

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>APRIL 2025</b>			<b>16</b> 8-10:45 am Food Pantry 12:30 pm Bible Study	<b>17</b> <b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b>  7 pm Worship	<b>18</b> <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>  Noon Church Office Closes 7 pm Worship	<b>19</b>
<b>20 EASTER</b> 6:30 am Sunrise Worship, Chapel 8:00 am Easter Worship, Sanctuary 8:45 am Easter Breakfast, F. Hall 10:00 am Easter Worship, Sanctuary 4:00 pm Easter Worship, Chapel 4:45 pm Healing Service, Chapel	<b>21</b>  Church Office Closed	<b>22</b> 9:00 am Men's Group (McDonalds Turnpike)  6:00 pm Finance Committee	<b>23</b> 8-10:45 am Food Pantry NO Bible Study	<b>24</b>  3:30 pm Care and Share Committee  6:00 pm Council	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>  Pavilion Reserved 10-6 pm
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He is Risen! Alleluia!

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<b>MAY 2025</b>				<b>1</b> 6:30 pm Laurel Highland Conf mtg St Davids LC	<b>2</b> 2:30-6 pm Child Care Chicken BBQ	<b>3</b>
<b>4 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter</b> 8:00 am Worship, Sanctuary 8:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship, Sanctuary 11:15 am TLC Choir Rehearsal 11:30 am Wittenberg Bells 4:00 pm Worship, Chapel 4:45 pm Healing Service, Chapel	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 9:00 am Men's Group (McDonalds Turnpike)	<b>7</b> 8-10:45 am Food Pantry 12:30 pm Bible Study	<b>8</b> 1 pm Worship Com.  5 pm Endowment meeting	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b> <b>Mother's Day</b> 8:00 am Worship, Sanctuary 8:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship, Sanctuary 11:15 am TLC Choir Rehearsal 11:30 am Wittenberg Bells 4:00 pm Worship, Chapel 4:45 pm Healing Service, Chapel	<b>12</b> Pastor attending a Conference  6 pm Property Committee	<b>13</b> Pastor attending a Conference 9:00 am Men's Group (McDonalds Turnpike)	<b>14</b> Pastor attending a Conference 8-10:45 am Food Pantry 12:30 pm Bible Study	<b>15</b> Pastor attending a Conference  6:00 pm Finance mtg	<b>16</b> Pastor attending a Conference	<b>17</b> Pastor travel
<b>18 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b> <b>Last Day of Children's Sunday School</b> 8:00 am Worship, Sanctuary 8:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship, Sanctuary 11:15 am TLC Choir Rehearsal 11:30 am Wittenberg Bells 4:00 pm Worship, Chapel 4:45 pm Healing Service, Chapel	<b>19 Cinderblocks Event at TLC</b>	<b>20 Cinderblocks Event at TLC</b> 9:00 am Men's Group (McDonalds Turnpike)  6 pm Child Care mtg	<b>21</b> 8-10:45 am Food Pantry 12:30 pm Bible Study	<b>22</b>  6:00 pm Council mtg	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b> <b>Memorial liturgy for Veterans</b> 8:00 am Worship, Sanctuary 8:45 am Adult Sunday School only 10:00 am Worship, Sanctuary 11:15 am TLC Choir Rehearsal 11:30 am Wittenberg Bells 4:00 pm Worship, Chapel 4:45 pm Healing Service, Chapel	<b>26</b> <b>Memorial Day Church Office Closed</b>	<b>27</b> 9:00 am Men's Group (McDonalds Turnpike)	<b>28</b> 8-10:45 am Food Pantry 12:30 pm Bible Study	<b>29</b> 4 pm Preschool Graduation	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>  Pavilion Reserved

TRINITY  
LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA  
SOMERSET, PA

**SUNDAY WORSHIP**

**8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.**  
Sanctuary in the Worship Building  
**4:00 p.m.**  
Chapel in the Education Building

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TRINITY TRANSFORMING TRADITION  
HOLY WEEK AND EASTER  
APRIL 15, 2025

**From the Pastor's Heart**



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

I've heard it said that a picture is worth 1,000 words. You've probably heard that, too.

