

TRINDLE SPRING
MISSION STATEMENT
Claimed by God in Baptism
Fed by Christ in Worship
Led by the Spirit in love for one
another and the world.

The Trindle Trumpeter

Trindle Spring Lutheran Church
Mechanicsburg, PA

December 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

There is a poem called, "Where I'm From," by George Ella Lyon. Rather than writing about a literal place, the author describes the people and memories and stories that have shaped her. The poem reads:

*I am from clothespins,
from Clorox and carbon-tetrachloride.
I am from the dirt under the back porch.
(Black, glistening,
it tasted like beets.)
I am from the forsythia bush
the Dutch elm
whose long-gone limbs I remember
as if they were my own.*

*I'm from fudge and eyeglasses,
from Imogene and Alafair.
I'm from the know-it-alls
and the pass-it-ons,
from Perk up! and Pipe down!
I'm from He restoreth my soul
with a cottonball lamb
and ten verses I can say myself.*

*I'm from Artemus and Billie's Branch,
fried corn and strong coffee.
From the finger my grandfather lost
to the auger,
the eye my father shut to keep his sight.*

*Under my bed was a dress box
spilling old pictures,
a sift of lost faces
to drift beneath my dreams.
I am from those moments--
snapped before I budded --
leaf-fall from the family tree.*

The poem has struck a chord with many, and it has made its way around the world, as people feel the pull of naming their roots and write their own "Where I'm From" poems. What would your poem say? What places and people and moments and memories are you from? Christmas is a time when people feel the tug of their roots. Whether they return to those roots gladly in celebration or determinedly turn away from the pain in them, people are aware of where they came from when Christmas approaches. It's in the stories, the smells, the sounds, the songs, the tastes—for most of us, Christmas memories and experiences are woven deeply into where we're from.

Were we to each write our own poems, they'd all be very different, as unique as we are. And yet, at this time of year, we remember that there is one story that has shaped all of ours. We are all from Bethlehem. We are from Mary's weary body sinking into the hay; we are from shepherds tiptoeing in; we are from new life swaddled in a manger. We are from the darkness of the noonday sun on Calvary and from the light of the empty tomb. We are from water dripping off our heads over the font. We are from bread and wine blessed and shared. This is our story. It's where we're from. In Jesus, God became "from" earth, from us. God became from us because God is *for* us. And that is where all our stories begin.

Whether you are able to worship with us this season or not (and we hope you will!), may this Christmas be a time of celebration and blessing for you and your families. May you rejoice in the richness of your stories, and may the lines of your poems that will be written in this new year be ones of faith, hope and love.

Merry Christmas from your Trindle Spring staff!

Ann Kopacko

Pastor Sigrid

Danielle Erdley

Pastor Aaron

Cheryl Quinther

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to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for our Trindle Spring family, by Patrick & Cheryl Burns.

Trindle Spring Lutheran Church Council Meeting November 13, 2018 (Draft)

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. In attendance were: Robin Cleaver, Myra Badorf, Joe Ricci, Pastor Aaron, Pastor Sigrid, Sherry Stoner, Brian Keister, Carlotta Strohl, Erica Reinfeld, Clark Eichelberger, and David Boose
Absent: Ruth Knaub, John Talton, and Bobby Phillips

OPENING DEVOTIONS

Devotions were offered by Pastor Aaron based upon Psalm Colossians 3:12-17 which describes our role as God's chosen ones and the need to clothe ourselves with godly attributes. It raises the question of our appearances in the world and our relationship with those around us. Pastor Aaron challenged council to adopt an attitude of thankfulness and a recognition that we should do things in the name of Jesus.

Adoption of Minutes

The minutes were approved with an amendment to reflect that Clark Eichelberger was present at the meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Sherry Stoner provided a review of the financial reports. She noted that the month of October was a good month. It was noted that office administration went over budget due to the copier contract. This issue is being addressed in the new office machine contract and should not be a recurring issue. There is also going to be a refund of an inappropriate insurance charge in the old contract.

Sherry also provided a review of the Vision of Ministry funds. She noted that we are still looking for a treasurer to assume the role performed by Bob MacGregor who is retiring from the role. The Seminary Scholarship fund has met its goal. Plans are being discussed to attend the regular weekly chapel service, attend lunch with the students and perhaps get tickets to tour the Seminary Ridge Museum.

The treasurer's report was accepted subject to audit.

LEAD PASTOR'S REPORT

Pastor Aaron provided a written report. Pastor called attention to the fact that we have had two deaths in the congregation since the last meeting of council. Council was reminded to get its comments about the personnel reviews back to Ryan Jones. Wednesday, December 26th will follow several worship services and given its traditionally low attendance it was requested that we skip that service. A concern was raised about the Sunday of the Congregational retreat. Given the traditionally low attendance the question was raised if we should alter the service schedule and move to one service with Sunday school to follow. The consensus of council was that we should move to one service on February 17th at 9:15. The decision regarding Christian Education will be left to the Christian Education Committee.

ASSOCIATE PASTOR'S REPORT

Pastor Sigrid submitted a written report. Pastor called attention to her attendance at a retreat which focused upon preaching and worship. She noted that this was a rewarding program and she will be attending similar events in the future.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/BUSINESS

Worship and Music

Worship and music discussed the concept of moving to one service on December 23rd. It was noted that all of the Christian Education materials have already been purchased. It was believed that if we moved to one service, there would be limited to no attendance at Christian Education. It was therefore decided that we should remain with the regular worship schedule for that date.

KYCS

Robin asked that committees be conscious of scheduling events that would include children and create a need for nursery services.

Trindle Spring Lutheran Church Council Meeting October 1, 2018 –Cont'd. (Draft)

Old Business

Congregational Meeting and Dinner

The annual dinner will be held on Sunday November 18th. This will include election of new council members.

