



TRINITY TRIANGLE

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, LATROBE, PA
GROWING IN FAITH • REACHING OUT IN LOVE • MAKING DISCIPLES

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MONTH: NOVEMBER 2025

Pastor's Corner

The evenings are getting longer, the leaves are falling, and the temperatures are dropping! As things appear to be headed for the winter darkness, we pause to mark a time of Thanksgiving. Across the nation, this culminates in the holiday on the last Thursday of the month. In the church, we start the month with gratitude for the saints on earth, and the saints who have gone before us. All Saints Sunday is a day to remember people in our lives and in our congregation who showed us how to live as people of faith. Their lives were an embodiment of the believer's response to the grace we have received from Jesus Christ. We lift them up as examples that sustain us in our own journeys of faith – here and now.

Let us take time in November to look back at the year in gratitude before the business of Advent and Christmas take over. At Trinity, there is so much to be thankful for in all the ways that God has blessed us. Our attendance, giving, engagement, and outreach all continue to exceed our expectations! We find God calling new people into positions of leadership and service within the congregation. Our efforts to reach out and be a welcoming church have resulted in a number of families joining our congregation. Trinity, in collaboration with our Lutheran and ecumenical partners, is reaching those of our community with various needs through Grandparents Raising Grandchildren, Club FRED, Shepherd Shop & Tuesday Lunch – all of which are seeing increased numbers this year.

Pastor Jess, myself, and our family count ourselves as blessed to be here in Latrobe and in ministry with the saints of God at Trinity. Our congregation is a truly wonderful place that serves the community because we heed the call of Jesus and see him in our neighbors. May we continue in the faith we first received from Christ and have witnessed in the saints who from their labors now rest!

With Thanksgiving,
Pastor Jason

New Meal Ministry

Trinity has received a grant to start a meal ministry. Currently, it is being done through a Meal Train set up, with home cooked meals delivered to anyone who currently needs a little support. If you would like to provide meals for our congregational members in need, any expense you incur can be reimbursed from this grant. Meals are provided on an "as needed basis". If you are interested in providing meals for this Ministry **OR** if you are in need of this support, please contact the church office @ 724-537-4450.

Shepherd Shop

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The Shepherd Shop is in need of new socks and underwear for adults and children. If you would like to donate please drop them off at the church office. Thank you to all who support this important ministry!

Social Chit Chat

November is "Fun with Apples". Everything you ever wanted to know about apples.... and then some. Share your favorite apple recipe. We'll be meeting at 10:00am, November 10th.



Calling all Veterans!

Please help Trinity in keeping our records up to date. We are compiling a list of all of our veterans and want to be sure YOUR name is included. Please send a quick note to the office or drop your information in the offering plate with your name, years of service and branch of the military. Thank you so much!

This Upcoming Holiday Season

Are you looking to help someone in need this holiday season? Here are a few ideas:

- * ELCA Good Gifts (goodgifts.elca.org)
- * Sponsor a Grand family with the Angel Tree
- * Sponsor a child from Trinity Northside
- * Make a donation to Trinity Christmas Basket Program

Triangle update

The December and January 2026 triangle will be issued together.



ELCA World Hunger 2025

Offerings collected each week go a long way to bring hope to many in need. Thank you!
ELCA World Hunger Offerings YTD: \$8,465.00

Mother Hubbard's Cupboard

(located in the front narthex or drop off in the office). In **November/December** we will be collecting **Kleenex/pet food** for the Greater Latrobe Food Pantry.

October Council Update

- The pumpkin painting event was a huge success with 62 people attending, and Sunday School attendance is up to 70 people per week.
- A motion was passed unanimously to install leak sensors on sinks and toilets to prevent wasted water at church.
- A motion from Worship and Music was passed to replace one of the amplifiers for the organ.
- A motion was passed to accept the following confirmands:
Lucas James Grohal, and Allie Noel Glagola and Izabella Rose Watkins.
- Watch the bulletin for details on two church meetings coming up soon: The *Annual Business Meeting on November 9th at 9:30, and a Voting Meeting on November 22-23 following each service.*

Youth Quake in Pittsburgh

Youth in grades 7-12 are invited to **Youth Quake January 23rd-25th. Early bird deadline is November 9th. Final deadline to sign-up is Thursday January 8th.** Cost is \$25 per student, but financial assistance is available.