As Christians, we often get tongue-tied when trying to witness to the faith that we share. This logo is meant to serve as a visual prompt throughout the year as together we seek to share the Christian faith so that all people may come to know the love of God through Christ Jesus.

Designed collaboratively with Nicholas Carroll, I invite you to study our little logo and consider:

- + **A tree**, created by the Lord God and placed in the Garden of Eden. This is the Tree of Life (*not the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil*). It is among the trees that God told the first couple they were free to consume. The tree of life represents an eternal, life-giving relationship with God made possible through Jesus Christ. It also reminds us that God provides for our daily needs. We are able to pray with confidence, "Give us this day our daily bread."
- + **The tree trunk and branches**, in the shape of the cross of Jesus Christ. Through his crucifixion, death and resurrection, Jesus promises us forgiveness of sin, salvation and eternal life!
- + **The two legs and feet at the bottom of the trunk**, reminding us that Jesus is both divine and human. While eternally existing as God, he became flesh (*incarnate*) and lived a human life.
- + **The dove high in the tree**, represents the third person of the Holy Trinity: The Holy Spirit. The Bible tells us the Holy Spirit is our "the Helper," who will teach us all things and help us to remember all that Jesus has said to us. Likewise, the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness, comforts and sustains us, helps us to pray, and provides

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## From the Pastor's Heart

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us power to be witnesses of the saving grace of God. The Holy Spirit lives in us, convicts us concerning sin, righteousness, and judgment, and enables growth in faith. This gift, given at Holy Baptism, remains with us always.

+ **Foliage on the tree**, reminding us that Jesus compares the relationship he shared with his disciples to a vine when he said, “I am the vine, you are the branches.” The leaves on the tree remind us that likewise, we depend on the trunk for life. In this case, Jesus is the trunk – he is the Tree of Life – and we are the leaves. Although we are varied in size and color, we are one in Christ Jesus.

+ **As we learn and grow in faith, we are to bear fruit.**

Jesus told his disciples:

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing, but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

*John 15:12-17*

Beloved sisters and brothers, I thank God for you and for the joy that we have received through the love of Christ Jesus. Let us work together, as leaves on our Lord’s family tree, to love one another, to love our neighbor, and to love the stranger. God has appointed us to bear fruit – fruit that will last. Together we can do this.

Easter blessings,

*Pastor Ruth Jensen*

## TRINITY TRANSFORMING TRADITION

A common stereotype of Americans is that we love anything and everything NEW. We are seen by the world as the land of “*Out with the old! In with the new!*”

There’s some truth to this. But while we may be seen as caring most about money, we are also *highly charitable* by global standards. We care about those in need. We want to be good stewards of what we’ve been given. We value the wisdom, experience, and knowledge of those who have gone before us.

That’s why we at Trinity value the hard work and unswerving loyalty of the people in 1789 who responded to God’s call to establish a Lutheran church in Somerset. We have inherited a wonderful legacy from the brothers and sisters in Christ who have gone before us. Today we are a healthy and growing 236-year old congregation, working to transform tradition in worship and life as we seek to love our neighbors.

God’s promise is this:

*Don’t revel only in the past,  
or spend all your time  
recounting the victories of days  
gone by.*

*Watch closely:*

*I am preparing something new;  
it’s happening now, even as I speak,  
and you’re about to see it.*

*Isaiah 43:18-19*

God is faithful. God is worthy of our trust. Thanks be to God.