Audit Committee

Diane Boone has agreed to fill the vacancy. Sherry moved to nominate Diane Boone to a three-year term on the Audit Committee. The motion was seconded by Myra. APPROVED.

Nomination of Voting members for Synod Assembly

The 2019 Synod Assembly will elect a Bishop. As a result, we should have our voting members selected before the first Conference meeting scheduled for January 27, 2019. The voting members will be one male, one female and one person under the age of 30.

Phase two of the Building Renovations

We have received a bid for the renovation of administrative hallway and the hallway to the choir room. This was from the company that completed the carpeting in Phase One. The cost is ~\$6,600. The company also provided an estimate for the Education Wing classrooms of ~\$30,000. The total for both projects would be \$37,453.90. We need to determine how the project would be funded. One option is to take the funds from the capital improvement funds. We also have a \$5,000 grant from Community Aid for the bathroom renovations. There has also been a request to use the Marlin Wood's memorial fund for carpeting. Lastly there are funds remaining in the Marian Waggoner bequest to the church. It was noted that if the capital improvement fund was used for the renovation project there would still be adequate funds remaining to cover unexpected HVAC expenses. However, there is no current plan for replacement of those funds. It was suggested that we offer a campaign that for every dollar contributed to the capital improvement fund one dollar would be spent from church funds. Council recommended that Finance, Property and Stewardship jointly review the renovation needs of the congregation and develop a plan for addressing the needs and finding an appropriate funding mechanism. It is requested that these committees meet prior to the January Council meeting so that options can be developed for discussion by the council.

New Business

Bank Accounts

The church has three accounts at PNC. Its primary accounts are at Orrstown Bank. It was moved by Pastor Aaron that the Pastors' Discretionary Fund, the Youth Account and the Sunday School Class accounts at PNC be closed and moved to Orrstown Bank so that all accounts will be housed at the same bank. Motion seconded by Myra. APPROVED.

Usher training

It was recommended to Robin that there be a policy requiring parents or guardians to accompany children five years old and younger when they leave the sanctuary. It was recognized that it would be difficult to have a formal policy, but we can make a recommendation that parents or guardians accompany young children who leave the sanctuary during worship.

December Council Meeting

Robin will coordinate the bringing of treats for the meeting. The meeting will begin at 6:30 to permit some social time before the formal meeting.

Council Retreat

Council retreat has been scheduled for Saturday February 23, 2019 at the Silver Spring Presbyterian Retreat Center on Silver Spring Road. It is anticipated that committee chairs will again be invited to participate during the afternoon.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m. with the reciting of the Lord's Prayer.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 11, 2018 @ 6:30 PM

In Worship This Month...

On Wednesdays during Advent, we will worship with the beautiful Holden Evening Prayer at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 2, 2018 – First Sunday of Advent

On the First Sunday of Advent we will worship at one celebratory service at 10:30am. We are marking the 25th Anniversary of the dedication of the sanctuary. The day will include former pastors being here, lunch, and a rededication of our sanctuary to the glory of God. The day will also mark the beginning of our Advent journey with an apocalyptic Gospel reading from Luke.

Sunday, December 8, 2018 – Second Sunday of Advent

On the second Sunday of Advent our attention turns to John the Baptist who is preaching and baptizing out in the wilderness. His message for all who come to him is one of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

Sunday, December 16, 2018 – Third Sunday of Advent

The Third Sunday John the Baptist continues his ministry and baptism for the forgiveness of sins, but in today's Gospel reading we also find John pointing the way to Jesus saying, "The one who is more powerful than I." And he speaks of Jesus' baptism being one of fire and Spirit.

Saturday, December 22, 2018 – Longest Night Service

For the first time TSLC will be hosting a Longest Night service at 3pm on December 22. The service is intended to acknowledge that this season of the year isn't always joyful for everyone. For more detail see the article below.

Sunday, December 23, 2018 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

On the fourth Sunday of Advent we light our last Advent candle and we hear part of the story of Mary. This Sunday includes Mary's "Magnificat" or praise to God for her role in bringing Jesus, our Savior, into the world.

Wednesday, December 26 – No Wednesday evening worship

Sunday, December 30, 2018 – First Sunday of Christmas

On the first Sunday of Christmas we will be worshipping at one service at 9:15am and we will take the opportunity to reflect more on the birth of Jesus. Today we will do that with a worship service of lessons and carols. The service includes portions of the Christmas story, other secular readings that offer us another perspective on these stories of faith, and of course Holy Communion and plenty of hymns.

Longest Night Service

The weeks leading up to Christmas are often marked by expressions of joy, excitement, and happiness. It's a time for family to gather and for churches to worship pointing to the hope that is found in the coming of the Christ child. We need to remember that for some people those feelings of joy and excitement can often be overshadowed by pain and grief during this time of the year. That pain may include grief over the loss of a loved one, struggling with mental health issues, missing family, and many other factors. On **Saturday, December 22nd** at 3pm we are having a worship service that is designed to leave some space to acknowledge the difficulty this time of year can bring in people's lives with a Longest Night Service.



Notes from the Office

Income & Expense Report (Operating Fund) January-October 2018

Income	
Offering	341,338
Misc. Income	<u>3,870</u>
<small>(ie: Thrivent Choice, Community Aid, Building Use Donations, etc.)</small>	
Total Income	345,208
Expense	
<u>Ministry to Others</u>	
Outreach Ministry	36,839
Evangelism	9,857
Parish Life	(1,554)
<u>Ministry within Our Congregation</u>	
Christian Education	3,252
Fellowship	1,660
Keeping Our Church Safe	-
Stewardship	-
Worship & Music	5,429
Youth & Family Ministry	4,687
<u>Administration</u>	
Archives	160
Property (building maintenance)	61,369
Office Management (administration)	12,163
Salary/Support	192,177
Vision of Ministry	-
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Total Expense	326,038
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Net Income	<u>19,170</u>

Adult Forum Class

Beginning on **Sunday, November 25** the Adult Forum class will be taking a look at "The Real Story of Christmas." This curriculum will look at the history behind the story of Christmas and each of the Gospel accounts of the Christmas narrative. Come join us in the lounge on Sunday mornings at 9:15am.

