



The Trindle Trumpeter

**Trindle Spring Lutheran Church
Mechanicsburg, PA**

March 2018

Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The Mechanicsburg area is pretty saturated with churches, which means there are also a lot of pastors in the area as well. In the past two months I have had the pleasure of meeting most of these pastors. One of the groups has been about being better resources for one another and partnering together for ministries that may be larger than one congregation can handle. We are even meeting with Dr. Leidy in a few weeks to have a conversation about how churches and pastors can help care for students and work on suicide prevention in the area. The second group I was invited to attend is a group of Mechanicsburg borough churches who are planning to cover the borough in prayer this Good Friday.

Lent and Holy Week are such meaningful services and they are some of my favorite worship services of the entire year. So, most of our Holy Week and Easter services will go on just like they normally have in the past. We will still gather on Palm Sunday to process with palms across the street, return on Maundy Thursday evening to remember Jesus' last supper and Jesus washing the disciples' feet. Good Friday evening we will hear the story of Jesus' death on the cross during the evening Tenebrae service. And then of course we celebrate the resurrection on Easter Sunday morning. You can read a little more about this in the worship section of this month's newsletter.

One addition to our Holy Week schedule this year means that we will move the stations of the cross to 11:30am in order to join the other borough churches in covering our community with prayer during a prayer walk. In order to do this, 6 churches will host sites where people will begin their walk. Each group will go to two or three places depending on their location. We will be visiting places like parks, schools, fire companies, etc., in order to pray for those places and groups. We will gather at Trindle Spring at noon for song and prayer and then begin our walk. The entire group of churches will meet in the square downtown for a brief time of worship at 1:15pm. I hope you can join us as we gather together in Christian unity during this powerful day. I am looking forward to the passion story coming alive in our midst once again this year.

May God's peace surround you,

Pastor Aaron

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to the glory of God and in thanksgiving, we honor all our family and friends, by Ken & Lynda Farner.

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

DEVOTIONS

Pastor Aaron provided devotions based upon Psalm 51:1-17. This psalm contains the phrases “we hear” in the liturgy about creating a clean heart and restoring a right spirit. Pastor Aaron engaged the council in discussion about the words that give us hope and comfort as well as words that challenge us. He noted that this Psalm is appropriate for Lent due to its call to repentance.

REVIEW OF JANUARY 2018 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes by Pastor Aaron, seconded by Carlotta Strohl. APPROVED

TREASURER’S REPORT

The written report of the congregation’s finances was received from the treasurer as presented by Sherry Stoner. It was noted that income was up slightly from last year, but it was also noted that expenses were also up. Nonetheless we ended the month in the black.

It was recommended that memorial funds be used to cover the expense for repair of the bells. David Boose agreed to personally fund the repair expense of \$740.00.

Barb Bressler made the Chrismons used on the Christmas trees in 2017 and loaned them to the church. Others agreed to make the ornaments for 2018. Funds were needed to purchase the supplies to make them for this year. It was recommended to request that Worship and Music consider funding this expense.

There is some back and forth between the congregation projects fund and the vision of ministry funds. Currently funds are deposited in the Congregation Projects account and then shifted to Vision of Ministry when the funds are needed. It was recommended that the funds be directly deposited to Vision of Ministry accounts to avoid the need for shifting of funds.

LEAD PASTOR’S REPORT

Pastor Aaron provided a written report. He highlighted a few items. Pastor noted that the personnel committee would like to get some insight about questions that can be asked of the congregation for assessing current needs and goals. He has asked that this request be communicated to the various committees of the church.

Cheryl in the office was having difficulty with our data base, Church Windows. She learned that our version is several years out of date and requires updating. It is \$399.00 to update the program which entitles us to three months of “free” tech support. After the three months then we would need to pay an annual update fee of \$330 per year. The new program has better functionality and significant efficiencies for communication with the congregation.

Pastor Aaron moved to receive Rev. Elaine Dent, Dorris Gerber, John and Judy Good, Michael and Sara Miller, and their children, Elisabeth and Allen, Kenneth Rider and Suzanne Rupp as members. Seconded by John Talton. APPROVED

ASSOCIATE PASTOR’S REPORT

Pastor Sigrid submitted her written report. She noted that she has been focused on preparation for the Congregational Retreat. Pastor also noted that her computer (originally purchased in 2011) has begun to fail and it was required to replace her laptop to avoid complete computer failure.

Clark Eichelberger made a motion to use funds in checking with a charge to the administrative budget to update virus protection on the office computer, the purchase of the Microsoft office suite and a new computer for pastor Sigrid in the amount of \$949.96. Seconded by David Boose. APPROVED.

It was recommended that the Finance Committee consider adding a budget line to the 2019 budget for technical and administrative expense in the amount of \$1,500.00

COMMITTEE REPORTS/BUSINESS

Written reports from the various committees were received.

Please see copies on bulletin board in the hallway or call the church office for a copy.

Trindle Spring Lutheran Church Council Meeting February 13, 2018– (Draft) Cont'd

Old Business

Church Safety Training

Training programs have been scheduled and advertised in the Church Bulletin and Newsletter. The programs will be for CPR training. It is asked that attendees pay \$10.00 to participate and also be asked to make a free will offering. The Safety Committee has moved that any shortfall in the necessary funds be made up from available Memorial Funds. APPROVED.