Pastor Ruth

Preparing our Hearts and Minds for

# HOLY WEEK AND EASTER WORSHIP

**April 17, 2025**  
**MAUNDY THURSDAY**

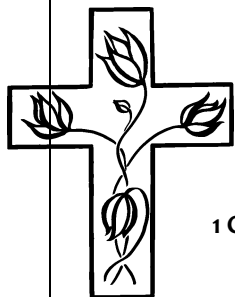
*Exodus 12:1-4 (5-10) 11-14; Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19*  
*1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35*  
*The service of Jesus: Foot washing and Meal*

7:00 p.m. Rite of Personal and Corporate Forgiveness,  
Sung Liturgy of Holy Communion, and  
Stripping of the Altar in the Sanctuary

**April 18, 2025**  
**GOOD FRIDAY**

*Isaiah 52:13-53:12 The Suffering Servant*  
*Psalm 22 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?*  
*Hebrews 10:16-25 The way to God is opened by Jesus' death*  
*John 18:1-19:42 The passion and death of Christ*

7:00 p.m. Service of Shadows (Tenebrae) in the Sanctuary



**APRIL 20, 2025**  
**SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION**  
**EASTER SUNDAY**

*Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24*  
*1 Corinthians 15:19-26; Luke 24:1-12 / John 20:1-18*  
*The resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ*

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Worship with Holy Communion and  
unaccompanied singing in Chapel

8:00 a.m. Easter Worship with Holy Communion and  
Sung hymns in Sanctuary

10:00 a.m. Easter Festival Worship with Holy Communion,  
Choirs, sung hymns and liturgy in the Sanctuary

4:00 p.m. Easter Worship with Holy Communion and spoken  
liturgy in the Chapel followed by Healing Service

## Jesus Lamb of God

Many years ago,  
a tourist visited a  
church in  
Germany and  
was surprised to  
see the carved  
figure of a lamb near the top of the  
church's tower.



He asked why it was there and was  
told that when the church was being  
built, a workman high up on the  
steeple of the church lost his footing  
and fell headlong to the ground  
beneath.

His co-workers rushed down,  
expecting to find him dead. But to  
their surprise and joy, he was alive  
and only slightly injured.

How did he survive? A flock of  
sheep was passing beneath the tower  
at the time, and he landed on top of a  
lamb. The lamb broke his fall and  
was crushed to death, but the man  
was saved.

To commemorate that miraculous  
escape, someone carved a lamb on  
the tower at the exact height from  
which the workman fell.

Every true church of Christ has that  
lamb, as it were, carved in the stones  
of its wall. "Behold the Lamb of  
God, which taketh away the sin of  
the world."

Do you know that Jesus, the Lamb of  
God, is ready to break your fall?  
He willingly gives up his life for you  
and for me.

Know and love this Lamb of God.

*Anonymous*



This painting was featured as part of the Midweek Lenten Service on April 2nd. Painted by Peyton and Mia Gibson and Avery and Kinley Applebee, the work depicts the theme, "Faces of Jesus: LAST SUPPER." It will be displayed in worship on Maundy Thursday.

## MAUNDY THURSDAY MANDATUM

The word "MANDATUM" comes from the Latin phrase "*Mandatum novum do vobis*" (A new command I give you), referring to Jesus' commandment to love one another which Jesus gave the disciples on the night of his Last Supper. "Maundy" is simply a shortened form of it.

On the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, then said to them,

***"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another."*** John 13:34

Foot washing is a symbolic act of humility, love, and selfless service. Although it is a central focus of worship life for many of our neighbors, we Lutherans often focus on the Lord's Supper to the exclusion of foot-washing.

Ironically, according to the gospel writers, foot washing and the sacrament of Holy Communion were intertwined parts of Jesus' Last Supper. Disciples received Jesus' precious gift love, forgiveness and salvation via his body and blood, as well as his humble gift of love and servanthood via foot washing.

Why is it that we so gladly receive one gift while (seemingly) avoiding the other? Why do we seem far happier to receive the gifts of Jesus' body and blood and their benefits for us, but not his mandate (command!) to love one another, as he loves us?

Let us think and pray on these things.

