in Education and also be a member of their bowling team.



Megan Alexis Talton is the daughter of Lisa and John Talton. She will be graduating from Mechanicsburg Area Senior High School. Following graduation, Megan will be attending vocational school or working an apprenticeship as she works toward her goal of having a career as a welder.



2026

Cemetery Association

Reminder of TSLC Cemetery Regulations

In accordance with the Trindle Spring Cemetery Association Bylaws outlined below, all planted vegetation, ornaments, and improvements must be permanently removed by September 1, 2026.

We ask for your cooperation in maintaining the appearance of the cemetery. Please remove any prohibited items from your lot(s) as listed below. If you are in contact with any non-members of TSLC who have family buried with us, please inform them of this notice and encourage them to take similar action if necessary.

Trindle Spring Cemetery Association thanks you for your cooperation and understanding.

Article VIII.

Enclosures and Improvements of Lots

Section 1. All improvements of burial Lots, including making of fences, walls, railings, curbing, coping, mounds, monuments, vaults, headstones, foot markers, elevations of Lots or improvements of any kind, shall be under the control of the Trustees and no such improvements shall be made without first obtaining written approval of the Trustees. Upon failure of Lot owner(s) or relatives to comply upon notice to do so, Trustees shall have the power and authority to remove the unauthorized additions to the grave site. Any expenses incurred with the removal of the unauthorized additions will be at the owner(s) or relatives' expense.

Section 2. The planting of trees, shrubbery, plants or flowers is not permitted on any lot or within cemetery grounds without the written consent of the Trustees. Upon failure of Lot owner(s) or relatives to comply upon notice to do so, Trustees shall have the power and authority to remove the unauthorized additions to the grave site. Any expenses incurred with the removal of the unauthorized additions will be at the owner(s) or relatives' expense.

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Council Meeting Highlights

Highlights from the meeting on Tuesday, April 14, 2026, include:

1. The TSLC Personnel Handbook was discussed again.
2. The property committee was approved by council to purchase a commercial grade residential gas water heater for \$4,000 and have it installed.
3. The plan for the church bell is almost ready to go to a structural engineer for official drawings.

Men's Monthly Breakfast

Join us at Middlesex Diner, Carlisle Saturday, May 9, 2026, 7:30a.m.

Any questions, contact Steve Vogelsong.

Parish Life Ministries

Second Saturday Supper Saturday, May 9, 2026, 4-6p.m.

Menu:

Classic Lasagna or Four Cheese Vegetable Lasagna
Tossed Salad
Choice Of:
Cherry Cobbler Or Peach Cobbler
Garlic Bread
Assorted Muffins And Breads
Assorted Desserts,
Hot And Cold Beverages

Income & Expenses

Operating Fund as of March 2026

INCOME

Offering	\$129,396
Misc. Income*	\$1,504
Total Income	\$130,901

EXPENSE

Ministry to Others

Outreach	\$16,008
Evangelism	\$657
Parish Life	(\$966)

Ministry within Congregation

Christian Ed	\$636
Fellowship	\$1,548
Keeping Our Church Safe	--
Worship & Music	\$693
Youth & Family	\$1,081

Administration

Archives	--
Property Maintenance	\$33,142
Office Management	\$4,215
Salary/Support	\$72,119

Total Expense **\$129,134**

Net Income **\$1,766**

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

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The Shawl Ministry

Join us on the second Sunday of every month at 3p.m., in the lounge in the Ed. Wing.

Any questions, contact Sandy Breech or Maggie Strawser.

The TSLC Quilters Ministry

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

Our Quilters are looking for more bed sheets. 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

Seniors Monthly Luncheon

Join us at Fiddler's Bar & Grill on Monday, May 18, 2026, at 11:30a.m.

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

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

Fellowship Events

Join us for the following upcoming events!

PLAY BALL Senators Game -Friday, June 19, 2026

The Fellowship Committee is sponsoring a night out with the **Harrisburg Senators on Friday, June 19, 2026**. Game time vs. the Erie SeaWolves is **7:00 p.m.** A block of tickets behind home plate has been reserved at a cost of **\$15 each**, which includes fireworks after the game. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board outside of the office. **Please make checks payable to Lee Yohn. Place your checks in the black metal box on the wall by the church office on or before Sunday, May 31, 2026.**

Outreach Committee

Red Cross Blood Drive

Thursday, May 21, 2026, from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. You can register on-line at redcrossblood.org; search by zip code & date. (Our goal is 40 pints). Consider signing up and donating if you are able! Contact Karl Heimbach or Cindy Duck with any questions.