TSLC IS SEEKING A NEW V.O.M. TREASURER

After many years of dedicated service, Bob McGregor will be stepping down as Vision of Ministry Treasurer for Trindle Spring Lutheran Church at the end of 2018. We would like to thank Bob immensely for this important volunteer work.

We are now seeking a church member to fill this volunteer position. Some accounting experience is desirable, but not necessary. Following are some of the responsibilities of this role:

The VOM Treasurer's position is responsible for administration of three funds. These include the Vision of Ministry fund, formerly known as the Building Fund. There are two checking accounts utilized; the primary account is at Orrstown Bank and the secondary account is with the Mission Investment Fund at the ELCA. Approximately two dozen checks are written each year. This is outside of the Bond program's interest and payoffs which is ending this year (2018). Essentially all receipts/deposits are handled by the Counting Teams, and recorded on the weekly Tabulation sheets.

The second account administered is the Capital Improvement Fund, formerly known as the Congregation Projects Fund and Country Fair. Approximately six checks are written each year. Deposits are again made by the Counting Teams and recorded on the Tab sheets.

The third account is a Youth checking account at Mission Investment Fund of the ELCA. About a dozen checks are written over a three year cycle that coincides with the Youth Gathering mission trip of the ELCA congregations. Receipts are first processed through the Vision of Ministry account, then forwarded to the MIF-ELCA on a periodic basis.

Reports are prepared monthly/yearly for each account for the Finance Committee and Council. Audits are also conducted by Trindle Spring personnel on a yearly basis. It is anticipated that no more than two hours per month of time will be required for this position.

If interested, please contact the Church Office, Pastor Aaron or any member of the Finance Committee.

Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the Internet. Simply follow these easy steps for online or using the QR Code below:

1. Visit the church website at www.trindlespringlutheran.org
2. Click on the **Donate Now** button;
3. Click on the **Login/Create Profile** button;
4. Follow the onscreen instructions to **login** or **create** an online profile and to schedule your recurring or one-time contributions.



Notes from the Office

LOOKING AHEAD TO CHRISTMAS

Advent 1—Sunday, Dec. 2nd 10:30 am
25th Anniversary Celebration for the Sanctuary
Advent 2—Sunday, Dec. 9th 8:00 & 10:30 am
Advent 3—Sunday, Dec. 16th 8:00 & 10:30 am
Advent 4—Sunday, Dec. 23rd 8:00 & 10:30 am
Christmas Eve—Monday, Dec. 24th
 ♦ **Family Service** 6:00 pm
 ♦ **Candlelight Service** 8:30 pm
Christmas Day—Tuesday, Dec. 25th 9:00 am
Lessons & Carols— Sunday, Dec. 30 9:15 am

ZUMBA every Tuesday in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 p.m.!
(Women only.)



ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We want to make sure that you know the opportunities for adult faith formation that are available. Try one or sample them all, but we want to invite you to continue to learn and grow in your faith. Below is a brief description of each offering.

Young at Heart is our lectionary-based class. They look at the readings that are used in worship that morning and talk about how they apply to our lives. (Meets in the YAH room.)

The Far Side class is studying the Henri Nouwen book, "The Prodigal Son." (Meets in the Conference room.)

Crossroads is our class that talks about current events from a biblical and faith perspective. (Meets in the room across from the lounge.)

Adult Forum is led primarily by the pastors; topics change throughout the year. From 11/25 through Advent we are exploring a study of the "Real Story of Christmas."

(Meets in the lounge.)

Friday morning study is a group that meets at 7am on Friday mornings for Bible study and conversation. They are currently working their way through the Gospel of Matthew. New folks are welcome at any time.

(Meets in the Conference room.)

TSLC POINSETTIAS~2018

Now is the time to order Poinsettias for the Christmas services. They are red with 5 or more blooms, wrapped in gold foil. **The price this year is \$9.50/each.** The deadline this year is earlier from Royer's. Please place your slip and money in the Parish Administrator's mailbox **BY: Wednesday, November 28th.**



In Memory of/Thanksgiving for: _____

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Quantity: _____ By: _____

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DECEMBER 2018 BIRTHDAYS

Kathleen Seagrist
Steve Fahnestock
Lenard Kirkman
Edward Hipkiss
Kathryn Erdley
Joshua Kohler
Hannah Arentz
Emma Grigor
Codie Smyser
Morgan Cupp
Christina Jones
Diane Hartzell

Avery Esparra
Lois King
Cayden Giordano
Diane Brevig
Nancy Rider
Linda Glantz
Macie Pownell
Marlin Yohn, Jr.
Gaige Zettlemoyer
Virginia Vogelsong
Andrew Daron

Fiona Malloy
Karen Hale
Howard Hertzler
Carol Beal
Hunter Clepper
Allison Biddle
Wayne Miller
Mary Lou Rider
Lucas Murray
Mary Bloom
Skyler Stauffer

Joanne Augustine
Rosalyn Malloy
Ken Reisinger
Levi Allen
Selena Mallios
Mary Clay
Emily (Lefin) Nilsen
Ralph Books
Lindsay Murray
Kay Trimmer
Brandon Stauffer

NAMES IN BOLD ARE HOMEBOUND MEMBERS. (None this month.)