Pastor Ruth

### PREPARING OUR HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WEEKLY WORSHIP

<b>April 27</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter	Acts 5:27-32 Revelation 1:4-8 <i>Beholding the wounds of the risen Christ</i>	Psalm 118:14-29 John 20:19-31
<b>May 4</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter	Acts 9:1-6 (7-20) Revelation 5:11-14 <i>Jesus appears to the disciples at the Sea</i>	Psalm 30 John 21:1-19
<b>May 11</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Mother's Day	Acts 9:36-43 Revelation 7:9-17 <i>Jesus promises eternal life to his sheep</i>	Psalm 23 John 10:22-30
<b>May 18</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	Acts 11:1-18 Revelation 21:1-6 <i>Jesus gives a new commandment: Love one another as I have loved you</i>	Psalm 148 John 13:31-35
<b>May 25</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Fallen Veterans Memorial	Acts 16:9-15 Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5 <i>The Father will send the Holy Spirit</i>	Psalm 67 John 14:23-29

**Mary anointed Jesus' feet with pure nard, this incredibly costly, precious substance. Then she dried his feet with her hair.**

In the Gospel story in the last Sunday in Lent, we hear about Jesus visiting with his dear friends, Martha, Mary and Lazarus. This happened just after Jesus had raised Lazarus from the dead. And Mary was anointing Jesus' feet with pure nard, this incredibly costly, precious substance. And then she dried his feet with her hair. Nard is a very powerful, pungent substance, and the Gospel says the room was filled with the fragrance.

Now I did a little research on nard, and some people would describe the smell as being pungent or earthy, or musty, or musky or like feet. So it was an interesting choice that people had in those days. And they did two things with nard. One, they would use nard to anoint the bodies of the dead in order to offset the stench of death, which Jesus had only encountered with his friend Lazarus a few days before. And it was also used for kings as a sign of royalty because of the luxury of this whole thing.

Well, Jesus was himself, like us, like the first Adam, an earth creature — pungent and full of life, dense in this sense. And this earth creature was obedient to death, reversing the work of the first Adam, who disobeyed and brought sin into the world. And we've suffered the consequences. The chief consequence is death, separation from God.

And now Jesus, the new Adam, the new earth creature, he's anointed, he says to Mary, for his burial and so that he will be using this incredibly pungent substance, while at the same time being very clear that he is, in fact, part of this incarnation, this earth creature. But instead of it being oil put on him to remove the stench of death, it became the anointing of a royal king. Through the death and resurrection of Jesus, the usual cycle of life and death has been disrupted forever. Jesus' death and resurrection promises new life and brings us new life.

Happy Easter, dear church.

Elizabeth A. Eaton, Presiding Bishop  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



**As we celebrate  
the resurrection of  
Jesus Christ  
on Easter morning,  
may our hearts be filled with  
joy and remind us of  
God's boundless love.  
Let us remember that  
through Christ,  
we have been given  
forgiveness, redemption,  
and the promise  
of eternal life.  
May this Easter be a time  
of renewed faith, gratitude,  
and shared joy  
as we  
celebrate together!**

Alleluia! He is risen!

Pastor Ruth Jensen  
Nicholas Carroll  
Jody Jurgeвич  
Ann Voytish  
Jesse Rugg  
Frank Kyle

### Who Do You Trust?

This year our Lenten fast of discipline feels more important than ever. Our country and our world are in turmoil. No matter how we try to avoid the elephant in the room, it is there.

There was a time when Facebook and social media didn't exist. I was a freshman in college when Facebook arrived and at that time it was for college students only. It was meant to be a way to connect with classmates, form relationships, and then keep networking with them when you graduated and went out into the world. Believe it or not, you never saw political posts on Facebook in that era. In fact, you couldn't even "laugh" or "angry" react to things, you could only "like" them. We were pretty nice to each other for the most part. Then Facebook expanded to allow everyone on it. Soon it completely shifted into an advertisement and outrage machine rather than a means to keep track of classmates.