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 March 2026 – **151 lbs.**

Our Missionary Stephen Deal in Costa Rica – April Newsletter

Easter greetings from Costa Rica to you, to your family and to your family of faith. Since last Saturday – “Sabado de Gloria” here in Central America – Christians in our respective contexts have been making a dramatic liturgical, theological and spiritual shift. From Palm Sunday to Good Friday, we focused on Christ’s passion and death. Then came the shift. Starting with Easter vigils on Saturday and our Resurrection celebrations yesterday, our reflections have refocused on the new life, vocational calling and missionary sending that we receive through our faith in the Resurrected Christ. *Click on the link below for the full newsletter.*

[Deal Missionary Newsletter](#)

Spring Clothing Drive for Community Aid – Thank you

Thank you all for your contributions for Community Aid and our annual spring clothing drive!! As always, we are amazed by the number of items donated! Clearly, you have all been busy cleaning out your closets - and it is much appreciated! Thanks also to Chuck Sterling and his crew for delivering all of these bags and boxes to Community Aid. “We couldn't do it without you!”

Outreach Committee



Lenten Appeal - Thank you

Sometimes a simple "thank you" doesn't seem like enough. This is one of those times - We are happy to report that a check in the amount of **\$9,906.35** has been sent to the Lutheran Camping Corporation, earmarked for the cabin renovations at Camp Nawakwa. Thanks to everyone for your generosity; a constant reminder that a relatively small group of people can make an incredible difference!

Outreach Committee

Geraniums for Pentecost Sunday, May 24, 2026

Geraniums are \$16 a plant. Deadline for orders is **Sunday, May 10, 2026**. See order blanks in the narthex on the bulletin board. If you would like to donate your geranium to the church garden, contact Bruce Seagrist.

(Note: The church office will be closed on **Monday, May 25, 2026**, so be sure to take your geranium(s) home after the 9:15a.m. service.)

Memorial Day Service

Attention all Veterans! Trindle Spring Church will hold their **42nd** Memorial Day service in the cemetery across the road from the church on **Sunday, May 24, 2026, after the 9:15a.m. service**. I am in the process of developing the Color Guard for this event. I think that both flag bearers have been selected. The rifles are always a fluid process so please let me know if you are interested in participating. Wearing a uniform is encouraged but not required. We have an element of veterans who follow the color guard into the cemetery, so all veterans are encouraged to participate. **This will be my 42nd and last year leading the color guard**. I am training MSgt Jerry Boyd this year to lead the color guard in the future. Next year, if I am able, I will join the rifle squad of the color guard. Thanks for the participation of all participants for your past support. - Darrell E Westby, LTC AF retired

Refurbished Baptismal Font

TSLC's Baptismal Font has been a part of our worship space since 1907. It has been a part of hundreds of baptisms and innumerable worship services. Earlier this year it was refurbished so that it is solid and will last over 100 years more. A new bowl and pitcher were also commissioned with some of Deacon Leanne Elliott's Memorial Funds.



2026 Easter Egg & Pretzel Project Recap 2026

This marks our 34th year of making Easter eggs and chocolate pretzels here at TSLC!

It takes many hands to make this project possible. We would not have been able to do it without the dedication and all the hardworking volunteers! A huge THANK-YOU goes out to EVERYONE involved!

Some fun facts:

- For 8 weeks, an average of **45-50** people gathered at the church to make a grand total of :
- **12,161** Easter Eggs
- **940** bags of chocolate covered pretzels on top of that.

In the process of making eggs and pretzels **We used:**

- 750 pounds of chocolate
- 700 pounds of 6x sugar
- 165 pounds of pretzels
- 122.5 pounds of Peanut Butter

Again, this year, we were able to donate **196 Easter Eggs** to Meals on Wheels for their clients and staff.

We would also like to thank our community businesses that helped in selling our Easter goodies.

- Trindle Family Restaurant
- Fay's Country Kitchen
- Smart Med Pharmacy
- CC's Kitchen
- Maple Lane Market
- Windswept Valley Farms

For 2026, we had our **highest year** in sales, with a total profit of **\$20,165.50**.

