



TRINITY TRIANGLE

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

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MONTH: SEPTEMBER 2025

Pastor's Corner

In many ways the start of school and the beginning of September feels like another "New Year's Day," especially here at Trinity! Our traditional Sunday School is about to start back up, many of our "summer breaks" for ministries are over, and our choirs will be back with anthems during worship. It is an exciting time as we plan for our fall events – Rally Day, Club F.R.E.D., WELCA Quilters, and so much more. You will see the September calendar is full and we plan on keeping that momentum going through the end of the year!

Summer here at Trinity was wonderful – worship attendance has remained strong, our Vacation Bible School was full of faith, fun, and games, and our summer Sunday Schools continued to keep all ages engaged in their faith. It was a joy to hear all the places our families traveled, and the different places of worship our members attended while away.

As we move into the fall, I invite you to make a "New Church Year" resolution – pick a new ministry to help with, sing in a choir or play with the handbells, join a new Sunday School class, or chat with a pastor/staff member/council member about a new way to serve. This *Triangle* and the September calendar are full of ministry possibilities, and many of them are looking for new folks to add to the team.

Let us all pray for the Spirit to guide us and sustain us as we move into this new ministry year together!

In Christ,
Pastor Jason

Pastor Jason will be returning to the office every Friday, taking Mondays off, starting September 5th for the winter months.

Rise & Shine Breakfast Buddies

The Rise & Shine Breakfast Buddies program had a successful second year!! We were blessed with wonderful help. There were four different cooking crews, three from Trinity, and a crew from the Latrobe Presbyterian Church. There were very dependable set up, visit, and clean-up crews, to help things go smoothly. It was a great time to get reacquainted with old friends from last year, and make new ones! This year, our ministry served over 420 meals each Wednesday from June 4-August 6th! At our last breakfast, many of the participants expressed their appreciation and wanted to know if we will be doing Breakfast Buddies again next year. With your continued help and support, we can!!! Many, many thanks to all who helped make this program a success!

Social Chit Chat

"This is Your Life!" How to capture your memories for your children and grandchildren. Join us on Monday, September 8th from 10am to 12pm in the Café for some fun and treats. Everyone is welcome!

Coming in October, how the history of Trinity is being preserved and how you can help preserve it.

Save the date! Blood Drive

Trinity's 2nd Blood Drive of the year will be Wednesday September 24th from 11am-4pm in Fellowship Hall. Registration is open now at [RedCross.org/blood](https://www.redcross.org/blood) or call the office to register. (Volunteers are also needed to help with cookies and sandwiches for all donors!)



Purls of Prayer

The Purlers are in need of flat buttons, about the size of a quarter, for their walker caddies. Anyone that has some that they would like to donate, please bring them to the church office. We will get them to the Purlers. Thank you in advance!





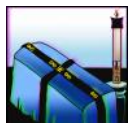
ELCA World Hunger 2025

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

ELCA World Hunger Offerings YTD: \$6,735.00

Mother Hubbard's Cupboard

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



LOPATICH-BRINKER PRESENTATION

This informational event on **Sunday, September 28th at 12:15pm is open to everyone** (not just clients of Lopatich-Brinker) and is to help guide us through the decisions that must be made at end of life. A meal courtesy of Lopatich-Brinker will be provided. Please sign-up on the Bulletin Board across from the Lounge.



Baptisms

Emma Deemer 7/28/2025
Jacob Arthur Zeoli II 8/9/2025



Deaths

David Cox 6/21/2025
James E. Harris 7/15/2025
Gene Burd 7/19/2025
Barbara Planinsek 7/20/2025
Susan Melago 7/28/2025
James Beatty 8/7/2025

Transfers to Trinity

Wallace & Heather Albright 7/19/2025
Joan Akins 7/15/2025

ATTENTION ALL USHERS AND USHER WANNA' BEES!