Why have politics and misinformation and outright lies taken the center stage of all of our lives? We older people are blessed to remember a time before this, but we need to remember that young people don't even know that this toxic atmosphere isn't normal. I don't think we can blame social media completely. That's because having tasted the fruit of the knowledge of good and evil, we actually do have the ability to not be drawn into the toxic lies and cycles of power-hungry political leaders and insatiable billionaires. We do have the ability to discern, using God's wisdom and the teaching of Jesus, how to react to situations around us. When faced with social media misinformation and there is often too much information for us to all independently be experts on everything and keep up with all topics. So, we have to trust the people who are trustworthy and be suspicious of those who often deceive and cheat their way to their own benefit. I don't think we can merely stop using social media and retract from the world. We instead need to use our Christian wisdom and understanding.

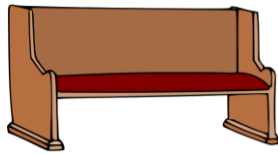
In ancient times a person's "word" was their bond, and their trustworthiness mattered a lot. Out of necessity there was a focus on personal character rather than whether we liked what someone said or not. If you received news by letter or a town-crier, or heard rumors, you couldn't immediately verify it. You had to discern its validity based on your trust in the messenger. We are not so different today. It's impossible to verify everything and so someone's expertise, reliability—trustworthiness...matter.

When it comes to a person's word, as Lutherans we are called to trust Christ the messenger of God, who's word is conveyed to us accurately in the four Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. We read the rest of the Bible through a Christ lens, because it is Jesus, who is our trustworthy messenger. For me I am a Lutheran Christian before I am Republican or Democrat. That means I have to do the difficult and unpopular thing of fitting in almost nowhere in modern society.

I ask you to join me in refocusing on trusting the words of Christ and allowing them to guide our choices in the current tumultuous climate. I have hope, but we must step up and follow Christ's teaching. When the preaching of the Gospel is offensive to political leaders, we must choose the Gospel. We must trust Jesus more than them. We must trust the Gospels and the rest of scripture to convey what Jesus said and feels more than we trust people who use his name to claim trustworthiness. The poor come first. The oppressed come first. The rich are sent away empty.

*Consider some of these verses (be sure to read the context of the passage as well): Luke 11:42, Isaiah 58:6, Matthew 7:15-20, Galatian 5:22-23, Mark 12:29, Galatians 3:28-29, John 13:34-35, Matthew 19:24, 1 Corinthians 13:1-3*





## WHO'S WHO in the PEW

Who have you been sharing a pew with recently? The following members of Trinity joined Trinity at the end of 2024. It is very likely that you have been sharing a pew in worship!

**Beverly Lucas**

**Jordan & Claudia Stevanus  
and Baby Scarlet**

**Paul & Linda Coughenour**

**Irene Knepper Miller**

**Douglas (Diane) Wagner**

**Donna Morgan**

# ALLELUIA Christ is Risen!

## Christ is Risen Indeed!

*These are words we proclaim with assurance in what God has done for the sake of all. This saving action by God in Christ's passion, death, and resurrection is the "beating heart of our faith and life" as we proclaim the mysteries of this good news in word and deed.*

*As we gather to worship together on Easter Sunday, to celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord, we are reminded of how undeserving we are of God's unfailing love, forgiveness and grace toward us. But God, who sees us as beloved children, offers these things freely – always calling us back into loving arms.*

*The message of this life-giving, good news also raises two questions for us to ponder as siblings in Christ. Where is Christ's saving passion unfolding around us today? How does Christ's saving passion hold us in daily life and in death?*

*I pray that we see it unfolding in not only the actions of others, but in our own actions as we serve our communities.*

*And I pray that we hold on to and believe in what God has done, and continues to do for us, each new day of our lives – which will then sustain us in times of grief and death.*

