



# TRINITY TRIANGLE

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

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MONTH: OCTOBER 2025

## Pastor's Corner

***May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. – Romans 15:5-6 (NIV)***

As a church, we often talk about the various liturgical seasons that mark the rhythm of our year, beginning with Advent and winding through Epiphany, Christmas, Lent, Easter, eventually Pentecost, and the long season after. But have you heard of my favorite non-liturgical season? Soup season.

One pot fills us up for supper and often makes its way into lunches to get us most of the way through the rest of the week. Soup is more than easy nutrition, though. It holds rich history and often tells a story if we're willing to listen to it! You may not think, at first, that this is true of Chicken Noodle Soup, but it is!

But did you know that this "American Classic" is believed to trace its roots to Asia along the Silk Road? It likely began in China nearly 2,000 years ago alongside other noodle style soups, utilizing ingredients like ginger and scallions. It made its way to Vietnam where it morphed into what is now served as Pho (pronounced "fuh"). And eventually to Europe and into North America where even more variations were born. From Chicken Corn Soup (with rivels!) to Slippery Pot Pie, we Pennsylvanians have several versions of our own!

We are richer as a people in this world to have each version of these soups and their soup descendants in our collective lives. We can learn so much about one another by sharing our tables and our stories.

As we enter this Soup Season, I invite you to cook up your favorite version of Chicken Noodle Soup or perhaps you might order a variation from a Thai or Vietnamese restaurant. Invite a neighbor or friend into your home to share it with you. Ponder the heritage you have inherited along with the lineage of others and most especially the gifts we share in common. In a time when it feels like our world is fractured, dividing over every bit of news, let's break bread with one another and watch for the ways in which God calls us to love our neighbors near and far.

In Christ,  
Pastor Jess

Shepherd Shop



## Shepherd Shop

The Shepherd Shop is in need of **new children's/youth's socks and underwear**. If you would like to donate either one or both please drop them off at the church office. Thank you for helping the children in need in our area.

## Social Chit Chat



Last month we heard about your past memories of growing up. October 13 we will hear about Trinity's history on how it's being preserved and how we can help preserve it. Come join us from 10am to 12pm in the Café for some fun and treats.

## Blessing of the Animals



Join us at **Prince of Peace on October 5 at 2:30** for a blessing of the animals! Members and friends of Trinity, Prince of Peace and St. James Lutheran Churches are all invited to bring their furry and slithery friends for a blessing. (Although neither Pastor Jason nor Pastor Bill will commit to blessing anything without legs!) We hope to see a great crowd!

## Adopt a Resident

Outreach is looking for people to help sponsor activities and meet the needs of our local nursing home residents. Especially those who have no family to look after them. Thank you for your generosity.

## Music Rehearsals

Choir Chimes will begin October 12 at noon, grade 4 and older. They will meet the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month. Youth Choir, grades 4-9, meets Sundays from 9:30am to 9:45am. Handbells are on Tuesdays at 7pm starting October 7. Call or email Debbie 412-817-0151. [petedebm@aol.com](mailto:petedebm@aol.com).



### 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: \$7,715.00**

### Mother Hubbard's Cupboard

(located in the front narthex or drop off in the office). In **October** we will be collecting **paper towels and toilet paper** for the Greater Latrobe Food Pantry.

### Trinity Art Collection

Join us in voting for the newest addition to Trinity's Art Collection the weekend of Reformation, October 25-26. The art will be available for viewing the weekend beforehand. If you are interested in contributing financially toward this donation, please contact the Office. Our thanks to everyone who continues to support this program!

### September Church Council Update

Boiler valve replacement is still being done. The project is still under budget by \$5,000. In total, we have spent \$114,000 so far.

There was a Motion from the Finance Committee to spend \$4,300 to update technology needs in the offices. This is part of phase one improvements. (Phase Two will be a part of the 2026 budget.)

Trinity is welcoming more new members who attended the class last Sunday.

Rally Day was a success, and Sunday School is turning out to be well-attended.

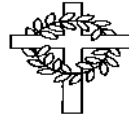
### Men's Golf Scramble Results

Thank you to everyone who came out for golf and fellowship at Glengarry Golf Links on Friday, Sept. 12! This year's champions, at 6 under par, are Joe Bruzda, BJ Hebenthal, Nico Scalise, and Ryan Scalise. Congratulations! The men would like to thank Don Burkhart for his many years of organizing this event.