IF THERE ARE ANY BIRTHDAYS THAT WE HAVE NOT LISTED,
PLEASE LET THE PARISH ADMINISTRATOR KNOW AND
SHE WILL MAKE SURE TO GET THEM IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER.

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

The Shawl Ministry

Things are changing. Meeting canceled for November 25th. December meeting moved to December 2nd.

Due to the fact that many shawl meetings have had to be canceled due to calendar conflicts throughout the year, the committee has decided to move our meetings to the second Sunday of most months.

We will continue to meet at 3:00 PM in the church lounge. We invite you to join us as the Holy Spirit uses our hands to make prayer gifts for members of our congregation and beyond.

You too can help us with many of the jobs required to make our prayer gifts and items to support members and friends of our congregation, "Operation Warm Hearts", World Vision, Prayer Shawls 4 Fallen Soldiers and more.

Thanks to all those who helped to get Christmas ornaments ready to mail to the families of our fallen soldiers. They truly appreciate receiving a reminder of the love of God's family and the prayers that we send.

"Let the pleasure of the Lord be on us. O, Lord, give strength to the work of our hands."

Psalm 90:17

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CHRISTMAS BLESSING EXPRESS for New Hope Ministries! The Outreach Committee has placed a Christmas “Giving” Tree in the narthex with suggested items to be donated to families in need this holiday season. If you are able to donate this year, please choose an ornament from the tree and return the unwrapped item (with ornament attached) to bins placed by the tree.

Food baskets are also requested to provide a Christmas Dinner. Any of the following items would be greatly appreciated: ham, turkey, vegetables, gravy, potatoes, canned fruit, cranberry sauce, pie filling, pie crust, and boxed stuffing.

Please place refrigerated items in kitchen refrigerator/freezer marked, “New Hope Christmas” at the end of November!

We ask all items to be donated by Dec. 2nd for delivery to New Hope by Dec. 3rd!

Thank you for your generosity and love to our neighbors in need!



Isaiah 9:6.

For a child is born to us, A son is given to us; And the government Is upon His shoulder; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.



Quilters Welcome!

The TSLC Quilters continue to meet on Thursdays, **starting at 8:00 a.m.** in the education wing. Anyone is welcome to join in the fun. If you can pin, cut, piece, or sew there is something for you to do.



CHRISTMAS EVE POTLUCK

All members of TSLC—and their friends and family—are welcome to join us for a Christmas Eve potluck dinner in between the two Christmas Eve services. Maybe you are helping to lead both worship services, maybe you don't have family around for the holidays, or maybe you just don't want to make your kitchen a mess—any reason you have is a good one to join your church family for Christmas Eve dinner! We will eat and celebrate the newborn King together in the Fellowship Hall, beginning after the Family Service. Please sign up on the bulletin board outside the church office so we know how many people to set up for. Hope to see many of you there!



Pick your ordered wreath up on Sunday, Nov. 25, 2018.

Koinonia

It's a PJ party!



All families with kids and youth are invited to our Christmas party on **Sunday, December 2, 5-7 p.m.** (Please note, this is the **FIRST Sunday of the month!**)

We'll all be together for a meal, and then we'll split into our groups for lots of fun and yummy activities: kids preschool and younger in the Nursery, kids K-5 in the Large Group Room, middle and high school youth in the Youth Room, and parents in the Crossroads room.

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On **Sunday, Dec. 2**, the **Visitation Ministry Teams** are scheduled to meet in the Fellowship Hall at 2:00 pm to set up the schedule for visiting our church family homebound members for 2019.

I hope all volunteers that visited this past year will be there, as well as any new people who would like to join us in this very rewarding and uplifting ministry.

If you are unable to make the meeting but are willing to join in visitation, please let Paula Duffie know at 717-805-6122 prior to the meeting. When we have 40 people who are willing to visit, going out in teams of two, we see a different homebound member every 2 months.

If you have any questions regarding this ministry, please do not hesitate to contact Paula at the phone number above or at pjduffie@comcast.net.



THE WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE - is looking for some smiling faces to be greeters on Sunday mornings before the 8:00 a.m. and the 10:30 a.m. services and sometimes in the evenings during Lent, Advent, Holy Week, and Thanksgiving services. If you would like to be a greeter we would love to have your help. Please check the bulletin board outside the kitchen and sign your name on the date and service time that you would like. No special training required, all you have to do is to be there about 15 to 20 minutes before the service begins. There are also sign-up sheets for lay readers there as well as communion assistants. If you have any questions about these jobs, please check with Nancy Hornberger or Pastor Aaron. We would love to have your help in these important ministries of the church.

ADVENT DEVOTIONS ARE HERE!

The Vision Team subcommittee for devotions has been hard at work recruiting congregational members to write a daily devotion for our new Advent Devotion Booklet based around the Jesse Tree. We would like to thank all of those who have agreed to help us by sharing their devotional thoughts on a Bible passage relating to our theme. We hope that you will find these devotions helpful in focusing on this wonderful season of the church year. Taking time in our busy schedules to add one more thing can sometimes be daunting. The committee believes that the time taken for a daily devotion gives back much more than the time it takes. Even if you can only give 2 or 3 times a week, group the devotions or choose one that looks interesting to you to get started. You may be amazed at how much of a difference devotions can make in your approach to this particularly busy season.

The booklets will be available beginning, Sunday, November 25th at the Advent Event.

Watch the bulletin for more information on this. Also watch for the Jesse Tree which the Sunday School students will be creating with ornaments depicting symbols of the people and places around which our devotions have been written. There will also be copies of the symbols available for anyone who would like to create their own Jesse Tree to enhance their devotion time. This, paired with the Advent Wreaths that were made last year, will make a great addition to your Advent décor. Whatever works for you, please consider giving it a try!



