



# **TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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## **FROM THE PASTOR...**

Vacation Bible School is July 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>. Members of our biblical storytelling team will present the Bible story each night to the kids. If you have a young person in your life, please sign them up! Registration forms can be found in the VBS display in the narthex. Also, our annual picnic and contemporary worship in the park is Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, at 9 AM in the Bechtelsville community park. All are welcome – hope to see you there!

- Pastor Gene

## ***Worship in the Park!***





## *Worship in July & August*

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### **July 7, 2024– 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**Sermon Text: Mark 6:1-13** At home and abroad, Jesus and his disciples encounter resistance as they seek to proclaim God's word and relieve affliction.

### **July 14, 2024 – 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**Sermon Text: Mark 6:14-29** As Jesus and his disciples begin to attract attention, Mark recalls the story of John the Baptist's martyrdom. Like John, Jesus and his disciples will also suffer at the hands of those opposed to the gospel of salvation.

### **July 21, 2024– 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**

**Sermon Text: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56** When Jesus sends his disciples out to teach and heal, they minister among large numbers of people. Their work is motivated by Christ's desire to be among those in need.

### **July 28, 2024 – 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**

**Sermon Text: John 6:1-21** In John's gospel, the miracles of Jesus are called "signs," because they reveal the true character of God. As such, they remain within the mystery of God and cannot be brought under human control.

### **August 4, 2024 – 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**

**Sermon Text: John 6:24-35** Many of the five thousand people Jesus fed in the wilderness continued to follow him throughout the countryside. Jesus challenges them to consider the real nature of their quest.

### **August 11, 2024 – 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**

**Sermon Text: John 6:35, 41-51** After feeding more than five thousand people in the wilderness, Jesus teaches them regarding the true significance of this remarkable sign.

### **August 18, 2024 – 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**

**Sermon text: John 6:51-58** In John's gospel, the feeding of the five thousand leads to extended teaching in which Jesus identifies himself as the true "bread of life." Finally, in these verses, he makes a connection that would not be understood until after his death, in light of the church's celebration of holy communion.

### **August 25, 2024 – 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**

**Sermon Text: John 6:56-69** The "hard saying" that offends Jesus' disciples is his claim that his followers must eat his flesh and drink his blood. The followers who return to their old lives know something about how odd this sounds. Simon Peter, on the other hand, knows something about the scarcity of living, gracious words. He asks the most important question: "To whom shall we go?"

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# MUSIC News



Dear Members & Friends,

Our summer schedule is in full swing and I wish to thank all of the folks that are helping our Music Schedule by offering different special selections each Sunday during June, July & August.

Many thanks to our choirs for their music shared in worship the past month.

Recently, four of us attended a Music Seminar in Delaware and enjoyed all of the direction and music information Joel Raney and Joseph Martin could share with us. We sang many lovely anthems and I will be purchasing some of them for our enjoyment here at Trinity. We sing a lot of music written by these two gentlemen. Heather Sorenson also conducted one segment of the seminar, which was very enjoyable.

I am in the process of reviewing Cantatas for this 2024 year and it is always a fun time for me. Our Cantata dates will be Sunday, December 8th in worship and Sunday, January 5th will be the 3:00PM encore/snow date.

Special thanks for my beautiful flowers given to me on Music Sunday. It is always a special Sunday to me.

I hope you all enjoy a happy summer and please join us in worship whenever possible.

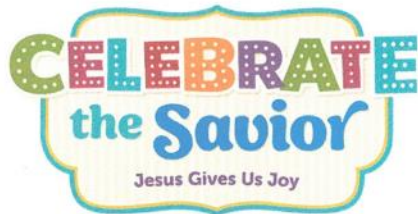
Musically,

LaRue C. Sheetz

Director of Music



Christian Education News - July/August 2024



July 22-26  
6:30-8:00 PM  
Ages 4 years to Grade 5

Get ready for Celebrate the Savior VBS, where children will look into God's Holy Word and discover that Jesus gives us the joy of eternal life with Him! Our loving God has given us so much to celebrate - family, friends, and especially forgiveness through faith in Jesus, our Savior. We'll have five fun nights of stories, music, crafts, and more. **Registration forms can be found in the narthex or downloaded from Trinity's website, or call the church office, 610-367-1281.**

## Support our VBS Mission Project!

During the month of July we will be collecting **school supplies and pantry items for Boyertown Multi-Service.** Donations can be placed in the appropriate boxes in the narthex. Donation suggestions can be found in the weekly bulletin during July.



## **PRAYER LIST FOR HEALING/SPECIAL NEEDS**

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*“Peace I leave with you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.” - John 14:27*

If you or someone you know has a prayer request or emergency, call Pastor Zaiser and the Prayer Circle will begin. **Please have the approval of the person/family for whom prayer is requested. It is important to contact the Pastor or notify the church office when someone can be removed from the list.**

One of the most caring and helpful things we can do for one another in time of need and times of joy, is to pray that God will be with those who have asked for our prayers and with all who seek healing of body, mind or spirit.

