

MISSION STATEMENT- Claimed by God in baptism; Fed by Christ in worship; Led by the Spirit in love for one another and the world.

**Trindle Spring Lutheran Church
Mechanicsburg, PA**

September 2019

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is hard to believe, but fall is upon us. Hopefully most of our 90+ degree days are behind us as our kids have gone back to school, and Sunday School kick-off is just around the corner. Fall is an incredibly busy time of the year here at Trindle Spring Lutheran. Many of our regular ministries start another programmatic year and the halls of the Sunday School wing fill with the sounds of children's voices. Church life goes back to taking on some of its regular routine and predictability, like two worship services at 8:00am and 10:30am, with Sunday School in between at 9:15am that resumes on September 8th.

In addition to returning to our regular worship schedule, on September 8th at 9:15 am we gather (adults, youth, and children together) in order to kick off another Sunday School year. Then, on the afternoon of September 8th you are all invited to join people across the ELCA who are serving in their community during God's Work, Our Hands Sunday. This day of service is designed to help people around our communities, and also to provide a public witness to our faith in our community. Please consider signing up on the office bulletin board for one of the service opportunities.

On the evening of September 15th, we have our first Koinonia night of the year. Koinonia is an evening that begins with dinner together and then a program for school-age kids and families to be together in groups in order to explore topics of faith in daily life. There are Middle-High, Elementary, and a parents group that meet during Koinonia.

September also marks the beginning of another year of quilt making for our quilters who meet each week on Thursday mornings. Those are just a few of the many activities that are going on this fall here at TSLC. The biggest question that each of us needs to answer is, what ministry would you like to learn more about, try out for the first time, or continue because it has proven to be a meaningful ministry for you. Our faith calls us to action, so I would encourage you to explore the many ministries that are starting up again for the school year, and see if one of them is a good fit for you. If you have questions or need a little help finding one to try, please come talk to me and I will try my best to help you.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Aaron

The September 2019 Newsletter is dedicated to the glory of God and in honor of and thanksgiving for the youth of TSLC, who serve as Acolytes, by Joann G. Keefer.

Notes from the Office

ORGAN UPDATE

On Sunday, August 11th at a congregational meeting a motion was approved to move forward with replacing our organ with a new digital organ. To fix all of the issues with our current organ would have cost between \$70,000 and \$120,000, and so it makes sense to get a new one for just under \$80,000. It is our hope that the organ will be built and installed before Christmas 2019. But that depends partly on us as a congregation. Just a week after the project was approved, we already have about \$30,000 in hand. That enables us to place the order for the organ, and we will then continue to raise the rest of the funds over the course of the next few months. Any donations should be marked “organ fund” to ensure they get put in the correct fund. Gifts to the organ fund can also be made on the church website as well. If you have any questions about the process, please contact Pastor Aaron.

CHURCHWIDE UPDATE

Every three years the ELCA sends voting members from all over the country to the Churchwide Assembly. This body makes decisions on behalf of the ELCA. This year, the assembly met August 5th-10th in Milwaukee. Below is a bulleted summary of items and major decisions made at the churchwide assembly.

- The Assembly celebrated 50 years of the ordination of women.
- Bishop Elizabeth Eaton was elected to serve a second term as Presiding Bishop of the ELCA.
- Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton and ELCA Church Council Members presented to the African Descent Lutheran Association a Declaration of the ELCA to people of African Descent.
- The Assembly voted and adopted the ELCA Social Statement: Faith, Sexism and Justice: A Call to Action.
- The Assembly voted and declared the ELCA to be a Sanctuary Church Body.
- The Assembly voted to support the World Council of Churches’ “Thursdays in Black” campaign against gender-based violence.
- The Assembly voted and adopted, “A Declaration of Inter-Religious Commitment: A Policy Statement of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.”
- The Assembly voted and adopted a resolution to mark June 17 as a date to commemorate the Emanuel Nine – the nine people killed at Mother Emanuel Methodist Church June 17th, 2015 in Charlotte, SC .
- The Assembly elected Deacon Sue Rothmeyer as the Secretary of the ELCA.

There are plenty of other items that were taken up at the assembly, but these are the major highlights. Over the next few months, here at Trindle Spring we will begin to explore the ELCA Social Statements and Messages, and we will also have more discussion about the topic that made national news, the ELCA memorial to be a Sanctuary church body. Know that there will be more conversation about this and other topics here at TSLC, but for now you can read what Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton wrote about what it means to be a sanctuary church body.