New Business

Synod Food Packing Event

The Synod office is soliciting contributions toward the \$75,000.00 cost for the food packing event to be held at Synod Assembly the first weekend in June. Outreach as requested that the Council approve \$500 toward the food packing event with “noisy offerings” in May to cover the expense with any additional funds in excess of the \$500 we would raise going to the synod event. APPROVED.

Audit Committee – seek nominations

Council discussed the Constitutional requirements for the Audit Committee. Volunteers will be sought to serve on the committee. The volunteers cannot be current members of council. Jack Neibert has agreed to provide oversight and guidance to the committee but not serve on the committee itself. Jean Brackbill has indicated a possible desire to serve. It was suggested that we contact Bruce Seagrist and Kristin Platzer. The people approached will be advised that there will be a one year a two year and three year term will be randomly assigned.

Council Approved Constitutional Revision under C13.04. Mutual Ministry Committee

This was approved last fall but did not have sufficient time to provide notice to the congregation as required by the constitution. It was suggested that in addition to this previous change we should update the Constitution to include the mandatory changes required by the ELCA and any changes required by TSLC practices.

Nominating Committee

We need to update our practices to reflect constitutional requirements for the election of the nominating committee.

We also need to identify voting members for the Synod Assembly.

Council Retreat

Pastor Aaron offered his thanks for a well-run and productive retreat. He felt including the committee chairs was an important addition that should continue.

Computer Administrative Program, Church Windows

Pastor Aaron moved to expend \$399.00 to upgrade the administrative program Church Window and bring it current which includes three months of tech support and to authorize the expenditure of \$330 for the annual upkeep of the program. Second Erica Reinfeld. APPROVED.

Good and Welfare

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm with the reciting of the Lord’s Prayer.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 13, 2018 @ 7:00 PM



Notes from the Office

Income & Expense Report (Operating Fund)

January 2018

Income	
Offering	39,422
Misc. Income	<u>549</u>
<small>(ie: Thrivent Choice, Community Aid, Building Use Donations, etc.)</small>	
Total Income	39,971
Expense	
<u>Ministry to Others</u>	
Outreach Ministry	3,244
Evangelism	4,750
Parish Life	(881)
<u>Ministry within Our Congregation</u>	
Christian Education	60
Fellowship	(1,110)
Keeping Our Church Safe	-
Stewardship	-
Worship & Music	616
Youth & Family Ministry	-
<u>Administration</u>	
Archives	-
Property (building maintenance)	6,684
Office Management (administration)	1,978
Salary/Support	<u>19,021</u>
Total Expense	34,362
Net Income	<u>5,609</u>



The congregation extends condolences to the families of loved ones that have passed recently in the church family.

Richard C. Mayberry on 12/15/2017

Betty J. Farence on 12/28/2017

Michael A. Zerby on 1/8/2018

Violet R. Fearnbaugh on 1/10/2018

Marlin E. Wood on 2/3/2018

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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.

WE ARE A COMMUNITY AID DONATION SITE

CommunityAid is a 501©(3), non-profit organization with the primary purpose of raising funds for distribution to local schools, churches, synagogues, temples and non-profit charitable organizations. "We aspire to serve our community by creating good paying jobs and providing for our employees. We desire to improve the quality of life for individuals and families in our community by providing clothing and cash grants directly to our partnerships formed by churches and non-profit charitable organizations. We believe by the ministry of CommunityAid we are fulfilling our calling to serve the community and to share the love of God to our fellow neighbors. We want to express our faith with simple Christian works and deeds and to provide CommunityAid in the form of quality gently used clothing at an affordable price for individuals and families."

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

Day Camp Cancellation Notice

Unfortunately, the Day Camp planned for June 2018, "This Changes Everything," is being cancelled due to scheduling conflicts. This ministry will hopefully be resumed in summer 2019!

Parish News

In Worship This Month...

Sunday, March 4 ~ Third Sunday in Lent

This week we hear of the central covenant of Israel's history: the giving of the law to those God had freed from slavery. When Jesus throws the merchants out of the temple, he is defending the worship of God alone called for in the commandments.

Wednesday, March 7 – Wednesday, March 28 ~ Mid-week Lenten services

Our mid-week services continue on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. throughout Lent. We are worshipping with the beautiful Holden Evening Prayer in a service that includes a brief homily and Holy Communion.

Sunday, March 11 ~ Fourth Sunday in Lent

In our Old Testament reading, God promises Moses that those who look on the bronze serpent will live. In the gospel from John, Jesus says he will be lifted up on the cross like the serpent, so that those who look to him in faith will live.

Sunday, March 18 ~ Fifth Sunday in Lent

God promises Jeremiah that a "new covenant" will be made in the future: a covenant that will allow all the people to know God by heart. The church sees this promise fulfilled in Christ, who draws all people to himself when he is lifted up on the cross.

Sunday, March 25 ~ Passion Sunday/ Sunday of the Passion

We gather this Sunday across the street at the old church with our palms to hear of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem at the beginning of his last week, then process back to the sanctuary and sing our hosannas. As the service continues, we move to the events of the Passion, as told by Mark.