There is an Usher Training Class scheduled following **Saturday's worship service and between Sunday services at 9:30am on the weekend of September 20th and the 21st.** Anyone interested in becoming an Usher (**and, yes, we need ushers, please!**) are invited to attend, as well.

July Church Council Update

- The Finance Committee recommended that we renew our Mission Investment Fund CD of \$20,000 for a 3-year term at a fixed rate of 4.4%, and that motion passed.
- We elected a new Bishop at the Synod Assembly in June: The Rev. Melissa Stoller, who offers both experience and a new perspective. Her installation will take place on October 18, 2025.
- A motion from the Executive Committee to accept a contract with the Westmoreland Intermediate Unit passed.
- Four more people have been accepted as new members at Trinity, so we continue our growth.
- On the social side, the Men's Communion Breakfast and VBS both had great turnouts!

August Church Council Update

- A very important meeting will be held September 9th at 6pm in Fellowship Hall for overall budget planning from the Finance Committee. All committee chairs are encouraged to attend to assist in planning how much money to budget for their events for the new year!
- Breakfast Buddies, Vacation Bible School and Pine Creek Day Camp all contributed to a wonderful summer ministry at Trinity. Many friendships were formed, and some more people expressed interest in joining our church.
- There is a new Weekend Door Locking Policy that will be shared with the congregation at each service on Rally Day weekend.
- The Boiler Project should be completely done by the end of August.

Prayer App for Caregivers of Children and Youth

Stay tuned to our Facebook and E-Blast for the announcement of a new Prayer App from Augsburg Fortress designed to deliver light hearted prayers for caregivers of children of all ages. More information will be forthcoming!

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	Jack McDonald	Mark Lawry	David Colaianne
David Meholic	Jackie Adams	Melissa Libertini	Pastor Leedahl and David Shank
Caroline Kondrich	Janet Houser	Heather Wirick	Linda Taylor
Darlene Schultz	Eleanor Kossack		

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

Treasurer's Report for June 2025

	Current Month		
	Actual	Budget	Difference
Total Income	54,091.77	48,610.00	5,481.77
Total Expenses	55,048.44	58,793.00	(3,744.56)
Cash Flow	(956.67)	(10,183.00)	9,226.33
	Year to Date		
	Actual	Budget	Difference
Total Income	323,055.19	311,419.00	11,636.19
Total Expenses	343,290.97	362,594.00	(19,303.03)
Cash Flow	(20,235.78)	(51,175.00)	30,939.22

Note: The income for June was \$5,481.77 better than planned. This includes \$12,000.00 of endowment funds used to support the budget. Thanks to everyone's generous giving and keeping expenses under control, the year to date deficit is \$20,235.78. This is about 40% of the expected one of \$51,175.00.

Treasurer's Report for July 2025

	Current Month		
	Actual	Budget	Difference
Total Income	44,978.94	48,485.00	(3,506.06)
Total Expenses	47,306.55	51,592.00	(4,285.45)
Cash Flow	(2,327.61)	(3,107.00)	779.39
	Year to Date		
	Actual	Budget	Difference
Total Income	368,034.13	359,904.00	8,130.13
Total Expenses	390,597.52	414,186.00	(23,588.48)
Cash Flow	(22,563.39)	(54,282.00)	31,718.61

Note: Income for July includes \$12,000.00 of endowment funds. The income for July was \$3,506.06 less than planned, but year to date income is \$8,130.13 better than planned. Expenses were \$4,285.45 less than planned and year to date are \$23,588.48 less than planned. The current deficit is \$22,563.39 compared to \$29,890.04 this time last year.

2025 ELCA Churchwide Assembly - Yehiel Curry elected Presiding Bishop of the ELCA

The Rev. Yehiel Curry was elected July 30 to serve a six-year term as presiding bishop of the ELCA. The election took place during the 2025 ELCA Churchwide Assembly being held July 28–Aug. 2 at the Phoenix Convention Center.