“In its simplest form, becoming a sanctuary denomination means that the ELCA is publicly declaring that walking alongside immigrants and refugees is a matter of faith.

In baptism, we are brought into a covenantal relationship with Jesus Christ that commits us to strive for justice and peace in all the earth. Following the example of Martin Luther, we believe that advocacy is a crucial expression of baptismal identity. As a church, we have advocated for stopping the detention of children and families for decades. We have spoken out against family separation, sought a pathway to citizenship for community members who have lived in the U.S. for many years, and have taken steps to address the root causes of migration in a way that honors the humanity in people who must flee.

Being a sanctuary denomination means that we, as a church together, want to be public and vocal about this work. It will look different for everyone, but welcoming people is not a political issue for us – it is a matter of faith.” If you have any questions about the process, please contact Pastor Aaron.

Notes from the Office

Income & Expense Report (General Fund) Jan – July 2019

Income	
Offering	243,771
Misc. Income	1,959
<small>(ie: Thrivent Choice, Community Aid, Building Use, Donations, etc.)</small>	
Total Income	245,729
Expense	
<u>Ministry to Others</u>	
Outreach Ministry	29,887
Evangelism	1,376
Parish Life	(1,839)
<u>Ministry within Our Congregation</u>	
Christian Education	2,666
Fellowship	4,365
Keeping Our Church Safe	-
Stewardship	-
Worship & Music	5,154
Youth & Family Ministry	3,317
<u>Administration</u>	
Archives	-
Property (building maintenance)	66,423
Office Management (administration)	7,713
Salary/Support	137,101
Vision of Ministry	-
Total Expense	256,163
Net Income	(10,434)

IN SEPTEMBER

Last single service **Sept 1**
 Choir practice begins **Sept 5**
 Bell Choir practice starts **Sept 5**
 Quilters start **Sept 5**
Two Sunday services begin **Sept 8 (8 & 10:30)**
 Sunday School Kick-off **Sept 8**
 God's Work. Our Hands. **Sept 8**
 Koinonia starts **Sept 15**
 Care package collection starts **Sept 22**
 ALiVE! at Nawakwa for Middle-schoolers **Sept 27-29**

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP BAGS

Worship bags are available outside the sanctuary. These bags, available for any children to take with them into worship, contain a variety of books and activities for children to make use of. One other piece found in the bags is a felt set for kids to use to follow along with the communion liturgy—they're invited to drape the "stole" around their necks, and to hold up the felt wafer and chalice as the pastor blesses each element at the altar. TSLC wants children and their families to feel welcome in worship, and we hope these bags are one way to enrich the kids' experience and give caregivers a helping hand.



Church Council Nominations

The nominating committee to discuss Church Council nominations will start meeting again soon. If you have an interest in serving on council, or if you have someone you would like to nominate, please contact the church office. (717-766-7091)

Quilters Welcome!

The TSLC Quilters will be starting again on Thursday, **September 5th (8:00 am)** 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.



COLLEGE BOUND?

Any students who are heading off to college, please let the church office know your new address so we can keep in touch with you and periodically send "care packages" from your church family. **We can also email your newsletter to you!** Please send your updates/email address to- office@trindlespringlutheran.org, place in the Parish Administrator's mailbox, or call the office at 717-766-7091. *Thank you!*

Notes from the Office

From the Worship and Music Committee

The summer is just about at an end and we are gearing up for our Fall schedules. **With that in mind, would you please check out the schedules for Lay Readers, Communion Assistants, Greeters, and Acolytes (yes, adults can acolyte too!), on the bulletin board next to the kitchen?** If you can sign up when you have your calendar with you and can pick the date you may like, it would be helpful, and needless to say we will not bother you on the phone or track you down while at church to sign you up. :->)

Thank you so much for your support.

**We
were made
for
WORSHIP!**

Blessing of the Animals

Animals are an amazing part of God's creation, and pets are an important part of our lives. Trindle Spring is joining with other churches around Mechanicsburg to hold a "Blessing of the Animals" service at **2:00pm on Sunday, October 13th**. The brief service will be held at the Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Park in Mechanicsburg. Please bring your beloved pet (s) and a lawn chair or blanket to sit on.

Reminder

The last single Sunday service will be September 1. We will resume our regular schedule on September 8, when the Sunday Schedule will be:

8:00 a.m. Worship Service
9:15 a.m. Christian Education
10:30 a.m. Worship Service

ZUMBA

Meets every Tuesday in the *Fellowship Hall at 6:00 p.m.!
(Women only.) (Cost \$5/class)

(*Check the church calendar to confirm location.)