Thursday, March 29 ~ Maundy Thursday ~ 7 p.m.

On this night we hear Jesus' commandment to love one another and give thanks for the sacrament of Holy Communion that he began in the Last Supper. The service ends with the stripping of the altar.

Friday, March 30 ~ Good Friday

On this day we remember and celebrate our Lord's life-giving passion on the cross. There are several opportunities to worship:

11:30 a.m. A brief contemplative service based on the stations of the cross.

12:00 p.m. Community Prayer Walk with other Mechanicsburg congregations.

7:00 p.m. Tenebrae service of Word and prayer.

Sunday, April 1 ~ Easter Sunday

Alleluias break forth once more as we celebrate Jesus' resurrection and its promise of life for the world. We worship at 6:00 and 10:30 a.m.

Lenten Devotionals are available in the back of the narthex, in regular booklet form and in large print.



Lenten Sunday School

On Sunday mornings in Lent Pastor Aaron, Pastor Sigrid, and our Seminarian, Andrew Berdahl will be leading a Sunday School Class on the Passion Narratives. Each of the Gospels has a unique take on what happened during the first Holy Week. Join us through March 18 at 9:15 as we explore the meaning of Holy Week and what the author of each of the Gospels has to say about it.

More Parish News



**SECOND SATURDAY DINNER
SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 2018
4:00 PM — 6:00 PM
TRINDLE SPRING LUTHERAN
CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL**

**The meal is FREE
and you are invited!**

- Soups: Seafood Chowder, Chicken Noodle,
Beef Vegetable
- Fish Sandwich, Fruit Cup
- Assorted Crackers & Rolls, Desserts
- Hot/Cold Beverages

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).

TSLC Men's Breakfast

Join the group for breakfast at
the
**Middlesex Diner on the
Carlisle Pike on
Saturday, March 10th at 7:30 am.**



All of the men of the congregation 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, MARCH 19TH AT 11:30 A.M.
AT TJ ROCKWELL'S,
MECHANICSBURG**

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.

REMINDER FOR THOSE WHO HAVE SIGNED UP:

**Fellowship Committee Event
Dinner at Esh's Country Kitchen**

- Where: 1803 Mountain Road, Newburg, PA 17240
- When: **Friday, March 16, 2018**
- Time: 6:30 p.m.
- Price: Adults (13 years +) - \$20.00
Youth (6 years – 12 years) - \$10.00
Children (under 6 years) – No Charge

Cash for Causes

Did you know TSLC participates in GIANT's Cash
for Causes program? Simply buy GIANT gift cards
through TSLC in \$25, \$50, or \$100
denominations. When you use the gift cards to
pay for your groceries or gas at GIANT, TSLC
receives 5% of what you spend. TSLC uses all
money received through this program to support
our youth and their trip to the ELCA Youth
Gathering.

Gift cards are available on
Sunday mornings – please see
Robin Cleaver to pre-order.



Join the TSLC Children's Choir!

Do you have a child in Grades K-5 who loves to
sing? We hope that they will join the newly reformed TSLC
Children's Choir. This choir will help to provide music twice
before the end of the school year - **Sunday, April 15,
2018** (Youth Sunday) and **Sunday, May 13, 2018**
(Mother's Day). We will rehearse following late service for
2-3 Sundays before their designated Sunday. If you have an
elementary school-aged child who would enjoy this
opportunity to make a joyful noise, please let **Danielle
Erdley** know so she can begin planning and make sure you
have the necessary information. Danielle can be reached at
danierdley@gmail.com.

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Our Church family, you are invited to

Aaron Keister's Senior Trombone Recital
Sunday, March 25th,
4:00pm
Messiah College
High Center Recital Hall



More details to follow at a later date.
Check bulletin announcements in March.

Soup & Bread Suppers

The Worship and Music Committee is sponsoring a Bread and Soup Supper during the Lenten season, starting at 6 PM. There are sign-up sheets for donations of soup and also if you are planning to attend. It is not necessary to sign up, but please do so if you can, that way we know we will have enough seating and soup for you.



Mental Health Fair

3rd year Confirmation student, Elena Erdley, is planning a Mental Health Fair for her Confirmation Project. This event will take place on **Saturday, April 7, 2018**, and will include informational booths from many local organizations who assist those dealing with mental health issues, information on how to find treatment for mental health problems, and suicide prevention training. More information will be coming soon in announcements and the April newsletter, but for now, **please mark the date** and plan to come learn more about mental illness and treatment while supporting one of our confirmation students!



FROM THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE:

Are you a good steward of your time? Do you believe your time is a gift from God? When we make decisions every day about how to spend the 1,440 minutes we are blessed with each and every day and the collective blessing of 10,080 minutes per week, how many of those minutes do you spend in your relationship with God?

If you are sleeping the recommended average of 420 minutes per day and, for discussion purposes, working another 480 minutes per day Monday - Friday, what are you doing with the remaining 540 minutes each weekday? Eating, social media, watching TV? Let's be fair and say you need personal fitness time of 60 minutes per day, 60 minutes per day for travel, 60 minutes for personal hygiene, 120 minutes for meals; how are you spending that remaining 240 minutes? Take another 120 minutes for discretionary "me" time. You still have 120 minutes left. You have a hobby. Take another 60 minutes. Now you have 60 minutes left. We all waste time. Let's account for that...45 minutes of wasted time. You are down to 15 minutes left. Could that 15 minutes be set aside for intentional prayer or ministry?