*My siblings in Christ...*

*Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!*

*Easter Blessing from the Allegheny Synod ELCA*

*Office of the Bishop's staff:*

*Bp. Collins, Pr. Kevin, Michelle, Sue Ellen, and Pr. John*



**Sunday April 20  
8:45 to 9:45 a.m.  
Fellowship Hall**

**The menu will include breakfast casseroles, sausage, toast, donuts, juice, coffee, tea & milk.**

# Happy Belated April Birthdays!

- 1 Vincent Morocco  
Kelsey Pletcher
- 3 Benjamin Emswiler  
Dawn Felix
- 4 Jennifer Custer  
Judith Klink  
Haddie Lepley  
Randell (Pete) Urban
- 5 Molly Emswiler  
Brooks Lehman  
Samuel Sanner
- 7 Melanie Miller  
Reese Sanner
- 8 Tim Albright  
Robert Troy
- 10 Bradley Lavan
- 12 Marci Miller
- 13 Lisa Brady
- 14 Teagan Pletcher  
Alaina Thompson
- 15 Mia Gibson
- 16 Natalie Anderson  
Beth Fetterolf

Although this greeting comes to you a bit late, your church family prays that God's love and abundant blessings will continue to fill your life ... now and forever!

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 17 Max Thompson
- 20 Sydny Bowersox
- 22 Maddox Sanner  
Terri Snyder
- 26 Ellsworth Flyte
- 27 Seth Shaffer
- 28 George Kaufman
- 29 Marilyn Carouse  
Gayle Morocco  
Cheyann Trout
- 30 Sandy Griffith  
Troy Miller

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Becky Mitchell
- 2 Martin Siemon
- 3 Colson Pletcher
- 4 Brandon Rhodes
- 7 Butch Barkman  
Trisha Miller  
Jonathan Walter
- 9 Linda Coughenour  
Valerie Kleinert
- 11 Shelby Bailey  
Jack Emswiler  
Claire Zufall
- 12 Nancy Webb
- 13 Donna Jacobson
- 14 Judy Trent
- 15 Aaliyah Leslie
- 17 Stacy Gibson
- 18 Douglas Shaffer
- 19 Jaxson Pizer
- 20 John Minnich
- 21 Barbara Coonahan  
Jack Hess

## In Memoriam 2025



### **Beverly J. Benford**

April 25, 1931 – March 13, 2025

### **Mary Jean (Engle) Long**

August 11, 1926 – March 18, 2025

### **Robert Christner**

May 23, 1947 – April 10, 2025

## MAY BIRTHDAYS, *continued*

- 21 Danielle Lloyd  
Luther (Sonny) Shaulis
- 22 Richard Adams
- 23 John Harvey
- 25 Maddox Lehman
- 26 Robert Harrold
- 27 Anthony Sanner
- 30 Kenneth Walker
- 31 Nicholas Anderson  
Ty Trent

*Happy Birthday,  
and may God continue to  
bless and keep you*



**Trinity’s Child Care  
is selling  
TIDAL WAVE CAR WASH  
COUPONS**

\$10 each (valued at \$30)

Currently, there are 110 tickets available to sell for gifts for Easter as well as spring and summer car washes.

We have made \$2,500 profit on the sale of these coupons to date. Thank you for your support!

**Child Care  
CHICKEN BARBEQUE  
FUND RAISER  
Friday, May 2**

from 2:30 to 6:00 p.m.  
*(or sooner if we sell out).*



It will be on a first-come, first-served basis (no sign ups). You will have the option of purchasing a meal (two sides and roll) or just half a chicken. Come and let us cook for you while supporting Trinity’s Child Care. More details about costs will be upcoming. Mark the date on your calendar!

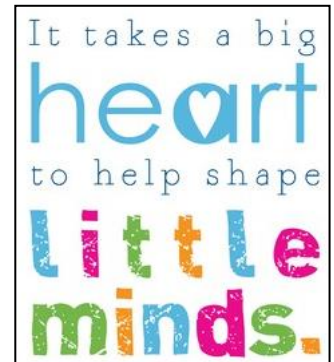
**TRINITY CHILD CARE MINISTRY MISSION STATEMENT**

Our mission is to provide a learning environment that will enable children to learn on their own explorations and give them the opportunities to explore the world around them.