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FROM OUR MUSIC DIRECTOR

JOIN THE TSLC ORCHESTRA!

This will be the 4th year members of the TSLC Orchestra gather to share their musical gifts for our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. All those who play an instrument are welcome—whether you are in elementary school and just started playing your instrument a few months ago, are a college student who plays every day, are an adult who played once upon a time but hasn't picked up their instrument in ages, and everyone in between! All ages and experience levels are welcome—we will make sure you have music that you can play! All you need to do is contact Danielle Erdley so she can get you your music. Please join us as we welcome the Christ Child with our music!

Rehearsal Schedule:

- * Saturday, December 1, 2018—9:30-10:30am in the Choir Room
- * Saturday, December 15, 2018—9:30-10:30am in the Choir Room
- * Tuesday, December 18, 2018—6:30-7:30pm in the Sanctuary
- * Saturday, December 22, 2018—9:30-10:30am in the Sanctuary
- * Sunday, December 23, 2018—11:45am-12:30pm in the Sanctuary

JOYFUL NOISE CHOIR TO SING CHRISTMAS EVE!

The Joyful Noise Choir will be providing special music for the Family Christmas Eve service. All TSLC youth who are Age 5-Grade 5 are welcome and encouraged to join us in singing our welcome to the Christ Child! (If you have a child who is almost 5 and would like to sing, they are welcome, too - just let Danielle Erdley know!)

Rehearsal Schedule:

- * Saturday, December 8, 2018, from 10-10:30am in the Choir Room
- * Sunday, December 16, 2018, from 11:45am-12:15am in the Choir Room
- * Saturday, December 22, 2018, from 10:30-11:00am in the Sanctuary

MEN'S CHOIR SINGING DECEMBER 23

All TSLC Men ages 14 and up are invited to join us for a pick-up men's choir, which will provide special music on Sunday, December 23. We had so much fun with our men's piece this past summer and can't wait to do it again! Please see Danielle Erdley if you have any questions. Mark the following dates on your calendar and join us to praise God through song!

Rehearsal Schedule

- * Sunday, December 2, 2018, from 9-9:30am in the Choir Room
- * Sunday, December 9, 2018, from 9-9:30am in the Choir Room
- * Sunday, December 16, 2018, from 9-9:30am in the Choir Room



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SECOND SATURDAY DINNER

SATURDAY, December 8, 2018

4:00 PM — 6:00 PM

**TRINDLE SPRING LUTHERAN CHURCH
FELLOWSHIP HALL**

The meal is FREE and you are invited!

MADE FROM SCRATCH!

- * CHICKEN CORDON BLEU
 - * ROASTED POTATOES AND CARROTS
 - * HARVEST APPLE SPINACH SALAD
 - * FRUIT COCKTAIL
- Assorted Breads & Muffins
Hot/Cold Beverages
Assorted Desserts

Join us for good food, fun, and fellowship.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME! Also, feel free to bring a friend, coworker, neighbor, family members; anyone you feel could benefit from our hospitality!

Please use the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside of the church office or call the church at 717-766-7091 to let us know if you plan to attend (so we know how many to plan for). If you forget to sign up after church, feel free to call the Parish Administrator, who will place your name on the list.

CASH FOR CAUSES

GIANT GIFT CARDS - Stretch the money you spend at Giant a little further and help TSLC by participating in our Giant 'Cash for Causes' Gift Card Program. Giant Gift Cards are available in \$25, \$50, and \$100 denominations; cash and checks made out to Trindle Spring Lutheran Church are accepted. TSLC earns 5% of every gift card purchased and you still earn your gas/reward points! So, before your next trip to Giant to fill up your grocery cart, gas tank, and holiday food baskets, please see Robin Cleaver or give her a call (717-766-5788).



>>Giant Gift Cards make great stocking stuffers too!!<<

TSLC Men's Breakfast

Join the group for breakfast at the **Middlesex Diner** on the Carlisle Pike on



Saturday, December 8, at 7:30 a.m.

All of the men of the congregation (all ages) are invited to attend for food and fellowship. There is a sign-up sheet outside of the church office on the board.

**THE TSLC SENIORS WILL BE
HAVING A LUNCHEON ON:**



**MONDAY, DECEMBER 17TH AT 11:30 A.M.
AT T.J. ROCKWELLS-MECH.**

Please sign up on the seniors bulletin board located to the right of the gathering area in the hallway with your name and the number attending.

Bible Study



Friday mornings a group meets at the church at 7am and is usually done by 8am so that people can head off to work or wherever else their day takes them. The group is presently studying the application of the Book of Matthew in our lives. If this is a group you are interested in or would like to know more about, contact Jason Swartley at jlswartley@gmail.com for more information or call the church office at 717-766-7091. All are welcome to attend and no preparation is necessary!

Safety & Security Taskforce ~ December Message



Hello,

As we progress through Advent, a season where we as Christians are busy preparing for the arrival of the Messiah, the members of the Safety and Security Taskforce continue to do things to prepare as well. Our preparation is intended to make you safer as you participate in activities at Trindle Spring.

One recent addition is the new nursery emergency light located to the rear of the Sanctuary; it is the white light mounted on the wooden beam. The Nursery Staff during services had no way to alert anyone if they had a medical emergency or someone who had entered the building and found their way down to the Nursery. This light is only to be used for emergencies. Parents, if you use the Nursery, the door will now be locked, you will need to knock or use a key to gain entry. We feel this is a minor inconvenience to keep your most precious possession, your children, safe.

The AED and a First Aid Kit have now been relocated to the Christian Education side of the Sacristy. Signage has been installed to indicate its location. They are housed in a beautiful wooden cabinet with glass panels so you can see the AED and Orange First Aid Kit. The Taskforce would like to thank Rich Luley for donating his time, talents and materials in making this cabinet for us.