All our hours, our work, play, and even rest, can be part of the way we serve and honor God and our neighbors. But as part of the way we steward the gift of the time we are given, it can be helpful to think about designating a certain amount of time directly to our relationship with God and the living out of our vocations. What if we took that 15 minutes per day mentioned above and organized ourselves so that the 15 minutes over the course of the week (7days) were a block of 105 minutes? What could you do in your walk with the Lord for an hour and 45 minutes each week? What ministry of Trindle Spring could you grow? Which brother or sister could you reach out to with words of encouragement? What spiritual discipline could you grow in? How could God use even those 15 minutes...about 1% of the time you are blessed with each day? Ask the Lord to help!



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IT'S TIME TO GET READY FOR THE 2018 30-HOUR FAMINE!

What is the Famine? It's a worldwide hunger awareness program to help feed the world's poorest children. Our youth go without food for 30 hours to get a taste of true hunger. And through family, friends, and other fundraisers, we raise money to save kids' lives. World Vision puts the funds we raise to work by bringing emergency food aid to disaster zones and equipping families with the tools they need to overcome hunger in their communities. Even a small amount can make a big difference - \$40 will help feed and care for a child for an entire month. Overall, the experience of doing the Famine teaches us about Christ's compassion, and about how we can help change the world.

And the world definitely needs changing. Here are a few startling statistics: Every day roughly 16,000 children under the age of 5 die, mostly from preventable causes. Most of those deaths are tied to malnutrition. Around the world, more than 795 million people are chronically hungry.

Through the Famine, you can make a difference! This year, we're holding our Famine on **April 20-21**, and we're teaming up with youth from the other Mechanicsburg Area Lutheran Churches as well. We'll start fasting at noon on Friday and arrive here at Trindle Spring at 7 p.m. We'll spend the evening and the next day with games, learning, worship, prayer, and community service, encouraging each other as we experience a taste of hunger. We'll break our fast on Saturday at 6 p.m., first with the Lord's Supper and then with a light meal.

The Famine is open to all youth grades 7-12. Youth who plan to participate should see Pastor Sigrid for their parental consent form and fundraising packet. And if you're not a youth of that age, you can still be involved - please support the Famine participants with your donations and prayers!

Trindle Spring's **Outreach Ministry Committee** is looking for some additional members! Please consider joining us for this valuable ministry that includes working with the Christian Education Committee on both Lenten and Christmas appeals, work with New Hope Ministries, Family Promise, shawl ministry, synod's food-packing ministry, collections for school kits – and so much more!



In an effort to spend more time doing outreach – and less time sitting in meetings – we've streamlined our meetings to just 6 a year and will meet next on **APRIL 24**, followed by meetings again in June, August, October, and November. If you have questions about the work of this group, please contact Lois Witmer, Diane Boone, Lynne Neibert, or Pastor Sigrid – and please prayerfully consider joining us at our next meeting in April!

Family Promise Needs You!

For many people in our community, sudden homelessness is a reality. This is tragic, and even more so for those with families as most shelters split families up between multiple locations. Family Promise seeks to provide a safe place where families facing homelessness can remain together, receive the support they need, and work toward regaining independence. They do this by partnering with congregations to provide meals and lodging for the families each night.

Our first host week for Family Promise this year is soon approaching. Our next week of serving as a host church is **April 8-15**. 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 Lemoyne, 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 volunteers who have served before via email, and can also be found on the church website. We are also seeking donations of Giant gift cards to help defray that cost of food for breakfast and lunch. Any amount is appreciated! 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 - Diane Boone, Cindy Duck, Karen Eppley, or Danielle Erdley.



EASTER EGG/PRETZEL INFORMATION 2018

We are still working to keep up with the orders for Easter Eggs. Plan to join us on Tuesdays for LOTS of fun and fellowship from 8:00 a.m. to about 2:00 p.m. We take a break for a pot luck lunch! Remember, all dark chocolate orders must be submitted by **February 25th**. Please note: We will not be making eggs during Holy Week, but we will still have eggs and pretzels to sell while they last.

Eggs - \$1.00 each (6 for \$5.00 and 12 for \$10.00) Pretzels - \$4.00 (1/2 lb.)

EASTER EGG/PRETZEL ORDER FORM



DATE ORDERED: _____

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

	Milk Choc.	Dark Choc.	
PEANUT BUTTER \$1.00 each (6/\$5. or 12/\$10.) x _____	_____	_____	= \$ _____
BUTTER CREAM \$1.00 each (6/\$5. or 12/\$10.) x _____	_____	_____	= \$ _____
COCONUT CREAM \$1.00 each (6/\$5. or 12/\$10.) x _____	_____	_____	= \$ _____
PRETZELS (1/2 lb.) \$4.00 x _____	_____	_____	= \$ _____
			Amount Due = \$ _____
			Amount Paid = \$ _____

We ask that orders of \$20 or less be prepaid.