**IN ORDER TO KEEP TRINITY’S PRAYER LIST CURRENT. PLEASE INFORM PASTOR GENE, LINDA RITTER OR THE CHURCH OFFICE OF ANY CHANGES. THANK YOU.**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

### **SHUT-INS**

Barbara Stewart, Kathy Gamler, Lorna Shaner, Richard Eck and Betty Hallman.

### **MEMBERS**

Brandon Stauffer, Erika Zaiser, Angie Smith, Lynn Wolfgang, Betty Moore, Bill Brensinger, Rebecca Yescavage, Caleb Walsh, BillyRay Pearce, Sr., Linda Bewley, Kathy Sell, Dennis Brooke, Donna Day, Linda Allmendinger, Karen Essig, Elaine Dotterer, Jeff Reitnauer, Pete Schmoyer, Jerry Bryce, Glen Haas, Eileen Heffner, Vicki Mest, Carole Mest, Deanna Heydt and Ralph Rothenberger.

### **FRIENDS AND FAMILY — ONGOING NEEDS**

Rosetta Heydt, Michelle Hiriak, Carol Graves, Donald Hays, Steve Frey, Linda Stark, Harold Ford, David Stauffer, Lauren Unruh, Tammy Nelson, Martha Van Parys, Tracey Knox, Madeline Miller, Orpha Richter, Jon Brooke, Peggy & Wendell Wahlstedt, Ed & Rose McCarty, John Groves, Gene Zaiser, Ilse Kirchheimer, Gene Mutter, Paul Burkhardt, Earl Guinther, Elmer & Anna Bechtel, Lonnie Repko, Pastor Greg Frey, Karl Stauffer and Jose Roman.

### **RECENTLY ADDED**

Jeff Delp, Richard Garber and Joe DiCindio

### **FAMILIES OF:**

Andrew Kuser and Jake Hartline.

### **THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY**

Christopher Heffner, BillyRay Pearce, Jr., Michael McHugh, Ben Rhode, Steven Herbst, David Crews, Jeff Lydic, Jory Huie, Seth Kurtz, Clinton Bowen, Eli Abner, Benjamin Dirsra and Johnne Knepp.

**\*If anyone knows of military personnel who have been discharged, please let the Pastor or the church office know.**

### **OTHER CONCERNS**

We pray for peace throughout the world and in our country.

### **JOY AND THANKSGIVING**

We thank God for the gift of the summer season and for safety for all who travel.





**The Prayer Circle** has placed Prayer Request cards in the pews. Anyone having a prayer request is welcome to fill it out and place it in the offering plate or give to the Pastor. Before making a prayer request on another's behalf, please get their permission.

### Trinity's Prayer List

Names of friends and family will be kept on the bulletin prayer list for one month. If still in need of prayers, the names will then appear on the newsletter prayer list. Names on the friends and family list will be kept on the newsletter prayer list for one year if needed. Thank you for helping us keep our prayer list current.

- The Prayer Circle

### Giving Opportunities here at Trinity

As you may know, there are several special funds that you can direct gifts towards that help support and maintain our congregational life. There is the building maintenance fund, the organ maintenance fund and the sound system fund. Designated gifts may be directed to any of these, and gifts in memory of loved ones will be recorded in our Memorial Book.



### Need a ride?

We have volunteers in the congregation who are willing to provide transportation to medical appointments, etc., for those who can't find a ride. Please contact Pastor Zaiser 610-322-0901 if you need a ride or would like to volunteer as a driver.



**In Ian's Boots** is accepting used sporting equipment! If you have used cleats, balls, pads, guards, whatever, they will distribute it to needy children and youth development programs both here and around the world. Soccer equipment is especially welcome. **They will also accept gently used shoes and boots.**

### Visitor Cards

There are Visitor Cards in the church pews. Members of the congregation who are aware of visitors attending worship with us are asked to encourage the visitors to wear the applique from the card as well as fill out the card. Let's make our visitors feel welcome! Thank you!

## ARE YOU PLANNING TO HAVE A PARTY THIS YEAR?

### Need a location?



Our Trinity Parish Hall is available for rent. The rental rates vary for church members/non members and for number of attendees. **Please contact Karen Smith for availability. All rentals also require an additional \$75.00 check payable to "Sexton" (Cathy Yoder). See Below for rates:**

#### MEMBERS:

Number of Attendees -		
Rates: 1-50	\$75.00	
51-100	\$100.00	
Over 100	\$150.00	

#### NON-MEMBERS:

Number of Attendees -		
Rates: 1-50	\$100.00	
51-100	\$150.00	
Over 100	\$200.00	



## Sanctuary Etiquette

Many worshippers wish to observe quiet time in the sanctuary prior to the service, for meditation and prayer. Please respect this as you enter the sanctuary. When speaking in the narthex prior to the service, please speak softly. Thank You.