GIVING ONLINE THROUGH VANCO

Take time now to set up automatic recurring contributions and then you can view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the Internet.

Follow these easy steps:

Generosity
changes everything

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 to various listed funds
5. **For any questions, or for a demonstration of how to set it up online, contact anyone on the Stewardship Committee or call the church office.**

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."

In Worship This Month...

Sunday, September 1 ~ 12th Sunday after Pentecost

In our Scripture readings this Sunday, the book of Hebrews explores the marks of a holy life, and in Luke, Jesus invites us into humility and hospitality. This Labor Day weekend is our last Sunday with one combined service.

Sunday, September 8 ~ 13th Sunday after Pentecost

Jesus calls us to consider carefully the costs of discipleship. This Sunday we also kick off and give thanks for the new program year. **This will be our first Sunday returning to our regular worship schedule: 8:00 worship, 9:15 Christian Education, and 10:30 worship.**

Sunday, September 15 ~ 14th Sunday after Pentecost

As a shepherd seeks a lost sheep or a woman seeks a lost coin, even more does God seek out all who have wandered and rejoices when they are found. As Paul's first letter to Timothy reminds us, "The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners."

Sunday, September 22 ~ 15th Sunday after Pentecost

With a curious story about a dishonest manager who is commended for his shrewdness, Jesus invites his disciples to be creative and diligent in their stewardship of God's gifts. The prophet Amos calls for that stewardship to be marked by compassion and justice for those most vulnerable.

Sunday, September 29 ~ 16th Sunday after Pentecost

The readings this Sunday warn us of the snare of wealth and of the damage it can do to our hearts and our lives, as well as to the lives of our neighbors. Jesus speaks of a kingdom in which the poor are lifted up and the rich are sent away empty.

"God's Work. Our Hands." Sunday

Sunday, September 8, 2019

Once again this September we will be participating in an afternoon of service, as part of the larger ELCA "God's Work. Our Hands." Sunday. There will be multiple options for serving as there have been in previous years:

- **Wittel Farm Growing Project** – This year 7 acres of the Wittel Farm are under cultivation, as a partnership of Hunger-Free Lancaster and the Lutheran Camping Corporation. This project is focused on growing fresh vegetables for hungry people. Volunteers are needed to help harvest the vegetables or do whatever needs to be done that day. The Wittel Farm is located in Elizabethtown.
- **Kits, blankets, and mats** – Gather at TSLC to participate in a number of different projects. Operation Warm Hearts will be leading a couple of options, such as tying fleece blankets and making "plarn" for mats for the homeless. We will also put together LWR Personal Care Kits.
- **P.E.T. Carlisle (Mobility Worldwide)** – Assembling rugged, 3-wheeled carts that are shipped around the world to enable those who are unable to walk to gain dignity and independence. Jobs include sewing, cutting wood, painting, assembling, sorting tools, and more.

****Please sign up for an option by September 1 on the bulletin board beside the church office.****

Trindle Spring Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes (Draft)
August 13, 2019

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES OF TSLC COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 13, 2019

ATTENDANCE: Present: Robin Cleaver (President), Brian Keister (Vice President), Jason L. Swartley (Secretary), Pastor Erdley, Pastor Hipkiss, Ruth Knaub, Joanna McIntyre, Myra Badorf, Erika Sterling, Erica Reinfeld, Carlotta Strohl, and David Boose. Absent: Bob Witmer and John Talton.

CALL TO ORDER: TSLC Council President Cleaver, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

OPENING DEVOTIONS: Pastor Erdley led a study of Hebrews 11:29- 12:2; These verses detail stories of faith; stories of joy and triumph through faith and trials that tested faith. These references present a cloud of faithful saints or cloud of witnesses... teaching that through faith in perseverance or endurance will be built preparing us for what is to come. Verse 39 is the turning point. Even though the stories provide examples of great faith resulting in promised outcomes for the faithful, each faithful person received even more through Jesus' death for our salvation.

MEETING MINUTES OF PRIOR TSLC COUNCIL MEETINGS AND SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: President Cleaver called for a review and discussion of any errors or suggested modifications to the June 11, 2019 Council Meeting as amended, July 21, 2019 Council Special Meeting, Emergency Electronic Council Vote Ended on July 31, 2019(Erica did vote was still unanimous) and August 11, 2019 Special Congregational Meeting minutes (must be approved at next congregational meeting)... Following a period for review and discussion, a motion was presented and duly seconded to adopt the minutes as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

Visitor Bruce Seagrist spoke about the ELCA Churchwide Assembly, and the 2016 taskforce report on racism of people of African descent that was given this year at the 2019 assembly.