Pick up your order the next Sunday in the church kitchen. Payment can be placed in the church office. **Orders for both milk and dark chocolate will be filled the week dark chocolate products are made.**

Order forms are available in an envelope attached to the end of the mailboxes outside of the of-

Transportation Ministry

There are times when congregation members are not able to drive and are in need of assistance with travel to and from necessary medical/dental appointments, grocery store trips, church, etc. If you are interested and willing to be a driver for those in need, please sign up on the form on the bulletin board outside of the church office.

Please give prayerful consideration to helping with this important ministry. If you have any questions, please contact Diane Boone.



Meals Ministry



Our congregation currently has a ministry for those in need of meals during times of illness, tragedy, birth of a baby or personal/family challenges. If there is a time when this ministry would be helpful to you, please contact one of the pastors, the Parish Administrator, or Diane Boone.



2018 Souper Bowl Results

The results are in for this year's Souper Bowl Challenge! Between cans donated throughout the month and cash donated on February 4 (\$1 = 1 can), Trindle Spring's total collection was 1,546 cans! It was a pretty close game, but Team Chicken Noodle was the winner, with 848 cans to Team Tomato's 698. Things get interesting when we take into account the scores at the other participating Mechanicsburg Area Lutheran Churches, though! In that larger competition, it was Team Tomato who came out the overall winner! Largely due to a stand-out performance at St. Mark, Team Tomato racked up a grand total of 3,105 cans, with Team Chicken Noodle at 2,627. A well-played game by all! And the true winners are our struggling neighbors who will receive these 5,633 cans of soup when they are in need. Thanks so much to all who contributed!



TSLC Volunteer Lawn Mowing Team **HELP WANTED!**



Would you be willing to take a turn mowing the church lawn during the 2018 lawn mowing season?

Equipment provided and your commitment will only be for the
14 State Road property and the week (s) you sign up for.

See the "Sign Me Up!" Volunteer Lawn Mowing Team
interest sheet posted on the bulletin board outside the church office.

Scheduling sign-ups to follow.

Thank you!

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Robin Garlick
Frank Guswiler
Ryan Smith
Derek Vogelsong
Barbara Menegat
Richard Holler
Brenda Wood
Logan Liebel
Abigail Lefin
Robert Warren
Stephanie Schank
Forrest Cleaver
Rebecca Heimbach

Lawrence Rider
Ronald Beers
Joseph Kotinsky
Thomas Kerstetter
Lee Seitz
Lee Yohn
Matthew Giordano
Mary Deitch
Jane Coover
Becky Jo Knisely
Bradford Ray
Doris Gochenaur

Andrew Pagel
Adam Keister
Daryl Gochenauer
Cameron Weiser
Denise Palmer
Dawn Rupp
Donald Milbrand
Anne Luley
Luke Belski
Patricia Harbold
Amanda Kemp
James Miller

Judith Durnin
Kevin Cashman
Stephen Boone
Zachary Mullins
William Lefin
Cole Genchur
Caleb Eichelberger
Ronald Stephens
Donna Rager
Judith Seitz
Braxton Boyer
Christian Hagen-Frederiksen

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

NAMES IN BOLD ARE HOMEBOUND MEMBERS.

Notes of Thanks



The Shawl Ministry– Next meeting notice & Thank you notes

Our March meeting will be held on **March 25th** (Palm Sunday) in the church lounge at 3:00 p.m. Join us, as we work on prayer gifts and fellowship together as the Spirit guides our ministry. Happy to report that in January these items were blessed during the worship service and will be distributed as needed in the coming months. Please let us know of anyone who might like to receive a prayer gift from Trindle Spring.

Blessed: (1) shawl, (11) blankets, (4) children's sweaters, (12) hat and scarf sets, (48) hats, and (17) scarves. Thanks to all of the members of our congregation and those outside of our congregation that made and contributed these items. We are truly blessed by your support of our mission.

Dear Members of The Shawl Ministry,

Recently, my husband and I received two beautifully knitted PRAYER SHAWLS. The warmth they will provide us will be a forever reminder of your love, as well as the love of our Lord and Savior, Jesus. We feel very special! THANK YOU from the bottom of our hearts. God bless you ALL. - Jean and Fred Dent (Parents of Linda Yohn)

THANK YOU NOTES - HURRICANE HARVEY VICTIMS

Charlotte Torster, Houston, TX

Your kindness comes as a welcome touch and sign of caring. As a Harvey victim, many thanks for the lovely knitted blanket. Yours in Christ

Kay and Surinder Sahai, Cypress, TX

Words cannot express our heartfelt gratitude and great surprise to receive the beautiful handmade prayer shawl you gifted to Messiah Lutheran Church in Cypress, TX., for church families flooded during Tropical Storm Harvey. We are overwhelmed by your thoughtful generosity and the love and care this shawl represents. Thank you so much for the lovely Christmas gift. May God's grace and peace bless your church, its ministry and each of you in 2018, thank you.

Linda Galow, Cypress, TX

We are the recipients of one of your shawls. I wanted to take a moment to thank you all for the lovely gift. My husband and I flooded during Hurricane Harvey in Cypress, TX. This was actually the second time we had flooding in a 16 month period. Although this disaster has caused much heartache for so many people, our experience has been positive in terms of seeing our community come together and the support of wonderful people like you. We are close to finishing our remodeling so we can now see how truly blessed we've been with the support of so many people. Your shawl matches our paint colors and will proudly be displayed on a chair in my house. So just a note to let you know how you've brightened our days. Merry Christmas to all from Texas.