## Scout Troop 511

### Hoagie Sales:

Orders are due by the 2nd Tuesday of the month, pick up will be on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at Trinity **10:30-11:30AM**. 8" Hoagies are made from Dan's Deli, **Cost has increased to \$7.00**. There are ham w/onion, ham no onion, turkey w/onion, turkey no onion, Italian w/onion, Italian no onion, cheese hoagie w/onion, cheese hoagie no onion, mayo, Italian dressing, no tomatoes, no lettuce, no cheese. There is a sign up sheet posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex.



## WAWA Hoagie Coupons

Available 1st Sunday of the month at the Scrip Table or see Dan Ritter or Kathy Kuser. Coupons are also available in the church office Monday—Thursday, 9:00AM-2:00PM. **Tickets are \$5.00**. This project benefits the Social Ministry.



## Trinity Night at the Reading Phillies, Saturday, August 3, 2024.

Tickets \$41.00 includes the "All You Can Eat Buffet" Game Time 6:45PM, Gates Open 4:45PM. There is a sign up sheet posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex. For more information, please see Dennis Schaeffer.

## Communion Sundays

Sharing of the Peace has been added to the Communion Services. Please be respectful of members who may not wish to participate in this practice. Thank you.



**Bibles are available in the Narthex by the Parlor, if you wish to reference during worship.**

**A Special Thank You to Wil & Michelle Carpenter for your donation of the Bibles and placing them in the rack.**



## Card Ministry

There are no shut-in birthdays July & August. Various cards were sent.

- Karen Irey



## Our sister congregation,

The Marienkirche in Borna, Germany.

**Website:**

**[Kirche-bornaer-land.de](http://Kirche-bornaer-land.de)**



## Craft Show & Used Book Sale

The Craft Show this year will be held on Saturday, October 19th.

We are now collecting used books to be sold at the Craft Show, please drop off your donation in the Nursery.



**The deadline for the September Newsletter is Sunday, August 18th**

### July Birthdays

- 1 Yvonne Brown, Drevyn Deskie,  
Linda Ritter, Pastor Gene Zaiser
- 2 Chris Heffner
- 4 Karie Erkert & Joanne Nagle
- 5 Richard Garcia
- 7 Beckett Goggins & Xavier Johnson
- 8 Marcia Auge, Adam Kulp &  
Kathy Powers
- 9 Jill Schildt
- 11 Bruce Sarte
- 12 Gwen Greenawalt
- 13 Susan Rhoads
- 14 Ashley Christman
- 17 Kassie Jo Dulin
- 18 Desiree Drugatz, Cyndi Gehman,  
Sakura Gehman & Jim Yoder
- 19 Jerry Bryce, Jeremiah Johnson,  
Heidi Yescavage & Cathy Yoder
- 21 Kyle Seivard
- 25 Sarah Freese & Mary Keirse
- 26 Kevin Hampton & Kathy Kuser
- 28 Luke Grubbs & Alex Renninger
- 29 Bob McElwee & Benjamin Moyer
- 30 James Henshaw
- 31 Grace Hettler, Aaron Kratz &  
Samuel Moyer

### July Anniversaries

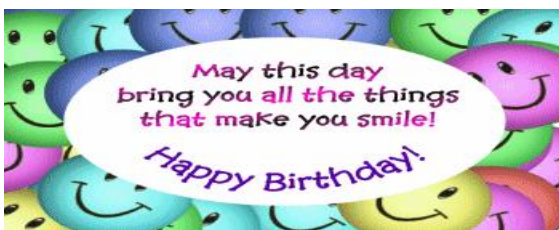
- 07/09 Jim & Cyndi Yoder
- 07/20 Barry & Judy Yerger
- 07/22 Lonni & Donna Repko
- 07/24 Scott & Becky Thomas
- 07/25 Richard & Vanessa Deskie
- 07/28 Tim & Mardell Blanford