(Re: All Reports - See copies on the bulletin board in the hallway at church or ask the Parish Administrator to copy off and mail to you or email to you.)

TREASURER'S REPORT: Liaisons need to look at with your committees. The reports were accepted as presented subject to audit.

SENIOR PASTOR'S REPORT: Report attached as submitted.

ASSOCIATE PASTOR'S REPORT: Report attached as submitted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/BUSINESS: The Christian Education (doors and drills), Fellowship, and Outreach Ministry, minutes, reports, notes attached as submitted.

Trindle Spring Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes (Draft) August 13, 2019 (Cont'd.)

OLD BUSINESS: Organ...; Signal Project; have updated drawings, reviewed and believe they are accurate and meet our needs...waiting for updated agreements for her to sign; Flooring project...almost complete...contractor touch ups...molding up on 8/29...high school classroom left to be done...carpeting contractor has been good to work with. 2018 financial audit...see report...

NEW BUSINESS: 1) Pastor Erdley moves that TSLC opt out of being included in the Silver Spring Township historical list. Approved unanimously. 2) Conversation was had about the ELCA Churchwide Assembly. The assembly celebrated 50 years of ordination of women and a number of other topics. The Church Council talked about TSLC needing to learn more about the ELCA Social Statements. We need to make sure we have all the correct facts as we react to issues and ELCA decisions. Memorial from Metropolitan NY synod to become a sanctuary denomination.

GOOD AND WELL BEING:

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved at 9:00 PM.

NEXT MEETING: September 10, 2019 at 7PM.

KYCS NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!

Do you enjoy working directly or indirectly with children and youth?

We have many positions that need to be filled to assist us in providing our current programs.

Could you "play" with the children in the nursery? Could you be a guide for Vacation Bible School? Do you enjoy working in the kitchen preparing snacks? Could you be a helper for teachers?

If you can answer "YES" to any of these questions, then we ask that you prayerfully consider becoming an approved adult.

To obtain both required clearances, go to the following websites:

State Police - www.epatch.state.pa.us

PA Abuse Clearance - www.compass.state.pa

And then fill out the **TSLC Child Protection Application** (located on the bulletin board-Christian Ed Wing)

We will need all 3 items to then proceed with the process.

Please contact Deb Sterling at dsterling56@msn.com or Pastor Sigrid at PastorSigrid@trindlespringlutheran.org with any questions.

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

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SEPTEMBER 2019 BIRTHDAYS

Michelle Stauffer
Stephanie Matesevac
Madison Weiser
Lisa Talton
Gary Ingraham
Stacy Rider
Clark Eichelberger
Molly Jones
Robert Lowstuter
Owen Reed

Jennifer Lehman
Breslynn Kelly
David Lefin
Amy Ricedorf
Stella Eichelberger
Benjamin Knisely
Benjamin Eppley
Myrl A. Hersh
Jamie Miller
Aiden Ebbert

Caroline Eichelberger
Marlene Eppley
Mary Lou Kerstetter
Kevin Seagrast
Donald Harbold
Elisha Hallett
Gale Seaman
James Weaver
Joseph Breech
Judith Good

Dolores (Dee) Basehore
Susan Kirkman
Sid Deyo
Allen Miller
Susan Cupp
Trisha Reed
Marissa Wagner
Betsy Grigor
Erika Sterling

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

NO BIRTHDAY NAMES ON VISITATION LIST THIS MONTH.



New Hope Ministries Christmas Wishlist now available

**New Hope Ministries has their
Christmas Wishlist out already!
Please see copies of the list to take,
on the left bulletin board down
the hallway, past the kitchen.**



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Koinonia Kick-off

Koinonia starts again on Sunday, September 15, and you won't want to miss it! Koinonia is Trindle Spring's monthly time of fellowship and faith-building for children, youth, and their families. Everyone comes together at 5 p.m. for dinner, and then we break into our age groups for programming. There is a group for kids K-5, a youth group for 6-12th graders, and also a parent group. This parent group is a good opportunity for parents to talk about their questions and struggles and to support each other along the journey of Christian parenting. Koinonia is a great way for all ages to build community, engage in meaningful faith conversation, and have fun! We hope to see you there!