- We provide student-center care with an emphasis on social-emotional learning.
- We incorporate Christian based principles.
- We foster curiosity and develop a love for life-long learning.

**A HEARTFELT TESTIMONIAL  
for Trinity Lutheran  
Child Care Center  
from our son Cole’s journey**

Trinity Lutheran Childcare Center has been an incredible blessing in our son Cole’s life. He started at just three months old and continued through the school-age program. When he reached preschool age, we initially tried public education, but within two weeks, we realized he wasn’t quite ready. He missed the play-based, nurturing environment he had grown so fond of at Trinity. Thankfully, we were able to obtain a spot in the Learning Academy, and it made all the difference.



At Trinity, Cole developed the skills he needed to confidently step into kindergarten. The small, faith-based setting provided the perfect balance of structure and play, allowing him to grow academically, socially, and spiritually. Daily prayer time, music with Christian worship songs, chapel time, and prayers before meals and snacks reinforced the values we hold dear as a family.

Beyond the incredible care and education, what truly sets Trinity apart is the deep sense of community. Having the church and childcare together created a warm, supportive environment where Cole felt safe and loved every day. We are so grateful for the lasting impact Trinity has had on our son and our family, and we wholeheartedly recommend it to anyone seeking a faith-filled, nurturing childcare experience.

— The Lloyd Family  
Chris, Stephanie and Cole

# Weekly at Trinity



**DROP IN on Adult Sunday School** for coffee, doughnuts, and Bible-based presentations and discussion.

During the winter months the group began a series on God's Angels. Frank Kyle helped the group chase after angels in the Old and New Testaments. Our Music Director, Nicholas Carroll, then broadened our understanding of the function of angels as revealed through hymn texts and poetry. After Easter, John Minnich will lead the group on a pictorial tour of angels in art.

What's happening in Adult Sunday School after the series on God's Angels? A 6-session study entitled *Daily Bread HOLY MEAL: Opening the Gifts of Holy Communion*.

Adult Sunday School meets in the Fellowship Hall, 9:00 to 9:45 a.m.

**Trinity's MEN'S GROUP** meets every Tuesday morning at 9:00 at the Turnpike McDonalds. The group welcomes all men to join them for this coffee fellowship.

## **Pastor's BIBLE STUDY**

meets on Wednesdays, 12:30 to 2 p.m. in the conference room. The group reads and discusses the assigned scripture readings for the coming Sunday. Drop in as often as you are able! Bring a Bible if you have one. If not, a variety of Bibles are available to choose from.

## **TLC CHOIR**

rehearses on Sunday mornings at 11:15 in the sanctuary. Nicholas Carroll, our Director of Music encourages and enables singers of all ages and stages to transform notes and words into inspiring anthems for the 10:00 a.m. worship service. For more information, drop Nicholas an email at [carrollpiano@yahoo.com](mailto:carrollpiano@yahoo.com).

## **The WITTENBURG**

**BELLS** rehearse on Sunday mornings at 11:30 a.m. in the balcony of the church sanctuary, which is accessible via stairs and elevator. Nicholas Carroll is the director of this talented group which plays for the 10:00 a.m. worship service approximately once a month. For more information, drop Nicholas an email at [carrollpiano@yahoo.com](mailto:carrollpiano@yahoo.com).

## **Sunday Worship**

**8:00 a.m.**

**Spoken liturgy of Holy Communion, sanctuary**

**10:00 a.m.**

**Sung liturgy of Holy Communion with musical offerings and organ leadership, sanctuary**

**4:00 p.m.**

**Spoken liturgy of Holy Communion, chapel**

*(first floor of education building)*

## **New! YOUTH CHOIR**

for older elementary, middle school and high school youth will begin rehearsing on Sunday, April 27 during the Sunday School hour, 9:05-9:45 a.m. in the chapel. At their first rehearsal, singers will decide how often they would like to sing in worship and how many weeks they will rehearse before summer break. For more information, please contact Pastor Ruth through the church office.



# CHRIST IS RISEN