### Change of Address

**Rebecca Yescavage**  
Walnut Woods  
Apt. 213  
35 N. Walnut Street  
Boyertown, PA 19512

**Mary Diemand**  
107 Avenue F  
Matamoras, PA 18336





## August Birthdays

- 1 Laura Moser
- 2 Carlie Bearn & Cody Harner
- 3 Destiny Hudock
- 4 Catherine Sarte & Katie Stephen
- 5 Kyle Rhoads
- 6 Greg Mest & Carol Rothermel
- 7 Vicky Horan, Tyler Schaeffer  
& Luke Trethaway
- 8 Madeline Buchert,  
Norma Jean Christman,  
Jenny Frederick & Carol Kirner
- 9 Tammy Renninger
- 11 Dennis Brooke & Mary Snyder
- 12 Linda Heimbach  
& Kearston Rhoads
- 14 Rebecca Thomas & Aidan Urban
- 15 Thomas Berger & Brandon Stauffer
- 17 Justin Miller
- 18 Michael Renninger
- 20 Bill Eddinger
- 21 Jeremy Benfield
- 22 Mardell Blanford  
& Lynn Wolfgang
- 23 Dorothy Romig
- 24 Pat Brensinger, Nell Harrison  
& Tammy Kemp
- 26 Marty Weiser
- 27 LaRue Sheetz
- 28 Joe Dulin
- 29 Waynette Shafer
- 31 Heather Bowers  
& Zechariah Johnson

## August Anniversaries

- 08/07 Greg & Nancy Mest  
Mark & Sandra Yarnall
- 08/11 Dan & Linda Ritter
- 08/14 Bill & Pat Brensinger
- 08/14 James & Joanne Henshaw
- 08/22 Cliff & Suzanne Kerchner
- 08/24 Richard & Shannon Delp
- 08/25 Glenn & Connie Haas
- 08/27 Matt & Katherine Renninger
- 08/31 Daniel & Deanna Heydt



## Words of Thanks.....

Our Dearest Family of Trinity, there are no words to express our heartfelt gratitude for the love & support we received from our church family on the passing of our Mother Alice Weller. Your kind words, hugs and thoughtfulness comforted our family at this difficult time.

We are so blessed to have you all.

The Family of Alice Weller

## Celebration of Life Service

**For Andrew Kuser**

**Friday, August 2nd**

**11:00 AM– Service**

**Luncheon to follow in the Parish Hall.**

**All are invited.**

## Worship Assistants for July & August, 2024

	Assisting Minister	Ushers	Server	Lector	Acolyte
July 7th		Dan Ritter* Dennis Schaeffer		Janice Sheetz	Jennifer MacDonald
July 14th		Cathy Yoder* Mardell Blanford		Sheila Eddinger	Uta Hahn
July 21st	Diane McElwee	Kay McGowan* Wil Carpenter	Linda Ritter	Oscar Smith	Erika Zaiser
July 28th	<b>WORSHIP IN THE PARK</b>			Kurt Yescavage	Mark Sheetz
August 4th	Jennifer MacDonald	Bill Eddinger* Kurt Yescavage	Sheila Eddinger	Angie Renninger	Uta Hahn
August 11th		Dan & Kathy Kuser		Sharon Renninger	Mark Sheetz
August 18th	Erika Zaiser	Howard Shafer* Bob McElwee	Waynette Shafer	Randy Kehl	Diane McElwee
August 25th		Randy Kehl* Janice Sheetz		Diane McElwee	Jennifer MacDonald

**Above is the Worship Assistant Schedule for July & August.**

Look on the schedule for your name and mark it on your calendar. **If there is a conflict, please find a replacement** and notify the church office 610-369-1281 by the Tuesday prior to that Sunday so that the correct name may be put in the bulletin.

† **Ushers** are asked to arrive in the Narthex one-half hour before the service.

**Acolytes and Crucifers** are asked to arrive twenty minutes before the start of the service in order to robe prior to the prelude. **If there is a conflict, please find a replacement or contact Pastor Zaiser.**

**Thank you to everyone that serves our congregation in this way! Anyone interested in serving in this way may contact Pastor Zaiser or the person in charge of the duty.**

## WORSHIP SPONSORS

You may sponsor altar flowers, **cost is \$32.00 for 1 bouquet or \$64.00 for 2 bouquets.** (If you wish to sponsor an extra bouquet of flowers for a date that is already taken, you may do so for an additional cost \$40.00.) If interested please see Mary Snyder. You may also sponsor the bulletins for \$15.00 per week, this helps offset the cost of printing them. **When sponsoring flowers, please use a flower envelope found in the rack in the narthex or clearly mark the envelope "Flowers". If you sponsored flowers in the past but no longer wish to, please let Mary Snyder (610-473-8885) or the church office know.**