1 Timothy 4:12 -Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, and in purity.

ALiVE

ALiVE 2019
Middle School Youth Event
September 27-29, 2019
Camp Nawakwa



It's time to register for ALiVE! ALiVE is a retreat offered by the Lower Susquehanna Synod for students in 6-8th grades. This year it will be held **September 27-29, 2019** at Camp Nawakwa. ALiVE is a great opportunity for middle school youth to gather to make new friends, deepen relationships with old friends, and to worship, learn, sing, dance, play, talk, and share meals together. The theme for 2019 is, "**Hope.**" Life is full of challenges, but hope is the trust that God will fulfill God's promises to us in a way that leads us to true freedom. The total cost for ALiVE is \$132—families contribute the \$50 deposit for each child, and Trindle Spring pays the rest. (If the \$50 is a hardship, please let us know—scholarships are available.) If they have not yet done so, youth should turn in the ALiVE permission slip and check to Pastor Sigrid's mailbox by **September 1.**

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SECOND SATURDAY DINNER

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2019

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

TRINDLE SPRING LUTHERAN CHURCH
FELLOWSHIP HALL

YOU ARE INVITED! PLAN NOW!

MENU:

- Turkey Meatloaf
- Twice Baked Potatoes
- Schnitzel Beans
- Fresh Fruit Salad
- Assorted Breads, Muffins, Rolls
- Assorted Desserts
- Hot/Cold Beverages

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.

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 fellowship and a home-cooked meal!

TSLC Men's Breakfast

Join us for breakfast at the Middlesex Diner on the Carlisle Pike on

Saturday, September 14th, 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, SEPTEMBER 16TH
AT 11:30 A.M.

AT FLAVORS RESTAURANT,
5222 E. TRINDLE RD 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.



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 (717-766-7091).



Fellowship Committee Upcoming Events

Save the Dates:

- ⇒ September 21st - Murder Mystery Dinner Cruise on the Pride of the Susquehanna Riverboat (Reminder only- RSVP closed.)
- ⇒ October 6th - Fall Hike and Hot Dog Roast



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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 appts, 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, Diane Boone or the Parish Administrator.



FALL MEANS - TIME FOR CHOIR!!

After a well-deserved rest, it is time for our Chancel Choir and Bell Choir to come back together to lead our congregation in worship. Rehearsals for both ensembles will resume on **Thursday, September 5**. Bell Choir will rehearse in the Sanctuary from 6:30-7:30pm, and the Chancel Choir will rehearse from 7:30-8:30pm in the Choir Room. **ALL members age 14-114 welcome!** We will teach you what you don't know - all that is required is a love of music and a desire to make a joyful noise unto the Lord! See you on the 5th!



Care Packages for TSLC Youth Away From Home

It's time again to send care packages to the young members of the congregation that are away from home. Every semester we send them packages of snacks, knick-knacks and a little note from their TSLC family. (Feel free to write a note! Contact the church office for a list of names.)

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 Its	Pencils
Pens	Highlighters

Fun items such as bubbles, bouncy balls, etc.

* Please no drink boxes or pouches as their weight increases mailing costs. We will gratefully accept donations starting **Sunday, September 22nd through Sunday, October 20th**.

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 contact Kristin Cleaver.





Volunteer Opportunities

TSLC Decorating Team

Do we have any interior decorators in the house? Is decorating one of your many gifts? If so, **TSLC needs your help!**

We've done a lot of work sprucing up our church. Now it's time for our newly painted walls to come alive – welcoming all and intentionally telling the story of who we are as a church family.

If you have a talent for decorating and would like to get involved in this new ministry, please sign up on the sheet, posted outside the Parish Administrator's office, or see Robin Cleaver.

SMALL GROUP ADULT BIBLE STUDY STARTING THIS FALL.

Please come join us for a study of the book of Romans! All are welcome so please bring a friend. We will journey and share together while connecting with our Lord and Savior. No preparation is necessary, and you do not need to attend all of the sessions to benefit from our study. We will begin on **Monday, September 9, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.** and will continue every Monday until we finish. That's correct, we will progress at our own pace, spending as much or as little, time as our journey takes. Our study sessions will usually only last an hour, however sometimes we will be so immersed in Scripture and our discussion that we may stretch longer! The discussion will focus on the applicability of Paul's teaching in Romans to our lives as Christians in a world in which we are called to live in the Spirit.

What should you expect to gain during our study?