Curry was elected on the fifth ballot. There were 799 votes cast, with 400 votes needed for an election. Curry received 562 votes, and Kevin Strickland, bishop of the ELCA Southeastern Synod, received 237 votes.

Curry has served as bishop of the ELCA Metropolitan Chicago Synod since 2019. He previously served as mission developer (2009-2012) and pastor (2012-2019) of Shekinah Chapel in Riverdale, Ill. He received a Bachelor of Arts from Lewis University in Romeoville, Ill., in 1995 and a Master of Divinity from the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago (LSTC) in 2013. Presiding Bishop-elect Curry will be installed on October 4 at Central Lutheran Church, Minneapolis.

In addition to the election of Curry, Pastor Lucille "CeCee" Mills was elected to a six-year term as secretary of the ELCA. Mills, an assistant to the bishop in the North Carolina Synod, was elected on the fifth ballot, receiving 404 votes to 378 votes for the Rev. Matthew Riegel, bishop of the West Virginia-Western Maryland Synod. A full report of elections, legislative actions, and other news will be posted at ELCA.org/CWA.



Club FRED
(Food, Recreation, Education, Discussion)
After School Program



Club FRED is gearing up for another school year and we could use some help!!!! Club FRED will start again on October 2, 2025 and meet each Thursday that school is in session. The children arrive at 3:50 and are at Trinity until 6:15. Dinner is from 5:45 to 6:15. This year **we need help as three of our leaders retired** (they were in their 70's & 80's!!!). We were blessed to have their help and support for several years!

- Leaders to direct groups of students
- Dinner Companions (join us just for dinner, eat, and talk with the children)

We also have a strong need for more men. Many of the children do not have a positive male role model in their lives, and it is needed!!!

If you would be interested in helping in any of these areas, or if you have a friend who would like to help, please contact Kathy Ferlin at 724-875-8301 or ferlin.kathy@gmail.com. Clearances are required and links can be found at Trinitylatrobe.com/clearances.

Men's Golf Scramble

Trinity's annual Men's Golf Outing will be held at **Glengarry Golf Links on Friday, September 12, with a 5:00pm**



Start. The cost is \$35 per golfer which includes 9 holes, Cart, and Pizza dinner with soft drinks. This event will be a scramble, and if you do not have a partner/4 man team we will pair up participants on the night of the event. Please sign up on the Bulletin Board across from Lounge, or call the Office to reserve your spot. See you on the links!

Rally Day!

September 7 @ 9:30am in Fellowship Hall



Help us gear up for the kick off of Fall programming and Sunday School here at Trinity! We'd love to see YOU at this day of celebration! Activities and fun for the whole family! There will be a light breakfast provided. Important information about drop-off and pick-up for the Sunday School year will be discussed!. Hope to see YOU at this day's celebration!

Confirmation Informational Meeting

September 14 @ 9:30-10:30am in the catechism classroom

All families with students in grades 7-10, who are actively involved in the confirmation program or who have not yet been confirmed are welcome to attend an Informational Meeting on Sunday, September 14. We will discuss the calendar for the upcoming year, this year's confirmation project, some camp opportunities for summer 2026, and our Confirmation Weekend plans for October.

Music Rehearsals

Music rehearsals will start soon and all are invited to sing and ring with us! Joint Choir practice is on Wednesdays, starting September 3 at 7pm. Men's Choir practice is on the 1st & 3rd Sundays at noon beginning September 7. Handbell rehearsals are on Tuesdays at 7pm starting October 7. Everyone in grade 10 through adults is welcome in these groups! More information will be coming for Youth Choir and Choir Chimes! Call or email Debbie 412-817-0151. petedebm@aol.com.