	FLOWERS	BULLETINS
July 7th	To the glory of God by Ms. Elizabeth Anderson, in Memory of her Aunt Martha Grofe Christman.	To the glory of God by Gerard Bryce, in Memory of Wife Carolyn.
July 14th	To the glory of God by The Mutter Family, in Memory of their Parents Roy & Granny Mutter and their Brother Randy and Sister Sherry and also by Mrs. Ruth Reinhard, in Memory of her Grandson Chad Miller.	To the glory of God by Bill & Sheila Eddinger, in Memory of Grace Eddinger.
July 21st	To the glory of God by Mrs. Cathy Yoder, in Honor of her son James' Birthday and also by Mr. & Mrs. Barry Yerger, in Honor of their 11th Wedding Anniversary.	To the glory of God in Loving Memory of Michael McGowan's Birthday by Kay McGowan.
July 28th	To the glory of God in Memory of Ernie & Doris Roberts, by their Loving Daughter Kim and also by Mrs. Diane Morlock, in Honor of her Son Chris' Birthday	
August 4th	To the glory of God by Sandy & Mark Yarnall, in Honor of their Wedding Anniversary and also by Bob & Diane McElwee, in Memory of Loved Ones.	To the glory of God by Gerard Bryce, in Memory of Wife Carolyn.
August 11th	To the glory of God by Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Ritter, in Honor of their Wedding Anniversary and also by Mr. & Mrs. Brett Moyer, in Memory of their Mother Thelma Stauffer's Birthday,	To the glory of God by Greg & Nancy Mest, in Honor of Our Anniversary.
August 18th	To the glory of God by Mr. Gerard Bryce, in Memory of his Wife Carol on their Wedding Anniversary.	
August 25th	To the glory of God by Mrs. Martha Beekman, in Memory of Loved Ones and also by Sara Wagner, in Loving Memory of My Husband Fernley R. Wagner, USN Retired.	To the glory of God by Bill & Sheila Eddinger, in Memory of Sue Stoudt.

The following devotion was used to open the Church Council Meeting in June, was submitted by Kurt Yescavage....

### SURRENDERING TO GOD

Genesis 22:14

**“So Abraham called that place The Lord Will Provide.”**

Born on a farm, Judson Van DeVenter learned to paint, studied art, and became an art teacher. God, however, had a different plan for him. Friends valued his word in church and urged him to go into evangelism. Judson felt God calling him too, but it was hard for him to give up his love for teaching art. He wrestled with God, but “at last”, he wrote, “the pivotal hour of my life came, and I surrendered all.”

We can’t imagine Abraham’s heartbreak when God called him to surrender his son Isaac. In the wake of God’s command to “sacrifice him there as a burnt offering” (Genesis 22:2), we ask ourselves what precious thing God is calling us to sacrifice. We know that he ultimately spared Isaac (v.12) and yet the point is made: Abraham was willing to surrender what was most precious to him. He trusted God to provide in the midst of a most difficult calling.

We say we love God, but are we willing to sacrifice what’s dearest to us? Judson Van DeVenter followed God’s call into evangelism and later penned the beloved hymn “I Surrender All.” In time, God called Judson back into teaching. One of his students was a young man named Billy Graham.

God’s plan for our lives has purposes we can’t imagine. He longs for us to be willing to surrender what is dearest. It seems that’s the least we can do. After all, He sacrificed for us His only begotten Son.

*What’s God calling for you? What might you need to sacrifice for Him?*

*Dear God, I struggle to fully surrender parts of my life to You. Please help me to trust You. Amen*



**Graduate Recognition**  
**Congratulations and God's Blessings**  
**To The Class of 2024**

**Congratulations to the following College Graduates:**

Lori Freese, Daughter-in-Law of Linda Bewley, graduated from Reading Area Community College with an Associates Degree as a Paraprofessional, Tammy Kemp, Daughter of Terry & Sharon Kemp, graduated from University of Arizona Global Campus with a Master's Degree in Human Resources Management and Jamie Yoder, Daughter of Jim & Cyndi Yoder and Granddaughter of Cathy Yoder, graduated from West Virginia University, with a Masters' Degree in Sports Management.

**Congratulations to the following High School Graduates:**

Aubrey Auge, Granddaughter of Marcia Auge, graduated from Exeter High School and will be attending Lebanon Valley College for Nursing, Sarah Freese, Granddaughter of Linda Bewley, graduated from Boyertown Area Senior High School, Jack Reese, Grandson of Marcia Auge, graduated from Tulpehocken High School and will be attending Thaddeus Stevens Trade School, Faythe Schwager, Granddaughter of Lois Schwager, graduated from Boyertown Area Senior High School, will be working and furthering her education at Northampton Early Education and Elizabeth Conrad, Granddaughter of Lois Schwager, graduated from Boyertown Area Senior High School with Honors and also Vo. Tech. as a certified Personal Trainer, will be attending East Stroudsburg University majoring in Exercise Science.





## SIMPLY GIVING

Save time, simplify your life, and support your church! We're keeping up with the times by offering our parishioners another way to help our ministry. Our Electronic Giving Program called Simply Giving is an automated program that will allow you to make contributions without having to lift a pen to write a check or reach into your wallet for cash! And, this method of giving also saves our "counting team" time and trouble every week to open envelopes.