We will be getting dates out for CPR Training after the Holidays. We encourage anyone who serves as an Usher, Sunday School Teacher, goes on visitations to homebound members, or who helps with events like Second Saturday or VBS to come out and get trained.

We continue to seek individuals willing to assist with Ushering duties. We are looking for individuals who will stay by the doors to the rear parking lot, assisting members and directing visitors prior to the service. They should be willing to worship from the lobby area while keeping an eye on congregants who may leave the service due to illness. Additionally, these individuals will be asked to walk through the parking lot making sure no one has fallen in the parking lot unable to get up, also serving as an added presence there during the service. If you are interested in assisting in these duties please see Steve Vogelsong, Sue Starr or contact me.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me via email hemimedic37@gmail.com or my cell phone at 717-418-9370.

Stay safe,

Dennis S. Stoner
Paramedic

PARISH NEWS

FAMILY PROMISE AT TSLC

The 2019 hosting schedule for Family Promise was just distributed in early November and we learned that Trindle Spring will serve as host congregation for the week ***beginning on December 30 2018***, and continuing on (through New Year's Eve, New Year's Day) – ***until Sunday, January 6, 2019***. We know this will be a challenging time with many of our steadfast volunteers traveling over the holidays. For that reason, we are asking all who are available to help to step forward and sign up as soon as possible! ***As most schools are closed through January 2, this would also be a great opportunity for families to serve together and volunteer for this ministry.*** You can sign up on the Family Promise bulletin board or online through the church website.

For many people in our community, sudden homelessness is a reality. Trindle Spring has been blessed to be able to partner with Family Promise to help provide a safe place where families facing homelessness can remain together, receive the support they need, and work toward regaining independence.

We will need many volunteers to make this a success - from people to drive the Family Promise families to and from the Day Center in Camp Hill, to those who will provide dinner for the families, to our overnight hosts and those willing to set up and tear down. We ask you to prayerfully consider volunteering your time to this crucial ministry to families in our community. A "time-to-sign-up" link has been sent to all those on the Family Promise email list and posted on the church website. ***We are also seeking donations of Giant gift cards to help defray the cost of food for breakfast and lunch. We are always looking for new people to get involved in this crucial ministry.*** If you would like more information, please contact any member of the Family Promise team.

Thank you to our wonderful and dedicated volunteer team. Please consider being a part of this team and volunteering now!

Diane Boone, Cindy Duck, Karen Eppley, and Danielle Erdley

Family



Parish News

Save The Date for TSLC Fellowship Activities

Save the Dates:

- * November 25, 3:00 p.m. - Advent Event / Hanging of the Greens
- * December 16, 12:00 p.m. - Christmas Caroling
- * January 26, 7:00 p.m. - Hershey Bears Hockey Game
- * February 15 to 17 - Congregational Retreat at Camp Nawakwa
- * March 22, 6:30 p.m. - TSLC Dinner Out – Esh’s Country Kitchen



HERSHEY BEARS HOCKEY

The Fellowship Committee is sponsoring a night out with the Hershey Bears on

Saturday, January 26, 2019

Game time is 7:00 p.m.

A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board outside of the office. **Deadline for sign-up is December 30.** See Lee Yohn with any questions.



TSLC Christmas Caroling

We will be bringing Christmas Cheer to our homebound members when we go caroling on **Sunday, December 16th**. We will be meeting after the late service for lunch which will be provided by the Fellowship Committee. After lunch, we will divide into groups and head out to bring holiday cheer to TSLC members that are not able to join us in worship on Sundays. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board outside the church office beginning November 25th. Any questions, contact Deby Lefin (717) 766-7091. (Church office.)



It's time to get ready for the 2019 SOUPER BOWL!

This year's match-up will again be Team Tomato vs. Team Chicken Noodle.

Between January 6 and February 3, you can bring in your cans of tomato or chicken soup, which will be donated to New Hope Ministries. Choose which team you're going to support, and start stocking up whenever you go to the grocery store. (Please consider purchasing more healthful, low-sodium varieties.) Together with others from the Mechanicsburg Area Lutheran Churches, let's see how high a "score" we can rack up for this important game, where those who are hungry will be the real winners!



It's supper club sign-up time again! Supper clubs are groups of 8-12 individuals whose only purpose as a group is to get together once a month for a meal and fellowship. If you are interested in being involved in this program for the next cycle (January – May, 2019), please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board by December 2nd (group assignments will be out in early December). **Note - ALL participants are required to sign up again even if enrolled in the current session. Any questions, please speak to Deby Lefin.**





Notes of Thanks

*Thank you for your giving! **On October 28th** your TSLC Family gave **195 pounds of food items, 26 pounds of non-food/paper items, 25 lbs. of diapers; on November 1st, 35 lbs. of diapers, and from your Second Saturday event, you gave 47 lbs. of left-over food.** Your giving makes a difference in your community.*

Thank you for providing help for the needy!

**-New Hope Ministries
Mechanicsburg**

Dear TSLC.

Thank you very much for allowing us to use your beautiful church to once again host our Special Needs Dance, "The Boogie Shoes Blowout." The individuals had a fantastic time and that would not have been possible if not for being able to hold them here.

Sincerely,
The Dance Committee Members of CPARC

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for all the visits, cards, prayers, and phone calls I received after my surgery, and recuperation at home. A big **thank you** to Pastor Aaron for his visits. They really lifted my spirits. I really appreciate all the love and care from my church family. The weekly letters from the Hertzler's put a lot of sunshine in my days.

A big thank you to all.
With love,
Bob Warren



As we complete our 13th year of our thriving Second Saturday ministry, I want to take the time to say a sincere THANK YOU to everyone who has volunteered during 2018 to serve the members of our community every month. I continue to be amazed by the ways in which this ministry touches both those we serve as well as the volunteers that regularly take time out of their hectic lives to use their hearts and hands in God's service.