Barb and Walt Harremann, Cypress, TX (See the entire letter and pictures on the bulletin board)

Thank you so very much for the shawl - a very visible sign of your prayers for us. I have posted your tag on the wall of the bedroom we are currently staying in and read the prayer on it often. (They have been flooded twice and their story like many, is heart breaking to read.) It has been 4 months and we are on a list for a FEMA trailer, but in the meantime we are living out of a duffle bag in the bedrooms of church members. Our congregation has been our family - another place we've seen God in the storm. Thank you for your kindness.



Notes of Thanks

The Shawl Ministry– Cont'd

THANK YOU NOTES - CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS TO FAMILIES OF FALLEN SOLDIERS

Parents of Francis Toner IV

We are thankful - year after year - you never forget! Please know it is much appreciated!

Mother of SPC Ross McGinnis

I want to thank you for the beautiful wooden ornament sent to me again this year. But more importantly, thank you for remembering the life of my son. It was **11 year ago, on Dec. 4, that he died**, and he is still terribly missed. But with my faith to sustain me, I know that I will see him again one day. Your outreach ministry is so heartwarming and I hope will continue as it gives me and hopefully others much joy. Thank you to your team and the congregation members for their thoughts and prayers.

Family of CPL Kyle Schneider KIA 6/30/11

Thank you for remembering our Family, and honoring our beloved son who was killed in action. Your kindness made our day. The ornament was displayed in our arrangement at the dinner table, so all who visited could appreciate the beauty and kindness of the ornament. Thank you for all you do. In faith and prayer.

Parents of SSG Noah Korte KIA 12/27/11

Thank you for the beautiful ornament. I know that it was made with “love”, which makes it so special. Thanks you all for remembering.

Let the pleasure of the Lord our God be on us. O, Lord, give strength to the work of our hands.” Psalm 90:17

Thank you notes from Lois King:

I would like to send a heartfelt thank you to the social committee for the use of the fellowship hall On December 10, 2017 for my surprise birthday party! Special thanks to *Sandy Fertenbaugh* and *Norma McCartney* for setting up the food, table settings and preparation of sandwiches. It was an open invitation party to church members, relatives, friends and neighbors. It was a birthday that I thought I would never like to see. **Thank you for sharing in my special day. - Lois and family.**

To my family of faith at T.S.L.C.

Thank you for all the many, many prayers, the beautiful cards, well wishes and the many calls to my daughter to get the latest updates on my condition. I had hip replacement and several hours after surgery I suffered a massive heart attack. This put me in the ICU unit for 25 days! Thanks go out to *Pastor Aaron* for his travels to Lancaster Regional Hospital. Also, many thanks to those who visited me at Claremont Rehabilitation Center. I really appreciated the fine beautiful arrangements from the altar. Special thanks to *Howard and Beverly Hertzler* for their many cards, notes and chuckles on a weekly basis, which I looked forward to. Again, from the bottom of my heart, thank you for everything! - **In Christian love, Lois.**

Thank you for your giving! Between February and March our TSLC Family gave 126 pounds of food items to New Hope. Your giving makes a difference in your community. Thank you for providing help for the needy!”-New Hope Ministries

Thank you for your gift (s) given to your synod, received by Lutheran Disaster Response, mid-August through December. Your gifts help to supply much needed water and generators, and support for long term recovery. Thank you so much! In the light and life of Christ, **Daniel Rift Director, ECLA World Hunger and Disaster Appeal**

Notes of Thanks

The Outreach Committee extends a heartfelt thanks for your generous contributions to the Share Christmas appeal for the ELCA Hurricane Relief Fund. Your contributions of **\$1961** will benefit the victims of Hurricanes Irma, Maria, and Harvey in Texas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Puerto Rico, Haiti, the Dominican Republic, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and other locations impacted by the powerful hurricanes. The Sunday School children raised an additional **\$150** used to purchase books that have been sent to a (church) pre-school in Cypress, TX.

Thank you, Church family for your prayers, many cards and phone calls. It really means a lot to me. - **Lucy Coover**

Dear friends at Trindle Spring,
Thank you for all the prayers, cards, phone calls, meals and well wishes received during my recent hospitalization. Also, thanks to Pastor Aaron for his phone calls and visits. It is so nice to have such a caring church family. God bless you all.-
Sandy Fertenbaugh

Thank you for the gift box! I really enjoyed it!
-**Cale Witmer**

Dear TSLC Family,

Thank you for all your prayers, visits, cards, and well wishes during my recent hospital stay and ongoing healing time. I am truly blessed by your love and support! - **Robin Cleaver**

Thank you for your generous support in 2018 of Stephen Deal and Marta Giron, ELCA Missionaries in Central America! - **Andrew G. Steele Director, ELCA Global Church Sponsorship**

APPRECIATION and SPECIAL THANK YOU!