### **Here is how it works:**

You authorize a specified amount of money to be electronically transferred directly from your checking or savings account to the Church account. You also specify the frequency of the transfer.

It is fast, safe and easy! In fact, it is less risky than checks, as it cannot be lost or stolen, or destroyed. The electronic transfer will cost you NOTHING and you save the cost of the check. The Church will issue you a donation statement for your tax records, and your bank statements will provide you with a record of transfer as additional proof of your contributions. Donations via electronic transfer can be made to our General Fund, Benevolence, and/or World Hunger and/or Building Maintenance.

Many members/families of Trinity are currently using Simply Giving.

You can change your amount or frequency with two weeks notice. And, of course, you can cancel your authorization of transfer at any time by notifying the church office. But we believe that once you have enjoyed the convenience and savings of this new program, you won't want to go back to the old way of contributing to our church!

If you have any interest, or questions, or wish to try this program on a trial basis, call the church office, see Pastor Zaiser or call Kurt Yescavage at 610-493-2100.



## **Trinity Gift Card Program**

**Orders will be taken before and after the church service the first Sunday of the month and will be distributed at church the second Sunday of the month.** Order forms for Redners, Giant, and Scrip will be available at church and the Scrip order form is also found on Trinity's website. **Please note:** Weis Markets cards (\$25, \$100) can be ordered through Scrip for those who physically shop at the store. **Weis cards cannot be used for online orders. We apologize for any inconvenience.**

Payment must be submitted with your order; checks should be made out to Trinity Lutheran Church. **Be sure to include your phone number on your order form.**



### Military Address List

**(If you have a Loved One in the Military and they are not listed here, please contact the Church Office, to be included with this listing. Thank You.)**

Eli Abner  
980 Towamensing Rd.  
Lehighton, PA 18235  
(Son-In-Law of Wil & Michele Carpenter)

Benjamin Dirsra  
c/o Albert Dirsra  
662 Huffs Church Road  
Alburtis, PA 18011  
(Ruth & Marty Weiser's Niece's Son)

Christopher Heffner  
316 Merin Height Road  
Jacksonville, NC 28546  
(Eileen Heffner's Nephew)

Jory Huie  
Haager Str. 46 92676  
Eschenbach in der Oberfalz  
Bavaria, Germany  
(Linda Heimbach's request)

Jeffrey A. Lydic  
22128 Riverbend Dr. W.  
Watertown, NY 13601  
(Nadine Lydic's Son)

BillyRay Pearce, Jr.  
c/o 122 Cobblestone Drive  
Gilbertsville, PA 19525



# July 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	6:30 Scouts 1	6:30 Scouts 2	6:30 TLC Stitchers 3	HAPPY 4TH of July 4	5	6
9:00 Worship Service 7	6:30 Scouts 8	6:30 Scouts 7:00 Church Council Mtg. 9	6:30 TLC Stitchers 10	11	12	13
9:00 Worship Service 14	6:30 Scouts 15	6:30 Scouts 7:00 Worship & Music Mtg. 16	6:30 TLC Stitchers 17	18	19	20
9:00 Worship Service 21	6:30 Vacation Bible School Scouts 22	6:30 Vacation Bible School Scouts 23	6:30 Vacation Bible School 24	6:30 Vacation Bible School 25	6:30 Vacation Bible School 26	27
9:00 Worship in the Park/Picnic 28	6:30 Scouts 29	6:30 Scouts 30	6:30 Scouts 31			



# August 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
					1	2	3 6:45 Reading Phillies Game
4 9:00 Worship Service	5 6:30 Scouts	6 6:30 Scouts	7 6:30 TLC Stickers	8	9	10	
11 9:00 Worship Service	12 6:30 Scouts	13 6:30 Scouts 7:00 Church Council Mtg.	14 6:30 TLC Stickers	15	16	17	
18 9:00 Worship Service	19 6:30 Scouts	20 6:30 Scouts	21 6:30 TLC Stickers	22	23	24	
25 9:00 Worship Service	26 6:30 Scouts	27 6:30 Scouts	28 6:30 TLC Stickers	29	30	31	



## Trinity Lutheran Church, Bechtelsville, PA

May 2024	GENERAL FUND	MEMORIAL FUND	OTHER FUNDS	Total Funds
Balance, Beginning of Year	12,863	69,486	27,994	110,343
+ Receipts this year	96,569	945	13,402	110,915
- Disbursements this year	101,588	-	8,135	109,723
Balance, End of Month	<u>7,844</u>	<u>70,431</u>	<u>33,260</u>	<u>111,535</u>