It certainly takes many hands to carry out this mission. Thanks to the Men's Breakfast participants who faithfully set up and cover the tables every month as well as those who help prepare the food and set up the hall to make it festive for our guests. Thanks to those who help serve the meal, do dishes, roll silverware, help clean up the hall and kitchen after each meal and for the MANY church members who donate desserts each month. Each task is essential to giving our guests the experience of Christian hospitality. **This combined effort has brought us to this point, we will be serving our 150th meal on December 8th.**

It is my hope that all of you that volunteer find this ministry meaningful and that your participation feeds you spiritually as much as it feeds our guests physically. What a wonderful gift our congregation was given when the Holy Spirit chose us to fulfill this need in our community. I look forward to working with you in the months and years ahead.

Thank you,
-Deb Bender

So many acts of kindness have been shown to us following the passing of my father, Frederick Dent—phone calls, visits, email messages, cards, food and prayers. We deeply appreciate the concern and support of our church family.

Thank you,
-Linda and Lee Yohn

Dear friends of Trindle Spring,

I want to thank you for all the cards and phone calls received during my hospital stay and recovery. I want to especially thank you for your prayers. The visit from Pastor Aaron and letters from Beverly and Howard (Hertzler) were appreciated. It's nice to know people really care.

Thank you,
- Daryl Neibert

2019 Congregational Retreat Registration Form

2019 Congregational Retreat Manna in the Woods

REGISTRATION FORM



Check-In: Friday, 2/15/19 6:30 to 7:45 PM Depart: Sunday, 2/17/19 after service
(Dinner will be available Friday night.)

Where: Camp Nawakwa, Arendtsville, PA 45 MINUTES Who: Everyone

Name: _____ E-mail Address: _____
 Address: _____ Home Phone: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Who will be attending the weekend? Name	Age	Relationship to Registrant (Above)	Willing to Sleep on Top Bunk?	Do you Require a Rail?
1.		SELF	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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5.			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6.			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Package Rate: \$75 per adult - includes food, 2 nights of lodging, and retreat program. **Early registration: \$60**
 Youth 18 years old and under - FREE **Saturday Only: \$60 per adult**
 * *Online payment option available - see TSLC website* **First-Time Attendees: Get a 10% discount**

Do you have any physical limitations that we will want to accommodate?

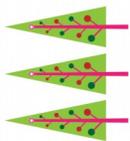
Do you want a Handicap Accessible room?
 Yes No

Do you have any special food requirements?

Will you be attending the entire weekend? Yes No If not, when will you be participating?

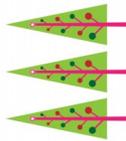
NOTES:

1. Children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult.
(Exceptions may be considered on an individual basis. Talk to Charlie Bender for individual needs.)
 Phone: 717-258-3167 Email: CharlieB1414@outlook.com
2. Transportation is available for those who cannot or do not want to drive up to the retreat center.
3. Early registration is due on or before Sunday, December 30, 2018.
4. Final registration payment for the retreat weekend will be due on Sunday, February 3, 2019.
5. Medical forms (to be provided to those that register) are due when you arrive on Friday night at the retreat.
6. Return Registration Forms to the Congregational Retreat mailbox.



DECEMBER 2018 Worship Assistants

		December 2 Advent 1 One Service		December 9 Advent 2		December 16 Advent 3		December 23 Advent 4		December 23 Advent 4	
		10:30 am	8:00 am								
Acolyte(s)		Ryan Talton Colin Ingraham	Gavin Reinfield	Ryan Smith	TBD	Ryan Smith	TBD	Ryan Smith	Hannah Reed	TBD	TBD
Greeter(s)		Sara Jane Basehore Donna Stone	Roger Fugere Ellen Fugere	Ed, Paul, Daniel & Miriam Hipkiss	Howard Hertzler Beverly Hertzler	Darrell Westby Lorraine Westby	The Reed Family	The Reed Family	TBD	TBD	TBD
Lay reader		Joy Grant	Nancy Luley	Cindy Duck	Erica Reinfield	Bonnie Distad	Cheryl Burns	Cheryl Burns	TBD	TBD	TBD
Advent Prayer		TBD	TBD								
Communion Assistants		Wine: Former Pastors Cups: TBD	Intinction	Intinction	Intinction	Intinction	Intinction	Intinction	Intinction	Intinction	Intinction
Ushers * team leader		Mike Phillips* Robert Phillips Kenneth Boyer Steve Vogelsong	Scott Eppley* Nancy Luley Bob Warren Betty Warren	Mike Phillips* Robert Phillips Kenneth Boyer Steve Vogelsong	Scott Eppley* Nancy Luley Bob Warren Betty Warren	Mike Phillips* Robert Phillips Kenneth Boyer Steve Vogelsong	Scott Eppley* Nancy Luley Bob Warren Betty Warren	Mike Phillips* Robert Phillips Kenneth Boyer Steve Vogelsong	Scott Eppley* Nancy Luley Bob Warren Betty Warren	Mike Phillips* Robert Phillips Kenneth Boyer Steve Vogelsong	Mike Phillips* Robert Phillips Kenneth Boyer Steve Vogelsong
Nursery		Karen Liebel Wendy Riceford	N/A	Sandy Greiss Deby Lefin	N/A	Lisa Talton Donna Leitzel	N/A	Lisa Talton Donna Leitzel	N/A	N/A	Evelyn Vogelsong Jaime Nace
Altar Guild * team leader		Joy Grant*, Joanna McIntyre, Bonnie Hersch, & Nancy Luley									
Note: If you can't make it to church to serve, please contact the Team Leader of that area as the voice mail in the church office isn't normally checked on the weekends.											