I wish to express my personal "Thank You" for your prayers, friendships, blessings and encouraging comments of success for my recent hospital stays after surgery. I wish to especially "thank" the following:

*Pastor Aaron for his uplifting prayers for hope and guidance for my successful recovery and God's help for the hospital staff and surgeons.

*Pastor Sigrid for her visit and prayer for a quick recovery a few hours after surgery. I enjoyed the chat and comfort gained by your visit.

*Beverly and Howard for their regular "notes of expression" that gave me a quick pick-me-up, a full grin, some chuckles and a little laughter.

Finally, a "special thank you" to the members of the congregation who gave me encouragement with their prayers, concerns of friendship, cards to get well soon and a warm smile of confidence.

Thanks, - **Marlin Yohn, Sr.**

We wish to extend our thanks and gratitude to the clergy and members of Trindle Spring Lutheran Church for all the cards, calls, visits, prayers, and acts of kindness during the illness and passing of Marlin Wood.

Family and friends are the greatest treasures we can gather up on earth. Hope, faith and fond memories are what sustain us. You have provided comfort and solace during this time of grieving.

Bless each and every one of you.

- **The Family of Marlin Wood**



Fellowship & Outreach

Fellowship Activities Save the Date!

- ♦ “I Can Only Imagine” movie outing – April 8th
- ♦ Senators Baseball Game – Friday, June 15th
- ♦ Fall Hike and Hot Dog Roast – October 7th
- ♦ Advent Event – November 25th



This year the **Outreach Committee** has selected Health Ministries of Christ Lutheran Church in Harrisburg, PA to receive our Lenten Offering. This ministry was started by Pastor Jody Silliker (who is also an RN) to identify who was falling through the cracks of the healthcare system, and to help those folks either access the services they needed, or when necessary, to create those services. This mission is imperative to extend the healing mission of Jesus Christ and view health care as a human right. They are dedicated to care for the poor.

In addition to receiving to monetary donations, we are also collecting the following small items, which are given to those attending the medical clinic: toothpaste, cough drops, hand sanitizers. The children's Sunday School classes will visit the adult classes to collect these items. There is a bin in The Outreach Corner.

To also donate, please use the designated 'Lenten Appeal' envelope or give electronically on the TSLC website.

THANK YOU FOR CARING FOR THE NEEDY BY CONTRIBUTING TO THIS APPEAL.

Serving at Project SHARE

Project SHARE (Survival Help and Recipient Education) is an interfaith cooperative effort, begun in 1985, involving over 66 local congregations, schools, and civic organizations. Contributions of food, money, and volunteerism provide essential basic assistance to more than 1000 families each month in Carlisle and the surrounding communities. One of the primary ways this organization serves those in need is through its food distribution. Each month, during the week of the third Thursday, boxes containing one week's groceries for a family of four are distributed. Project SHARE relies on volunteers to facilitate this distribution, and on **Saturday, March 17**, Trindle Spring will be part of that ministry.

All ages are welcome to be part of this servant event! There's a job for everyone. Even young kids can help; it's a great ministry for families to participate in together. The time commitment would involve being at Project SHARE from 8:00 a.m. to around 11:30 a.m. on Saturday 3/17. We are looking for a group of about 15 people. You can sign up on the bulletin board outside the church office. Any youth who plan to participate without a parent will need to turn in a permission slip to Pastor Sigrid; permission slips can be found by the sign-up sheet.

Please sign up by Sunday, March 11.

Care Packages for TSLC Youth Away From Home

We are collecting items up through March 11th.

Every semester we send care packages to members away from home, filled with snacks, knick-knacks and a little note from their TSLC family.

All donated items should be individual packages of personal-sized portions and placed in the designated box located in the Narthex.

Suggested Items:

Hot Chocolate Packets, Granola/Cereal Bars, Gum, snack sized candy bars, Tea or Coffee, Instant Oatmeal, Microwave Popcorn, Fruit Snacks, Pop-Tarts, Pudding, Applesauce, Crackers, Cookies, Pretzels
Post It Notes, Pencils, Pens, Highlighters
Fun items such as bubbles, bouncy balls, etc.
Please no drink boxes or pouches as their weight increases mailing costs.

If your son or daughter is in college or away from home please make sure the church office has their current address. If you have any questions, feel free to call Kristin Cleaver at the church office-717-766-7091. Thank you.

Looking Ahead



2018 Easter Lily order form

I /we would like to place _____
lilies in the sanctuary on Easter Sunday.
\$8.50 (6" pot - 4 to 5 blooms)

In memory of _____

In thanksgiving for _____

Given by _____

Please pick up your lily following the 10:30 am service on
Easter Sunday, April 1st.

**Deadline for orders is Sunday, MARCH 25. Please place order forms, along
with payment, in the church secretary's mailbox.**

April 4, 2018 #RALLY2ENDRACISM

The National Council of Churches is undertaking a long-term truth-telling and racial justice initiative. The public launch will take place in the context of a major rally on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. on **Wednesday, April 4, 2018** to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Martin Luther King's assassination and to recommit ourselves to the urgent work of ending racism. ELCA Presiding Bishop Eaton and other church wide staff, as well as Lower Susquehanna Synod Bishop Dunlop and other synod staff will be present. More information will be available soon.