GENERAL FUND		OTHER FUNDS	Balance		
	This Year				
<b>INCOME</b>					
Current	82,992	Bldg. Maint. Reserve	17,471		
Plate Offerings	2,336	Organ Maint. Reserve	10,141		
Sunday School & VBS	360	Benevolence	365		
Interest Earned - CD, etc.	315	Hunger Appeal	240		
Special Offering Envelopes	3,989	Special Music Reserve	3,039		
Thrivent Choice	1,199	Sound System	958		
Flowers	2,054	Miscellaneous Funds	240		
Fund Raisers	211	Payroll Taxes Withheld	806		
SCRIP Programs (net)	1,785	Total	<u>33,260</u>		
Miscellaneous	1,328				
Total	<u>96,569</u>	<b>ASSETS</b>	<b>"Market"</b>	<b>Gain</b>	
2023 BUDGET	237,000	Checking Account	21,435		
gain / (short-fall) =	(2,181)	Petty Cash	100		
		Vanguard Wellesley Fund	96,576	79,000	17,576
		Vanguard Money Market	11,000	11,000	-
		Total	<u>107,576</u>	<u>111,535</u>	17,576
				Gain inception thru 2023	15,762
		Vanguard Wellesley Fund	Gain (Loss) this year		1,814

**Notes:** For the first 5 months of 2024 the General Fund Balance decreased \$5,019 from \$12,863 to \$7,844. General Fund Income was \$2,181 less than 5/12 the 2024 Budget amount, and General Fund Expenses were \$2,838 less than 5/12 the 2024 Budget amount.

*For the first 5 months of 2024 the General Fund Balance increased to \$2,354.*



## Trinity Lutheran Church, Bechtelsville, PA

May 2024

EXPENSES	This Month	This Year	5/12 Budget	2024 BUDGET
Benevolence	500	2,500	2,500	6,000
Pastor's Salary	3,923	19,615	21,250	51,000
Housing Allowance	1,913	9,567	10,365	24,875
Social Security Allowance	519	2,596	2,813	6,750
Pension & Health Benefits	3,175	15,873	15,625	37,500
Continuing Education	-	150	229	550
Auto Allowance (mileage)	131	984	1,250	3,000
Secretary's Salary	1,160	5,800	6,283	15,080
Organist's Salary	1,092	5,458	5,458	13,100
Sexton's Salary	672	3,358	3,358	8,060
Treasurer's Salary	286	1,429	1,429	3,430
Financial Sec. Salary	100	500	500	1,200
Employer's FICA	253	1,013	1,302	3,125
Insurance	(8)	5,784	2,500	6,000
Repairs & Maintenance	177	5,170	4,167	10,000
Heating Oil	-	9,942	7,083	17,000
Electricity	306	1,672	1,875	4,500
Sewer	-	280	217	520
Cleaning Supplies	90	251	208	500
Lawn Care	400	800	667	1,600
Telephone	341	1,002	667	1,600
Copier	374	1,869	1,875	4,500
Office Supplies & Postage	96	1,443	1,875	4,500
Educational Materials	28	112	313	750
Worship & Devotional	-	231	292	700
Music Supplies	604	646	375	900
Discipleship	-	40	208	500
Publicity	32	168	208	500
Social Ministry	-	11	125	300
Envelopes	-	501	188	450
Flowers	300	1,928	1,875	4,500
Convention Expenses	260	260	417	1,000
Designated Donations	-	-	417	1,000
Miscellaneous	63	653	838	2,010
(Over) / Short	-	(19)	-	-
Total Expenses	16,786	101,588	98,750	237,000
2024 BUDGET - ytd	19,750	98,750		
over (under) budget	(2,964)	2,838		

The **BOYERTOWN ALUMNI MARCHING UNIT**

presents a

# **PATRIOTIC CONCERT**

**Saturday, July 6, 2024**

**2:00 p.m.**

*in Soul Joel's Historic*

*Sunnybrook Ballroom*

*50 Sunnybrook Road, Pottstown, PA*

**Enjoy the music of America - Past and Present**

**Tickets at the Door \$15, Online at [SoulJoels.com](http://SoulJoels.com) \$10 or from Band members \$10**

# Celebrate the Savior

## Vacation Bible School

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

1749 South Main Street

Bechtelsville, PA 19505

610-369-1281

July 22-26, 2024

6:30 – 8:00 PM

Ages 4 years through Grade 5



(Cut here and return form)

### Registration Form 2024

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Church Member? \_\_\_\_ Name of your church: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like more information about this church? \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_ Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Grade Completed: \_\_\_\_ Allergies or other concerns: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_ Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Grade Completed: \_\_\_\_ Allergies or other concerns: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_ Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_

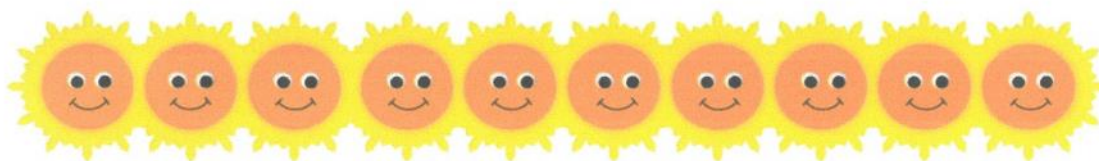
Last Grade Completed: \_\_\_\_ Allergies or other concerns: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*We request permission for your child to be included in photos while attending our VBS. We would like to share a photo montage/video as part of our worship service on August 4, 9:00 a.m. (Join us or watch on Trinity's Facebook page.)