DECEMBER 2018 Worship Assistants, Cont'd

		December 25 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	December 25 Christmas Day The Nativity of our Lord	December 30 Lessons & Carols
		Christmas Eve Family Service	8:30 pm	9:00 am
		6:00 pm	8:30 pm	9:15 am
Acolyte(s)		Brayden Pownell Thomas Burns	Gavin Reinfeld Jack Ingraham	Elena Erdley Gavin Reinfeld
Greeter(s)		Ryan Jones Christina Jones Molly, Abigail, and Tace	Chuck Sterling Deb Sterling	TBD Barb Kline
Lay reader		Ryan Smith	Robin Cleaver	Barb Kline
Communion Assistants		Wine: Deb Smith Charles Bender Cups: Deb Bender TBD	Wine: John Rupp Joy Grant Cups: Erica Reinfeld Dave Lefin	Intinction Intinction
Ushers * team leader		TBD	TBD	Mike Phillips* Robert Phillips Kenneth Boyer Steve Vogelsong
Nursery		N/A	N/A	Joyce Stine Erika Sterling
Altar Guild * team leader		Joy Grant*, Joanna McIntyre, Bonnie Hersch, & Nancy Luley		

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DECEMBER 2018 TSLC Church Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
See Church Calendar online at www.trindlespringlutheran.org						1 TSLC Orchestra 9:30 a.m. New Life 7:30 p.m.
2 ADVENT 1 Christian Ed. 9:15 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. (One service) 25th Sanctuary Anniversary Celebration/Luncheon Visitation Ministry 2:00 p.m. Shawl Ministry 3:00 p.m. Koinonia 5:00 p.m.	3	4 Shrine Usher Meal/ Meeting 6:00 p.m. Zumba at the Methodist Church 6:00 p.m. Christian Ed. 7:00 p.m. Fellowship 7:15 p.m.	5 Worship 7:00 p.m. Stewardship 7:30 p.m.	6 CPARC Holiday Dinner 5:00 p.m. Bell Choir 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir 7:30 p.m.	7 TSLC Bible Study 7:00 a.m.	8 WINTERFEST Men's Breakfast 7:30 a.m. Joyful Noise Choir rehearsal 10:00 a.m. Second Saturday 4:00-6:00 p.m. New Life Group 7:30 p.m.
9 ADVENT 2 Worship 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Christian Ed. 9:15 a.m. WINTERFEST	10 January 2019 Newsletter article deadline	11 NARFE Luncheon 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Zumba Fellowship Hall 6:00 p.m. Church Council YAH Room 6:30 p.m.	12 CPARC Training 10:00 a.m. Worship 7:00 p.m.	13 CPARC 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir 6:30 p.m. Retreat Planning Meeting 7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir 7:30 p.m.	14 TSLC Bible Study 7:00 a.m. CPARC Dance 6:00-8:00 p.m.	15 TSLC Orchestra practice 9:30 a.m. New Life Group 7:30 p.m.
16 ADVENT 3 Worship 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Christian Ed. 9:15 a.m. Joyful Noise choir rehearsal 11:45 a.m. Christmas Caroling 12:00 p.m.	17 Seniors Luncheon 11:30 a.m. at TJ Rockwell's	18 Zumba 6:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall TSLC Orchestra practice 6:30 p.m. Parish Life 7:00 p.m. Property 7:00 p.m. Middle-High Team 7:30	19 Worship 7:00 p.m. Evangelism 7:30 p.m.	20 Bell Choir 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir 7:30 p.m.	21 TSLC Bible Study 7:00 a.m.	22 Longest Night Service 3:00 p.m. TSLC Orchestra practice 9:30 a.m. Joyful Noise Choir rehearsal 10:30 a.m. New Life Group 7:30 p.m.
23 ADVENT 4 Worship 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Christian Ed. 9:15 a.m. Pick-up Men's Choir TSLC Orchestra practice 11:45 a.m.	24 Christmas Eve Christmas Eve Services 6:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Church Office closes at noon.	25 Christmas Day Nativity of our Lord Service 9:00 a.m. (Church Office closed.)	26 NO Wednesday Worship service.	27	28 TSLC Bible Study 7:00 a.m.	29 New Life Group 7:30 p.m.
30 Lessons and Carols Worship 9:15 a.m. (One service.) New Hope Food Blessing	31 Safety Taskforce 7:00-8:30 p.m.					

FAMILY PROMISE— SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2018 TO SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 2019

Church Calendar on Google

Need to check the church calendar from your device?
Click this link and you're there:
https://calendar.google.com/calendar/render#main_7

Synod News

The Lower Susquehanna Synod has an on-line newsletter called W.E. News that provides great information about what is going on around the Synod. Just go to the LSS website: <http://www.lss-elca.org/> and click on eCommunications at the bottom of the page to sign up or to view past issues.

Women of the ELCA

The Lower Susquehanna Synod also has a group just for women to provide service to their churches and to the world. To find out more about what they are doing and how you can join, go to: www.lss-elca.org/congregations/women-of-the-elca/

Connect through Facebook

Share immediately with one another, the good news, worship opportunities & prayer concerns. Won't you join us on Facebook? Like us! And Share us! <https://www.facebook.com/TrindleSpring>

If you would like to receive the newsletter by e-mail, please call or email the church office. (717) 766-7091 or office@trindlespringlutheran.org



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January 2019 newsletter
article deadline is:
December 10, 2018.

Assembly Date:
Thursday,
December 20, 2018
9:00 a.m.
in the Y.A.H. Room

Dear Member (s), to be good stewards of our resources, please contact the church office with any household:

- * Information changes
- * Membership updates/transfers