April 22, 2018 WALK FOR HOPE- Join the TSLC Team

Gather your family and friends to join the Trindle Spring team in the **Walk For Hope**. This is a major fund raiser for New Hope Ministries. How does it work? Walkers register for the walk online at the New Hope Ministries website and then ask family, friends, and co-workers to sponsor them. On the day of the walk, lace up your sneakers and bring your sponsor donations to the walk. It is that simple! The 2018 Walk For Hope will be held Sunday, **April 22nd** at the Hampden Township Park on Sporting Hill Road. Registration the day of the event begins at **1:30 pm and the walk begins promptly at 2:00 pm**. This is a great fun-filled event that will benefit our community through New Hope Ministries. Walkers of all ages are encouraged. You can walk as little or as far as you want. If you have any questions, contact Diane Brevig at diane.brevig2@gmail.com.

MAY 21, 2018 LUTHERAN DAY OF ADVOCACY

Join LAMPa (Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in PA) in Harrisburg on **May 21** for inspiration, education, and participation - in worship, service, and advocacy - with a focus on a powerful element in our life together: water. We are drowned and reborn in it at our baptism. The promises made at the font recall God's covenant reminder in Amos to "let justice roll down" like it. And, in Pennsylvania, we are surrounded by it - with more miles of waterways than any of the other lower 48 states. We will consider our response to the status of being the most flood-prone state in the U.S. and the fact that nearly one third of our waterways are impaired. Most importantly, we will explore how we can be "church" together in Pennsylvania, so that justice might "roll

March 2018 Church Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4 Lent 3 Worship 8:00 & 10:30 am Christian Ed. 9:15 am				1 Quilting 8-11 am Bell Choir 6:30 pm Brass 6:30 Chancel Choir 7:30 pm	2 Bible Study 7:00 am	3 New Life Group 7:30 pm
4 Lent 3 Worship 8:00 & 10:30 am Christian Ed. 9:15 am	5	6 Easter Egg making 8am-2pm GFWC 6:30 pm Christian Ed. 7:00 pm CPAL 7:00 pm Fellowship 7:30 pm	7 Lenten Soup & Bread Supper 6:00 pm Lenten Worship 7:00 pm Stewardship 7:30 pm	8 Quilting 8-11 am Bell Choir 6:30 pm Brass 6:30 pm Chancel Choir 7:30 pm	9 CPARC Dance 5-8:30pm Bible Study 7:00 am	10 Men's Breakfast 7:30 am Second Saturday 4:00 pm New Life Group 7:30 pm
11 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS Lent 4 Worship 8:00 & 10:30 am Christian Ed. 9:15 am Level 3 Conf. 3:30-5:00 pm Koinonia 5:00- 7:00 pm College Care package last day for collection.	12 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	13 Easter Egg making 8am-2pm Council 7:00 pm	14 CPARC Training 10:00 am Lenten Soup & Bread Supper 6:00 pm Lenten Worship 7:00 pm	15 West Shore Conf. Meeting 10:00 am Quilting 8-11 am CPARC Training 6:00 pm Bell Choir 6:30 pm Brass 6:30 pm Chancel Choir 7:30 pm	16 Bible Study 7:00 am Esh's Country Kitchen Dinner Outing 6:30 pm CPARC Training	17 Project SHARE 8- 11:30 am New Life Group 7:30 pm
18 Lent 5 Worship 8:00 & 10:30 am Christian Ed. 9:15 am MALC Confirmation (at TSLC) 5-8:00 pm	19 Senior Luncheon T. J. Rockwell's—Mech. 11:30 am	20 Easter Egg making 8am-2pm KYCS 6:00 pm Worship & Music 7:00 pm Property 7:00 pm Parish Life 7:00 pm	21 Newsletter Assembly 9:00 am—11:30 am Lenten Soup & Bread Supper 6:00 pm Lenten Worship 7:00 pm Evangelism 7:30 pm	22 Quilting 8-11 am Bell Choir 6:30 pm Brass 6:30 pm Chancel Choir 7:30 pm Y&F Middle-High Team 7:00 pm	23 Bible Study 7:00 am	24 Walk Through Holy Week 10:30 am-12:00 pm New Life Spaghetti Dinner 1- 8pm (Includes prep. time) New Life Group 7:30 pm
25 Palm Sunday Worship 8:00 & 10:30 am Christian Ed. 9:15 am Shawl Ministry 3:00 pm Lily orders due today.	26	27 Easter Egg making 8am-2pm	28 Lenten Soup & Bread Supper 6:00 pm Lenten Worship 7:00 pm	29 Maundy Thursday 7:00 pm	30 Good Friday Stations of the Cross 11:30 am Prayer Walk 12:00 pm Tenebrae Service 7:00 pm	31 New Life Group 7:30 pm

Google Calendar

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>

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**Daylight Saving Time begins
March 11th.**
**Don't forget to turn your
clocks ahead!**

Trindle Spring Lutheran Church Mission Statement

Trindle Spring Lutheran Church:
Claimed by God in Baptism
Fed by Christ in Worship
Led by the Spirit in love for one
another and the world.

LOVE LIFE
LIVE  **LENT**
TRANSFORM YOUR WORLD

**April newsletter
deadline is:
March 12 for all
article entries.**