Holly Jolly

If you are interested in helping us host a cookie-icing station or our ornament crafting station (or both), please sign-up on the bulletin board across from the lounge starting Saturday, November 8th. The event will be on **Saturday, December 6 from 9am until 1pm.**



Baptisms

Hazel Grace Frye 10/11/2025



Deaths

Laura "Lee" Payne 10/4/2025
Theresa Dry 10/17/2025



Marriages

Luke Henry and Marina Scaffardi 10/6/2025

New Members

Thomas and Amy Neubert 9/28/2025

Treasurer's Report for September 2025

Current

	Actual	Budget	Difference
Total Income	46,815.46	48,641.00	(1,825.54)
Total Expenses	69,720.12	73,956.00	(4,235.88)
Cash Flow	(22,904.66)	(25,315.00)	2,410.34
	Year to Date		
	Actual	Budget	Difference
Total Income	464,562.02	457,030.00	7,532.02
Total Expenses	511,046.31	541,586.00	(30,539.69)
Cash Flow	(46,484.29)	(84,556.00)	38,071.71

Note: Income includes \$12,000.00 of endowment funds. Giving was less than planned in September, but year to date it is close to what was planned. The current deficit is \$46,484.29. It was expected to be \$84,556.00. Last year at this time it was \$56,128.69. The deficit reduction is due to keeping expenses under budget.

Advent Decorating

The **Worship and Music Committee** is looking for some volunteers to help decorate the Sanctuary on **November 29th at 9:30am.** There will be a sign up sheet on the bulletin board across from the lounge, starting November 1st. Please join in on the fun.



Trinity's Annual Christmas Baskets



Every year as the festive season approaches, Trinity comes together for a cause that transcends the joy of decorations and carols: the annual Christmas Baskets! For many in our community, the challenges of daily life can make the holiday season a time of great stress rather than celebration. Last year, Trinity served around 130 families. As we gear up for this ministry this year, here are some things to know:

The baskets (actually large boxes) are filled with enough food for several complete meals as well as a \$20 gift voucher for groceries. This program costs around \$6,000, and nearly all donated funds are from the generosity of our congregation. Monetary donations go directly to the purchase of food.

Special Offering envelopes are enclosed in your packet of giving envelopes as well as available in church throughout the month of November! You may give your gift online at Trinitylatrobe.com/give by selecting "Christmas Baskets".

November Congregational Meetings

This is **official notice** that the Annual Business Meeting of our congregation will be held on **Sunday, November 9, at 9:30am in the Nave.** In accordance with Bylaw B10.01.01.a., the agenda at this meeting includes:

- 1) the nomination of candidates for election to the Congregation Council;
- 2) the presentation by the Congregation Council of the proposed operating budget for 2026 and to act on any and all congregational amendments to the proposed budget;
- 3) the election of the Nominating Committee members;
- 4) the presentation of the Audit Committee Report from the previous fiscal year; and
- 5) the acceptance of the minutes from the Annual Ministry meeting.

This is **official notice** that a second congregational meeting will be held **following all worship services the weekend of November 22 & 23.** The business at this meeting will only include voting by ballot on the following items:

- 1) election of members to the Congregational Council;
- 2) voting on the proposed operating budget for 2026 (with any approved amendments from the Nov. 9 business meeting); and
- 3) voting on the recommendation from the Congregational Council to adopt the 2025 Churchwide Assembly approved amendments to bring our constitution into conformity with the Model Constitution for Congregations of the ELCA.

Trinity's Ongoing Prayer Concerns

Please keep the names of these beloved members, family, and friends of Trinity in your personal prayers throughout this month:

Abigail Glagola	Susan Bender	Johannah Frenchik	David Ghrist
Aletha Young	Brenda Rohde	Brenda Shearer	Sandy Gaul
Anne Brumfield	Gary Rolfe	Michael Voytens	Nicole Buzzard
Bill Robb	Grace Patterson	Ted Massa	Shirley Kohan
Sue Wintermeyer	Callie Majorsky	Todd Hudson	John Carlson
Dave Shaffer	Helen McCordy	Marilyn Kondrich	Patty Timpone
Marie Miller	Annalisa Overstreet	Mark Lawry	David Colaianne
David Meholic	Jackie Adams	Eleanor Kossack	Pastor Leedahl and David Shank
Caroline Kondrich	Janet Houser	Heather Wirick	Linda Taylor
Darlene Schultz	Larry Findish	Bridget Shirey-Horman	

Do you have an update for this list? Please call (724-537-4450) or email (Office@trinitylatrobe.com) the office to let us know.