	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 HAPPY LABOR DAY! Building & Office Closed!	2 9:30 Prayer Group 10:00 Bible Basics 10:00 Shepherd Shop 6:00 Last Grief Group	3 9:00 WELCA Quilters 12:00 AA 7:00 Choir	4 1:00 Purls of Prayer 6:00 BPW 7:30 AA	5 12:00 AA 5:00 Men's Golf Scramble @ Glengarry Golf Links	6 9:30 Fellowship 5:30 Spoken Communion
7 8:15 Holy Communion 9:30 Rally Day 10:45 Holy Communion 12:00 Men's Choir Rehearsal 12:15 New Members Class	8 10:00 Social Chit Chat 2:00 Last Grief Group	9 9:30 Prayer Group 10:00 Bible Basics 10:00 Shepherd Shop 6:00 Finance & Council Budget Work Session	10 Council Deadline 9:00 WELCA Quilters 12:00 AA 6:30 Line Dancing 7:00 Choir	11 1:00 Purls of Prayer 7:30 AA	12 12:00 AA 5:00 Men's Golf Scramble @ Glengarry Golf Links	13 5:30 Spoken Communion
14 8:15 Holy Communion 9:30 SCS 9:30 Confirmation Family Meeting 10:45 Holy Communion 12:15 Drive Thru Communion	15 10:30 Barnes Place Communion 2:00 Loyalhanna Communion	16 9:30 Prayer Group 10:00 Bible Basics 10:00 Shepherd Shop 6:00 Grief Group 6:30 Council	17 Triangle Deadline 9:00 WELCA Quilters 12:00 AA 6:30 Line Dancing 7:00 Choir	18 1:00 Purls of Prayer 7:30 AA	19 12:00 AA	20 5:30 Spoken Communion Usher Training
21 8:15 Holy Communion 9:30 SCS Usher Training 10:45 Holy Communion 12:00 Men's Choir Rehearsal 5:00 Youth Fall Family Planning Meeting	22 2:00 Grief Group	23 9:30 Prayer Group 10:00 Bible Basics 10:00 Shepherd Shop 6:00 Grief Group	24 9:00 WELCA Quilters 11:00-4:00 Blood Drive 12:00 AA 5:30 Outreach 6:30 Line Dancing 7:00 Choir	25 11:00 Stewardship 1:00 Purls of Prayer 7:30 AA	26 Mail Triangle 12:00 AA	27 5:30 Spoken Communion
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Lutheran Disaster Response Trip to Luther Ridge, NC

"Cheryl Morgan and Mary Ann Coulston participated in the SWPA Synod trip to Luther Ridge in North Carolina with the Lutheran Disaster Response. We give thanks to God for their gift of preparing every meal and feeding the volunteers!"



Congregational Picnic Photos



Congregational Picnic Photos continued



Vacation Bible School Photos



Luke 15: 1 - 10

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Thank you David Colaianne for supplying the word search for the month!

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New Caregivers Support Group coming to Latrobe

A New Support Group for Caregivers of People Suffering with Dementia to Launch in Latrobe this Fall. Caregiving is likely the most important piece of dementia care, and the task can seem overwhelming at times. A support group can offer many benefits including ideas for addressing behaviors; information regarding

local resources for medical, transitional, and respite care; coping strategies; and caring and listening ears from folks with similar experiences. Just knowing you are not alone can be of tremendous value on this challenging journey.

Latrobe Alzheimer's and Dementia Caregiver Support Group - **Open House**

Tuesday, September 9, 2025, from 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Latrobe Community Ministries on the corner of Main St. and Ridge Ave in Latrobe.

Please enter through the glass door at the top of the ramp on the Ridge Avenue side of the building.

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.

SWPA Synod Bishop's Installation – Saturday, October 18 at 1pm

By the grace of Almighty God, your prayers and presence are requested at a **celebration of the rite of installation for Pastor Melissa L. Stoller** into the ministry of Synod Bishop. The installation will be held on **Saturday, October 18, 2025, 1:00pm**, at Berkeley Hills Lutheran Church, 517 Sangree Road, Pittsburgh, PA, 15237. If you plan to attend the service in-person, please call the Trinity church office **by September 15 to RSVP**. A livestream of the service will be available and the information to watch will be shared in the October *Triangle*.