- 1) Deeper connections to your brothers and sisters in Christ.
- 2) A new small group growing together in our faith.
- 3) An opportunity to reflect on God's call for us to grow as disciples no matter where we are in our relationship with Christ.

Please contact Jason L. Swartley at jlswartley@gmail.com with any questions about the study.

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FALL HIKE and HOT DOG ROAST



As we bid good-bye to summer and welcome in fall with its crisp, cooler temperatures and brightly colored leaves, join the Fellowship Committee for a Fall Hike and Hot Dog Roast at Laurel Lake on **Sunday, October 6th**. The Hike will begin at 3:00 at Laurel Lake. For those not interested in the hike, there will also be BINGO at the picnic area. After the hike, we will enjoy a meal featuring a hot dog roast and s'mores for dessert. All food will be provided by the committee. If you are interested in carpooling to the Lake, meet at the church at 2:00. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board outside the church office. **Deadline for signing up is Sunday, September 29th. Please join us!**

SCHOOL KITS FOR LWR INGATHERING DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 29th

The School Kit Project for Lutheran World Relief is being sponsored again this year by the Christian Education committee. **Collection will start in September** so when you start your back-to-school shopping this month, please consider purchasing one or more of the items below to donate. A bin will be available in the Outreach corner to receive donations.

Items needed for each school kit include:

- Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide or college-ruled paper approximately 8" X 10½"; no loose leaf paper
- One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- One pencil sharpener
- One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
- Five ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band
- One box of 16 or 24 crayons
- One 2½" eraser



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The Shawl Ministry

September 8th will be our next Shawl Ministry meeting. It will be held in the church lounge at 3:00. Please enter the building through the door under the gazebo. If the door is locked, knock on the window of the lounge and we will come and let you into the building.

Thankful for all of the working hands that created 5 blankets, 1 baby blanket, 4 sweaters, 4 hats, 10 scarves, 1 hat set, 8 lap robes, and 9 shawls. These items were blessed during the worship service on August 11th and are now ready for distribution. Please notify us if you know of anyone who would like to receive one of our prayer gifts.

During our August meeting, one person learned how to make hats on a loom, one person worked on a plastic mat for the homeless and others were working on shawls and blankets. We are truly blessed to have so many people will to share their talents to work to support this ministry.

Please join us and contribute your skills, as we send God's love and grace to people in need.

Thank you from Nebraska - where we sent 33 prayer gifts to the Nebraska Synod to be distributed to victims of recent flooding:

Dear Christian Friends,

Thank you for the beautiful "Love Afghan". It is so heart warming to know someone cares to make something so nice. I am 86 years old and I appreciate hand work. My home was not flooded, but a lot of our town was. People are starting to repair their homes and starting over. Our county is small and we get our water from across the river. The pipeline was destroyed and is being redone, along with our bridge across the river. (Niobrara River Hwy 218.) Thank you again and God Bless you all.

P.S. My grandmother's people were from Lancaster, PA.

*Perhaps we'll meet in heaven, as long as Jesus is our Savior and Lord - heaven is our home.
In Christian Love,*

*Luceil Conklin
Lynch, NE*

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

A New Advent Devotional Booklet is Coming-2019!

The Committee will be meeting on **Tuesday, August 27th** to discuss our upcoming Advent devotional booklet. A topic will be chosen by our pastors, so more information will be coming your way soon.

If you are a willing writer kindly sign up on the bulletin board by the office. A committee member will definitely contact you. Thank you!



Parish News

Trindle Spring Lutheran Church Safety and Security Taskforce September 2019

Hello Church Family,

I'm not sure where summer went. Kids are back to school. In just over a month, the leaves will begin turning colors and falling. Time continues to fly by, whether we like it or not.

Fire Prevention Week is coming so for many of us that means nothing. But for kids in school they will be experiencing Fire Drills and Fire Departments will be doing presentations on fire safety, teaching principles like, "stop drop and roll" and having gathering areas outside.

Fire Prevention Week is October 6-12. We are planning our own fire drill here at Trindle Spring. While our drill will not be held during Fire Prevention Week, we have asked the pastors to remind everyone on a monthly basis of emergency exits. I would like to remind you, take a few minutes prior to the services to look around and ask yourself these questions; Who is near me, who will require special help getting out of the church during an emergency? Whether in church or at home, the best practice is always, to get a safe distance outside of the structure and call 911. Having said that, do you know where the fire extinguishers are located? Do you know how to operate them? How about the AED and First Aid Kits? If we fail to prepare, we should be prepared to fail.