### Baptisms

Angelo Francis Hernandez 8/31/2025



### Deaths

Linda Bellissimo 8/27/2025  
Jack McDonald 8/28/2025  
Denise Hollobaugh 9/6/2025  
Geraldine Daughenbaugh 9/13/2025  
Margaret "Peggy" Keim 9/21/2025

### New Members

Thomas "Tom" & Beth Ann Dlugos 9/20/2025  
William "Bill" & Darlene Shine 9/28/2025  
William "Terry" & Rosemary Irvin 9/28/2025  
Terry & Francis "Fran" Potter 9/28/2025

### Unbridled Prayers

Caregivers of young children through preteens, are you looking for a way to engage your own prayer life? Check out the **FREE** new app from Augsburg Fortress [www.unbridledprayers.app](http://www.unbridledprayers.app) Be sure to follow instructions under the "help" menu to download as an app on your cell phone.



YOUTH LOCK-IN

### YOUTH LOCK-IN AND HIGH ROPES ADVENTURE!

There is a Youth lock-in at Trinity and high ropes adventure at Lutherlyn planned for **Friday and Saturday, October 3rd and 4th**. This event includes snacks for the lock-in and a luncheon at Lutherlyn. **Deadline to sign up on the youth bulletin board is Monday, September 29th at 4:30pm.**

### Drive Thru Communion

In November, Sunday's Drive-Thru Communion will resume twice a month. They will start November 9th and the 23rd.

## 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
Theresa Dry	Grace Patterson	Ted Massa	Shirley Kohan
Sue Wintermeyer	Callie Majorsky	Todd Hudson	John Carlson
Dave Shaffer	Helen McCordy	Marilyn Kondrich	Patty Timpone
Bonnie Altman	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			

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

### Treasurer's Report for August 2025



#### Fall 2025 Gardening article

To all the faithful Trinity Gardening helpers first a huge thank you for everything from planting, weeding, deadheading, and watering, as well as those who donated toward purchasing the flowers this year.

Without all of your help Trinity's outdoor areas would not have been as beautiful as they were this year.

New things happen every year. This year a large tree needed cut down in the Reiner Garten. The Schock flower bed, located in front of the sign on Weldon Street, is currently undergoing a complete upgrade. Numerous smaller improvements are also being implemented on an ongoing basis. Thank you to everyone involved in these projects.

As fall approaches it is the time of year that we need to plan to clean up. We will keep an eye on the weather and plan a clean-up day after the first frost.

More information will be published as that time approaches.

#### **Current Month**

	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Difference</b>
Total Income	49,712.43	48,485.00	1,227.43
Total Expenses	50,728.67	53,444.00	(2,715.33)
Cash Flow	(1,016.24)	(4,959.00)	3,942.76
	<b>Year to Date</b>		
	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Difference</b>
Total Income	417,746.56	408,389.00	9,357.56
Total Expenses	441,326.19	467,630.00	(26,303.81)
Cash Flow	(23,579.63)	(59,241.00)	35,661.37

Note: Income for August includes \$12,000.00 of endowment money. Income is almost the same as planned in the budget. Expenses continue to be less than planned due to everyone helping to keep cost down. The current deficit is \$23,579.63. This is about 40% of what was expected. Last year at the same time, we had a deficit of \$34,556.99.

**It's time to talk turkey!**



Fall is here, the leaves are changing, and pumpkin products are flooding the market. It's time to start planning the annual Thanksgiving Day dinner. As always, we need to make sure there are enough volunteers to help serve and clean up before moving forward. Sign-up sheets are posted across from the lounge, the online form on the website/app or contact the church office by Sunday, October 26. Help Trinity continue this worthwhile and much appreciated community event.



### Veterans Day Luncheon

Please come join us in honoring and remembering our veterans on **Sunday, November 9th immediately following the 10:45 service. Veterans and spouses are free, but you must have a ticket. Tickets for non-veterans are \$10; under age 5 are free.** Tickets will be on sale October 5th —October 31st in the narthex and in the church office Monday—Friday 8am-4pm. **Deadline to get tickets is Friday, October 31st until 4pm.** We are updating our list of everyone that served or are currently serving. Please fill out the registration form below when you are signing up for the luncheon. You can bring it to the church office or place it in the offering plate no later October 26th.

