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May Pastor's Corner

Christ is Risen! Alleluia! It has been a privilege to journey with our congregation through Holy Week, from the cross to the grave, and then to arrive at Easter Sunday and celebrate the empty tomb and Jesus' Resurrection with these joyous shouts. Alleluia!

As a word of introduction, my name is Pastor Jason Felici, and I am thrilled to be serving as co-pastor at Trinity with my spouse, Pastor Jess. We are getting settled into our new home here in Latrobe, and still learning where things are in the church building (like light switches and which key is for which door)! I grew up in Wheeling, WV, graduated from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, and served for the last 10.5 years in the Eastern Mountains of West Virginia.

As we settle into our new routines and surroundings, it has been wonderful to meet so many people and see so many faces at worship. If you have been wondering whether or not now is the time to join us in worship, my invitation for you is to come and see! As resurrection people, we know that God works in our community of faith to bring new life and joy. God is working here at Trinity – and not only through the pastors. We have an incredible staff that has done so much through the pandemic and pastoral transition, committed council members, devoted committees, and energized volunteers throughout the congregation. We are committed to taking the momentum we gathered in Holy Week and Easter and letting that spread like the bursts of blooming flowers all around us.

We look forward to seeing you at worship, around town, and at church activities. If you happen to see us somewhere, please don't hesitate to come up and say hello.

Pastor Jason

Updates from the April 18, 2023 Council Meeting

- **Treasurer's Report**
 - ◊ Unified Giving was down in March, but attendance continues to grow.
 - ◊ The mortgage on the roof will be paid off in October, but at this time, giving to the Building Fund is down and payments are currently being supplemented by the church budget. Look for ways to help pay this off without creating an increased deficit.
- **Ministry Report**
 - ◊ Digital Ministry: Dana Shannon shared the new website and the new platform Trinity will be using to communicate, market, and allow for easier online giving. Training and more information will be offered.
 - ◊ Pastors' Report: The Felicis appreciate all the support they have received arriving in Latrobe. The initial start was difficult with family deaths, but they are getting acclimated and are becoming a part of everyday life at Trinity. They plan to spend the year observing the current routine of Trinity and seeing what is important to the congregation before making any major changes.
 - ◆ **Synod Assembly will be June 16-17th, online and in person at PennWest California. We can take 9 voting members.**
- Council members will continue to reach out to members who have not been at church in the last two years and invite the back to "Come and See" what is happening at Trinity.
- A motion from the Special Gifts Committee to approve the Special Gift Request form when making requests of the Special Gifts Committee was approved. The forms will be available in the church office.
- A motion to approve Felicis Letter of Transfer to Trinity was approved.
- The Annual Ministry Meeting will be on June 25 after the 10:45 service.

March Treasurer's Report

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Total Income	\$2,833.00	\$2,833.00	\$0.00
Total Expenses	\$49,211.19	\$64,394.00	(\$15,182.81)

"Thank you" does not do justice to the gratitude we feel for the love and support extended to us at the death of my mother. We are so glad to be a part of the family of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church and look forward to many years together. Your prayers and care for our whole family are yet another glimmer of ministry done in Jesus' name among this church.

Love,

Pastor Jess (and the whole family)



ELCA World Hunger

Offerings collected each week go a long way to bring hope to many in need. Thank you!

ELCA World Hunger Offerings YTD: \$2990.00

Mother Hubbard's Cupboard

(located in the front narthex or drop off in the office). In May we will be collecting Shampoo for the Greater Latrobe Food Pantry.



Baptism

Sienna Railynn Orzechowski—4/16/2023

Oaklee Mae Jones—4/16/2023

Atlas Derrik Jones—4/16/2023

Damaira Lyndauna Gess—4/16/2023

CAR HOP

Come join the fun at Trinity's 22nd Annual Car Hop Sunday, June 4, 2023 12:00noon—5:00pm Main & Weldon Street Parking Lots in Latrobe.