I have been in contact with the State Department of Transportation and the Borough of Mechanicsburg regarding getting a crosswalk from the building located across the street to the corner of Church and State Roads. Because 3 different Government Offices were involved this has taken months. The Borough emailed me in late June. They said, they would be painting a crosswalk for us in a few weeks. While we "patiently" wait for the "Official Crosswalk" to be painted, we ask that everyone be very careful while crossing the street if parking near the old building. Traffic on State Road moves quickly and traffic on Church Road tends to pay more attention to cars on State Road than pedestrians walking across the street. Please be careful, watching for traffic all 3 ways before crossing.

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

Dennis Stoner

TSLC Halloween Float

This year the theme for the Trindle Spring Lutheran Church float will be, "Toy Story." If you are interested in being a part of the float building, please let Pastor Aaron know.

There are two other main ways to help with this year's float:

1. You can donate candy in the "tootsie roll" bins in the narthex. Last year we went through two bins' worth and still ran out before the end of the parade route.
2. The other way to help is by helping to paint the float on Saturday, September 28th from 9am-noon at the church.



Look for more information in future Sunday announcements, for items needed for building the float.





Notes of Thanks

Trindle Spring Church Family:

Thank you for your giving!



July 29, 2019 ~ Canned Goods/Laundry Detergent - 87 lbs.
Misc. Cans & Cereal - 85 lbs.
More cereal, bathroom tissue, hotdog rolls - 78 lbs.
August 2, 2019 Men's Depends 17 lbs.
Thank you for providing help for the needy.
New Hope Ministries, Mechanicsburg

Dear Trindle Spring Church Family,

Allen & I would like to thank Pastor Aaron for organizing, Cheryl (Parish Admin.) for publicizing, Pastor Sigrid for officiating and the congregation members who stayed to witness our 25th anniversary vow-renewal ceremony (on July 28th.) We appreciate everyone's support and well wishes as we start the next 25 years of our marriage.

Thanks,

Allen & Michelle Stauffer

TSLC Family,

Hello! Thank you so much for the continual support throughout my collegiate career! I really enjoyed receiving the care packages as they seemed to arrive every time I needed an energy boost or I needed to go to the grocery store.

I wanted to give you an update on where I stand at this point in my life journey. I graduated from West Chester University in December 2017 (4.5 years in order to obtain 150 credits to sit for my CPA exams) and received my Bachelor of Science degree after majoring in Accounting and Finance. During my fourth year at WCU, I had a winter internship with KPMG (one of the big four public accounting firms) that turned into a full-time job offer after graduation. However, in the summer following my internship, KPMG created a cohort program with nine schools around the country in which they would pay for your Master's degree. This program is called the Master's of Accountancy with Data & Analytics. I applied and secured a spot in this program, and in August 2018 instead of beginning full-time work I started graduate school at Villanova University.

Immediately after I graduated from WCU in 2017 and up until this past June I sporadically took all four parts of the CPA exam as well. Fortunately, I was lucky enough to pass each one on my first try. I just finished graduate school this past month as the program was only one year in duration. At this point I now am a CPA with my Master's of Accountancy and will begin working full-time as an auditor at KPMG starting September 9th.

Once again, thank you for the continual support, I really appreciate it!

Sincerely,

Connor Greiss



Family Promise ~ Thank you.

Thank you to everyone who participated in Family Promise, in any way. From your prayers to your financial giving, to cooking meals to staying overnight, your presence is a present to the homeless, in so many ways. God bless you!