### **ARE YOU A VETERAN or the Spouse of a Deceased Veteran?**

We are updating our list of Veterans. Please complete the form below and return it by placing in the offering plate before October 26<sup>th</sup> or during ticket sales in the Narthex from October 5 – 26, 2025.

Veteran's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Trinity Member: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Veteran \_\_\_: Active Duty \_\_\_: Reserves \_\_\_: Other \_\_\_\_\_: Deceased \_\_\_\_\_:

Branch: Army \_\_\_: Navy \_\_\_: Air Force \_\_\_: Marines \_\_\_: Coast Guard \_\_\_: Other \_\_\_\_\_:

War Served: World War II \_\_\_: Korean War \_\_\_: Vietnam War \_\_\_: Desert Storm \_\_\_: Other \_\_\_\_\_:

If you are a spouse of a deceased Veteran, please list your name and the year your spouse passed:

Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date loved one passed \_\_\_\_\_

### **"All Saints" Weekend—November 1st & 2nd**



On this weekend we remember all the saints of the church, including those who have died in the faith since last All Saints Sunday. If you would like to include the name of a loved one who was not a member of Trinity, please fill out the form to the right and drop it in the offering plate or return it to the church office by **Tuesday, October 28th by 4pm.**

Purlo of Prayer would like to remind anyone that is in need of a walker caddy, prayer shawl, etc, they are available for **FREE** in the church narthex and outside the library. Please help yourself.

### **All Saints Names**

Please include the name of:

\_\_\_\_\_

Date deceased: \_\_\_\_\_

My Name is: \_\_\_\_\_

**Requests are due in the church office**

**By 4pm on Tuesday, October 28, 2025**



## REFORMATION WEEKEND



We celebrate **Reformation on the weekend of October 25th & 26th.**  
Be sure to wear your “red” for the occasion!

It is also the week we celebrate with three of our youth as they will affirm for themselves the promises made at their Baptism and become adults in our worship life together. They will gather for **Confirmation rehearsal on Saturday, October 25th at 11:00am and a luncheon will follow at 12:00pm.** On **Sunday, October 26th at 9:30am there will be a Celebration Reception** for the confirmands and at the 10:45am worship service will be the Rite of Confirmation. Be sure to congratulate them on their accomplishment!

### Rite of Confirmation

You are invited to join us as we celebrate the Rite of Confirmation for these three young people on **Sunday, October 26, at 10:45am.** We are proud of them as they have spent the last two years in study and preparation for becoming adult, voting members of our congregation. This rite recognizes their acceptance of the baptismal promises made on their behalf by their parents and sponsors as they seek to grow in faith and seek to serve Christ in their everyday lives.



**Lucas Grohal**

**Bella Watkins**

**Allie Glagola**

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5 8:15 Holy Communion 9:30 SCS 9:30 Youth Choir 10:45 Holy Communion 12:00 Men's Choir  2:30 Pet Blessing @ Prince of Peace	6  2:00 Grief Group	7 9:30 Prayer Group 10:00 Bible Basics 10:00 Shepherd Shop  6:00 Grief Group 7:00 Handbells	8 9:00 Special Gifts 9:00 WELCA Quilters 12:00 AA  7:00 Choir	9  1:00 Purls of Prayer  3:50 Club FRED  7:30 AA	10  12:00 AA	11 <b>Missionary Weekend</b>   5:30 Spoken Communion
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### **Pumpkin Painting**

Ready for some Fall fun for all ages? Join us for Pumpkin painting on Sunday, October 19 at 12:15pm. Drinks and pizza will be provided! It's BYOP-Bring your own pumpkin-and show your artistic side! Sign up online or on the bulletin board across from the lounge.

### **Coat Distribution**

Stop in Fellowship Hall on Saturday, October 4 between 9:00am – 12:00pm to shop for a new or gently used winter coat at **no charge**. Coats of all sizes have been collected and ALL are welcome.



Help us spread the word to our community by taking a flyer from the Narthex to hang at local establishments like the laundromat or grocery store!

### **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.

### **Presentation of Bibles**

Presentation of Bibles will be on October 18th & 19th. We will be mailing out invitations to kindergarteners and 3rd graders. Please RSVP which service you will be attending to the church office at 724-537-4450, or email to [office@trinitylatrobe.com](mailto:office@trinitylatrobe.com). Thank you!