Featuring: Miss B Haven & Hammer Monster Trucks

Appearances by Keith Bronson Sr & Keith Bronson Jr's Dragcars




Trinity Youth & Teachers present the Palm Sunday Pageant



May 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
HEAD START WILL MEET AT 8:00AM MONDAY THRU FRIDAY UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED	1 1:00 Grief Group 5:00 Mason Dinner	2 9:00 Gardening 9:30 Prayer Group 10:00 Bible Basics 10:00 Shepherd Shop 11:00 Pericope 6:00 LaBlast 6:30 Executive 7:00 Handbells	3 9:00 WELCA Quilters 12:00 AA 6:30 Line Dancing 7:15 Choir	4 1:00 Purl of Prayers 3:45 Club FRED (Last one) 5:30-6:30 Shepherd Shop 6:00 BPW 6:30 Special Gifts 7:30 AA	5 12:00 AA	6 9:00 Fellowship 5:30 Spoken Communion
7 8:15 Holy Communion 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Holy Communion 12:00 Car Hop	8 10:00-12:00 Social Chit Chat 1:00 Grief Group	9 9:30 Prayer Group 10:00 Bible Basics 10:00 Shepherd Shop 11:00 Pericope 6:00 LaBlast 6:00 Finance 7:00 Handbells	10 9:00 WELCA Quilters 11:00 NCR 12:00 AA 5:30 Outreach 6:30 Line Dancing 7:15 Choir	11 1:00 Purl of Prayers 7:30 AA	12 12:00 AA	13 3:00 Mother's Day Banquet 5:30 Spoken Communion
14 8:15 Holy Communion 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Holy Communion 12:15 Drive Thru Communion	15 2:15 Loyalhanna Church Svc	16 9:30 Prayer Group 10:00 Bible Basics 10:00 Shepherd Shop 11:00 Pericope 6:00 LaBlast 6:30 Council	17 9:00 WELCA Quilters 12:00 AA 6:30 Line Dancing 7:15 Choir	18 1:00 Purl of Prayers 7:30 AA	19 12:00 AA 1:30 Esther Circle	20 9:00-12:00 Sisters In Christ 5 30 Spoken Communion
21 8:15 Holy Communion 9:30 Sunday School (Last one) 10:45 Holy Communion	22	23 Food Pantry @ St. Vincent Grove 7:30 Unload truck 8:15 All others 9-10:30 Distribution 9:30 Prayer Group 10:00 Bible Basics 10:00 Shepherd Shop 11:00 Pericope 6:00 LaBlast 7:00 Miriam Circle	24 9:00 WELCA Quilters 12:00 AA 6:30 Line Dancing	25 1:00 Purl of Prayers 7:30 AA	26 12:00 AA 5:30 TLC	27 5:30 Spoken Communion
28 8:15 Holy Communion 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Safety Mtg. 10:45 Holy Communion 12:15 Drive Thru Communion	29 BUILDING CLOSED 	30 9:30 Prayer Group 10:00 Bible Basics 10:00 Shepherd Shop 11:00 Pericope 6:00 LaBlast	31 9:00 WELCA Quilters 12:00 AA 6:00 Grief Group 6:30 Line Dancing			

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GARDEN FLOWER MEMORIAL GIFT

We invite you to make a memorial contribution toward the purchase of flowers and plants for the Reiner Garten and courtyard beds.

Name: _____

Amount: _____

In Memory Of: _____

In Honor Of: _____

*Please return this form to the church office
with your donation. Thank you.*

'Trinity Beautiful'

Trinity Beautiful is a name that was given many years ago to the outside areas of Trinity. Over the years there have been many people involved in caring for these areas. There have been members and non-members who have spent many hours planting and maintaining the flowers, shrubs, and trees. Many of these people are getting older and can't do what they have loved to do over the years.

If you are willing to step up and help this year these are suggestions of what you can do to help.

Planting summer annuals that is done in one or two days in May.

Watering of the annuals is done on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. If enough people are willing to help you could do one of these days for a month at any time of the day that suits you.

Cutting dead blossoms off perennials (deadheading) as needed.

Weeding as needed.

Gardening experience is not needed. Instructions are given.

This could be a great family activity.

Sign-up sheet is in the office hallway or contact

Karen Mowry at 724-516-8219 or

karencmowry@hotmail.com for questions.

Easter Egg Hunt at the Girl Scout Pavilion



Top Five Reasons to Send Your Kid(s) to Lutheran Summer Camp!

- 5). Kids who attend Lutheran Summer Camp get the chance to explore Creation and experience God's work in new ways.
- 4). Lutheran Summer Camp gives kids a chance to grow in confidence and independence in a safe environment.
- 3). Kids get to make lifelong friends and incredible memories.
- 2). Kids get to unplug from screens for an entire week.
- 1). Parents can fulfill the promises made in baptism to help kids grow in their faith!

If you are interested in learning more about sending your child to Lutherlyn or Sequanota, stop by the bulletin board across from the Office or speak to Pastor Jess or Pastor Jason!

More information can also be found at lutherlyn.com or sequanota.com.

Don't forget that Trinity has camperships available to help offset the cost of camp in addition to discounts available through the camps themselves.

SAVE THESE DATES!

Upcoming Fellowship Events

Mother's Day Dinner Reminder – Saturday May 13th – 3:00pm – Fellowship Hall – Must have purchased a ticket to attend.

Men's Communion Breakfast – Sunday, June 18th – Legion Keener Park – Tickets go on sale beginning May 21 in the Narthex following each service. Will also be available in the church office during the week.

Summer Family Event – Watch Trinity News for details.

Trinity Congregational Picnic – Saturday, August 19th – Noon – Peach Park near top entrance to Twin Lakes – Pavilion Next to Playground – covered dish, games, and lots of fun! Watch for complete details in the near future!



Good Friday Day Camp April 7, 2023