\_\_\_\_ I give my permission for my child's photograph to be used for this purpose.

\_\_\_\_ I do not give my permission to photograph my child during this VBS.

Parent's signature: \_\_\_\_\_



# Community Worship in the Park July 28, 9:00 A.M.

Join us for a  
contemporary worship service at the  
Bechtelsville Community Park.

Sponsored by Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

Fellowship picnic and games for all generations to follow.

Hamburgers, hotdogs, beverages,  
and paper products will be provided.

Guests are asked to bring a side dish or dessert, and lawn chairs.

Bring a friend ~ all welcome!

In case of inclement weather, activities will be held in the church.





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Buffet Time: 5:45-8:15

**GAME DATE:** Saturday, Aug. 3, 2024

**GAME TIME:** 6:45 PM

**GATES OPENING:** 4:45 PM

**TICKET PRICE:** \$ 41

**FOR TICKETS CONTACT:**

Dennis Schaeffer

**AT** Church or Home (Cell 610-763-6546)

### '67 CLUB PICNIC AREA

- 2 1/2 HOUR, ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT BUFFET
- FANTASTIC LOCATION NEXT TO 3RD BASE
- PICNIC SEATING IN BLOCKS OF 10

### ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT MENU

BBQ RIBS & CHICKEN. HOT DOGS. HAMBURGERS. VEGETABLE LASAGNA. MAC & CHEESE. CORN, PASTA & POTATO SALAD. TOSSED SALAD, FRUIT, COOKIES AND PEPSI PRODUCTS







THE

CREATIVE

PATH

TO

\$\$\$\$\$ RAISERIGHT (SCRIP)

FOR

YOUR

CHURCH

GOAL \$6K FOR 2024

FAMILY



**PLAN! WHEN?** END OF PREVIOUS MONTH. **WHAT?** EVERYDAY ESSENTIALS (CVS, Staples, Walmart, WAWA cards) **GROCERIES** (Giant, Redners, Walmart, Target, Visa cards) **BIRTHDAYS** (Amazon, Starbucks, Gap, Old Navy, Macy's cards) **HOME IMPROVEMENTS** (Home Depot, Lowes, Ace Hardware cards) **VACATIONS** (Hotels, Airlines, Cruises, Fuel cards) **ANNIVERSARY'S** (Long Horn Steakhouse, Macy's, AMC theater cards)

**IMPLEMENT!** FILL OUT THE FORM! WRITE A CHECK OR BRING CASH! TURN IN AT THE SCRIPT TABLE ON THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH! COLLECT YOUR CARDS THE SECOND SUNDAY!

GET CREATIVE! THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX! ADDITIONAL GIFT CARDS ON THE WEBSITE [raiserright.com](http://raiserright.com)

### Monthly Free-will Offerings 2024

A free-will offering is scheduled for the third Sunday of each month. They are as follows:

January 21 – Boyertown Salvation Army

February 18 – In Ian’s Boots

March 17 – Boyertown Area Multi-Service

April 21 – Lutheran Disaster Relief

May 19 – geraniums for Pentecost

June 16 – In Ian’s Boots

July 21 – Samaritan’s Purse Shoe Boxes

August 18 – Save the Children

September 15 – Boyertown Area Multi-Service

October 20 – Eastern Berks Fire Dept.

November 17 – Elf Bags (Multi-Service)

December – No free-will offering. Thank you for supporting the various Christmas giving opportunities.

**Thank you for your contributions to these special causes!**

**The Community Clothing Rack  
Schedule**

**1st Wednesday**

Donations Accepted

**2nd, 3rd & 4th Wednesdays**

Shoppers Welcome

**2nd Thursday**

Shoppers Welcome

6:00PM-8:00PM

**5th Wednesday**

CLOSED

**Hours**

**1:00PM-4:00PM**

**Summer Hours Only**

**June-August**

**9:00AM-12:00PM**

Closed on all major holidays.

In the case of inclement weather,

Refer to Boyertown Area School district closure.

CCR is a ministry of St. Luke Lutheran Church

Our mission is to serve Jesus Christ by providing

necessary clothing to the underserved.

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**Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
Committee List 2024

**Church Council**

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Kathy Farrington  
Randy Kehl  
Susan Logan  
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Fred Isett  
Diane McElwee  
Kay McGowan  
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