LUKE 23: 33 - 43 KJV

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CALVARY

CAST LOTS

CRUCIFIED HIM

CROWN

FATHER FORGIVE THEM

HE SAVED OTHERS

INDEED JUSTLY

KING OF THE JEWS

LEFT HAND

MOCKED HIM

NAILED

PARADISE

REBUKED HIM

REMEMBER ME

RIGHT HAND

RULERS

SAVE THYSELF

SOLDIERS

THY KINGDOM

VINEGAR

Prayer App

Caregivers of young children, elementary students, and preteens, are you looking for a way to engage your own prayer life?

Check out this FREE new app from Augsburg Fortress! www.unbridledprayers.app

You can access the app from any browser or follow the instructions under the "Help" heading to learn how to download the app to your phone's home screen.

November 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 All Saints 5:30 Spoken Communion
2 All Saints 8:15 Holy Communion 9:30 SCS 9:30 Youth Choir 10:45 Holy Communion 12:00 Men's Choir 5:00-7:00 First Sunday Youth Event	3	4 9:30 Prayer Group 10:00 Bible Basics 10:00 Shepherd Shop 6:00 Grief Group 7:00 Handbells	5 9:00 WELCA Quilters 9:30 Special Gifts 12:00 AA 7:00 Choir	6 1:00 Purls of Prayer 3:50 Club FRED 6:00 BPW 7:30 AA	7 12:00 AA	8 9:30 Fellowship 10:00 Veteran's Day Luncheon Set-up 2:00-4:00 Grief & Holiday Workshop 5:30 Spoken Communion
9. 8:15 Holy Communion 9:30 SCS 9:30 Annual Business Mtg 9:30 Youth Choir 10:45 Holy Communion 12:00 Veterans' Luncheon' 12:00 Choir Chimes 12:15 Drive Thru Communion	10 10:00 Social Chit Chat	11 9:30 Prayer Group 10:00 Bible Basics 10:00 Shepherd Shop 6:00 Grief Group 6:00 Finance 7:00 Handbells	12 Council/Triangle Deadline 8:00 Head Start 9:00 WELCA Quilters 12:00 AA 6:30 Line Dancing 7:00 Choir	13 1:00 Purls of Prayer 3:50 Club FRED 7:30 AA	14 12:00 AA	15 5:30 Spoken Communion
16 8:15 Holy Communion 9:30 SCS 9:30 Youth Choir 10:45 Holy Communion 10:45 CE/CYFM 12:00 Men's Choir	17 10:30 Barnes Place Communion 2:00 Loyal-hanna Communion	18 9:30 Prayer Group 10:00 Bible Basics 10:00 Shepherd Shop 6:00 Grief Group 6:30 Council 7:00 Handbells	19 9:00 WELCA Quilters 2:00 AA 5:30 Outreach 6:30 Last Line Dancing 7:00 Choir	20 1:00 Purls of Prayer 3:50 Club FRED 7:30 AA	21 Mail Triangle 12:00 AA	22 5:30 Spoken Communion Cong. Voting Mtg.
23 Cong. Voting Mtg after services 8:15 Holy Communion 9:30 SCS 9:30 Youth Choir 10:45 Holy Communion 12:00 Choir Chimes 12:15 Drive Thru Communion	24	25 9:30 Prayer Group 10:00 Bible Basics 10:00 Shepherd Shop 6:00 Last Grief Group	26 12:00 AA	27 Happy Thanksgiving! Office Closed! 12:00 Luncheon 	28 Building & Office Closed	29 9:30 Decorate For Advent 5:30 Spoken Communion
30 8:15 Holy Communion 9:30 SCS 9:30 Youth Choir 10:45 Holy Communion				No Line Dancing the months of December and January 2026		

Pumpkin Painting



Installation of Bishop Melissa Larsen Stoller
October 18, 2025



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45th Annual THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER



Offered to everyone in the community, especially those who might otherwise eat alone, you are invited to come and enjoy the fellowship and the traditional Thanksgiving Day Meal on **Thursday, November 27th**. The social begins at 11:00am with appetizers and devotions at 11:30am. The meal will be served at 12 noon. **Tickets are FREE, but you must have a ticket.** Tickets are available in the narthex following the worship services and also in the church office Monday through Friday, 8:30am - 4:00pm or by calling the office at 724-537-4450 beginning November 1st. **DEADLINE TO SIGN UP IS NOVEMBER 23rd.** A free-will offering will be accepted. Tickets are limited, so do not hesitate.

Christmas Eve Services

This year come join us for our first **4pm Christmas Eve Service**. This will be a shortened service geared toward wiggly littles and folks who cannot drive at night. We will also have our **6pm** and **8pm** worship. All services will include Holy Communion. Please note, there will **not** be a Drive-Thru Communion on Christmas Eve.