The Family Promise Committee



SEPTEMBER 2019 Worship Assistants

Serving in Worship	September 1		September 8		September 15		September 22		September 29	
	9:15 am	8:00 am	8:00 am	10:30 am	8:00 am	10:30 am	8:00 am	10:30 am	8:00 am	10:30 am
Acolyte(s)	Colin Ingraham	Gavin Reinfield	Thomas Burns	Christian Giordano	Jack Ingraham	Ryan Talton	Ryan Smith	Brayden Pownell	Hannah Reed	
Greeter(s)	Roger Fugere Ellen Fugere	Donna Stone Sara Jane Basehore	Jim Duck Cindy Duck	Donna Schuchman	Gene McCartney Norma McCartney	Marty Baim Bonnie Baim	Irene Dillahey	Steve Kline Barb Kline	The Reed Family	
Lay reader	Sherry Stoner	Joy Grant	Cindy Duck	Steve Knaub	Ed Hipkiss	Nancy Luley	Nancy Hornberger	Barb Kline	Trisha Reed	
Communion Assistants	<u>Wine</u> David Boose Joy Grant	<u>Intinction</u>	<u>Intinction</u>	<u>Intinction</u>	<u>Intinction</u>	<u>Intinction</u>	<u>Intinction</u>	<u>Intinction</u>	<u>Intinction</u>	
Ushers * Team leader	Marlin Yohn* Pat Harbold Deb Rider Stacy Rider	Marlin Yohn* Pat Harbold Deb Rider Stacy Rider	Steve Vogelsong* Evelyn Vogelsong Wayne Martens William Book Janice Book Kenny Boyer	Marlin Yohn* Pat Harbold Deb Rider Stacy Rider	Steve Vogelsong* Evelyn Vogelsong Wayne Martens William Book Janice Book Kenny Boyer	Marlin Yohn* Pat Harbold Deb Rider Stacy Rider	Steve Vogelsong* Evelyn Vogelsong Wayne Martens William Book Janice Book Kenny Boyer	Marlin Yohn* Pat Harbold Deb Rider Stacy Rider	Steve Vogelsong* Evelyn Vogelsong Wayne Martens William Book Janice Book Kenny Boyer	
Nursery	Tracy Zerby Joyce Stine	Erica Reinfield	Diane Brevig	Erika Sterling	Deby Lefin	Robin Garlick	Sandy Greiss	Karen Liebel	Wendy Riceдорf	
Altar Guild * Team leader	Carlotta Strohl*, Janice Book, Joan Brodisch, & Ellen Fugere									

Note: If you can't make it to church, please contact the Team Leader of that area of ministry. Thank you.



SEPTEMBER 2019 TSLC Church Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Last day for one service. Worship 9:15 am Last Social & Snacks	2 Labor Day – Church Office closed.	3 GFWC 6:00 pm Zumba 6pm F. Hall Chris. Ed. 7:00 pm Fellowship 7:15 pm	4 Worship 7:00 pm Stewardship 7:30 pm	5 Quilting 8:00 am Bell Choir 6:30 pm Chancel Choir 7:30 pm	6	7 New Life Group 7:30 pm
8 Kick-Off Sunday Worship 8:00 & 10:30 am Christian Ed. 9:15 a.m. GWOH Sunday 2:00 p.m. Shawl Ministry 3:00 pm	9 TSLC Small Group Bible Study 6-7:00 pm	10 Parish Life - Shrine Meal 6:30 pm Zumba 6pm FUMC Church Council 7:00 pm	11 Worship 7:00 pm	12 Quilting 8:00 am Bell Choir 6:30 pm Chancel Choir 7:30 pm	13	14 Men's Breakfast 7:30 am Middlesex Diner Second Saturday 4:00-6:00 pm Fellowship Hall New Life Group 7:30 pm
15 Worship 8:00 & 10:30 am Christian Ed. 9:15 a.m. Koinonia 5:00 pm	16 Seniors Luncheon 11:30 am at Flavors Restaurant October Newsletter Article deadline TSLC Small Group Bible Study 6-7:00 pm	17 Zumba 6:00 pm F. Hall Parish Life 7:00 pm Property 7:00 pm Worship & Music 7:00 pm	18 Worship 7:00 pm Evangelism 7:30 pm	19 Quilting 8:00 am Bell Choir 6:30 pm Chancel Choir 7:30 pm	20 CPARC Dance "The Boogie Shoes" 6:00-8:00 pm F. Hall	21 New Life Group 7:30 pm
22 Worship 8:00 & 10:30 am Christian Ed. 9:15 a.m. Care Package Collection begins	23 TSLC Small Group Bible Study 6-7:00 pm	24 Zumba 6:00 pm F. Hall Outreach 7:00 pm	25 Worship 7:00 pm	26 Quilting 8:00 am Newsletter Assembly 9:00 a.m. in YAH room Bell Choir 6:30 pm Chancel Choir 7:30 pm	27 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">ALIVE! (CAMP NAWAKWA)</div>	28 New Life Group 7:30 pm
29 Worship 8:00 & 10:30 am Christian Ed. 9:15 a.m. INGATHERING (TBD) New Hope Food blessing ALIVE! (Camp Nawakwa)	30 TSLC Small Group Bible Study 6-7:00 pm Safety Taskforce Meeting 7:00 pm	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px;">PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH IN OCTOBER</div>				