Looking for something new and different to do next year? There is always a job that you could do!

So, think about joining us in 2027 for a little work, a lot of conversation, and of course we always EAT afterwards. Chuck & Deb Sterling, Lee & Linda Yohn

Youth and Family Ministry News

YOUTH-Last Elementary Youth Group (K-5)

Sunday, May 3, 2026, 12-1p.m.

We have our last elementary youth group meeting of the year (lunch provided)! Come out to eat, play games, and learn about the Bible! We've got a fun group and we would love for you to be a part of it too!



YOUTH-Family Event TBD

Sunday, May 17, 2026, 12-1p.m.

YOUTH-Post Church Cookout

Sunday, May 24, 2026, 11-12p.m.

The youth group would like to invite you to stay after church for a cookout run by the youth! We will be serving burgers (and veggie burgers) and hot dogs. If you are interested/willing to contribute a side dish, please let us know! The youth want to do something special for the whole congregation as a thank you for your support this calendar year! Here is a picture from last year's cookout event! See you then!



YOUTH-Jr./Sr. High Youth Group (6-12)

Sunday, May 24, 2026, 5-8p.m.

We will have our LAST 6th-12th grade youth group meeting of the year (dinner included) on Sunday, May 24! Friends are always welcome! We hope to see you then!



YOUTH Confirmation Camp

June 21-27, 2026

18 members of our congregation are attending Confirmation Camp this year. We ask for prayers for a great week at camp! (*Attendees: Kayla Placzek, Maxwell Stitzel, Kathryn Erdley, Riley Henry, Jameson Nace, Carly Gordon, Abby Jones, Thomas Burns, Jenna Gordon, Colin Ingraham, Pidge Jones, Ryan Smith, Aaron Erdley, Elena Erdley, Tina Gordon, Casey McMillan, Elaine McMillan, and Bobby Phillips*) We appreciate the church's support in sending so many people to camp this year! Here is a picture of last year's group!



Church Calendar May 2026 – www.trindlespringlutheran.org

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Worship 8:00a.m. & 10:30a.m. Faith Formation Classes 9:15a.m. Large Gathering Meals on Wheels cakes due Last Elementary Youth Group 12p.m.	4 Zumba 6p.m. Vision Team Meeting 6p.m.	5 Church Pot-Luck Luncheon 12p.m. (Last one before summer break)	6 Zumba Gold 10a.m.	7 TSLC Quilters 9a.m. Evangelism/ Stewardship Committee 6:30p.m. Archive Committee 7p.m.	8	9 Men's Breakfast 7:30a.m. Middlesex Diner Second Saturday Supper 4-6p.m.
10 Mother's Day Worship 8:00a.m. & 10:30a.m. Faith Formation Classes 9:15a.m. The Shawl Ministry 3p.m. Deadline to order Geraniums for 5/24	11 Zumba 6p.m.	12 Parish Life CV Shrine Club meal Church Council 7p.m.	13 Zumba Gold 10a.m. Mutual Ministry 7p.m.	14 TSLC Quilters 9a.m. Chancel Choir 7p.m.	15 <i>Summer Newsletter article deadline</i>	16
17 Worship 8:00a.m. & 10:30a.m. Faith Formation Classes 9:15a.m. Youth Family Event TBD 12p.m.	18 Seniors Luncheon 11:30a.m. Fiddler's Bar & Grill-Carlisle Zumba 6p.m.	19 Chris. Ed Meeting 7p.m. Property Meeting 7p.m.	20 Zumba Gold 10a.m.	21 TSLC Quilters 9a.m. Blood Drive 11:30a.m.- 5p.m. Mechanicsburg Middle School Choral Showcase 7-9p.m. (At TSLC)	22	23
24 Start one service Pentecost Sunday Worship 9:15a.m. Senior Recognition Color Guard Service All Church Cook-out 11a.m. Last Middle/Sr. High Youth Group 5p.m.	25 Memorial Day- Church Office closed No Zumba	26	27 Zumba Gold 10a.m.	28 TSLC Quilters 9a.m. TSLC Staff Meeting 6p.m. <i>Summer (June/July) Newsletter emailed out</i>	29	30
31 Worship 9:15a.m. New Hope Food Blessing Council Corner Cong. Retreat Meeting 10:45 a.m.						

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