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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday Worship 8:00am & 10:45am
Evening Prayer Wednesdays at 7:00pm

*The 8:00am Sunday and 7:00pm
Wednesday services are livestreamed
on Trinity's YouTube channel,
Facebook page, and website.*

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Tradewinds

The Newsletter of Trinity Lutheran Church

Called by Christ + Gathered in Grace + Joyfully Serving



Trinity's Jack
Frost Parade is
November 2nd!

From Pastor Jen...

Dear Trinity Family,

I was recently reminded of the song, *Kind and Generous*, by Natalie Merchant. It begins:

*You've been so kind and generous
I don't know how you keep on giving
For your kindness I'm in debt to you
For your selflessness my admiration
For everything you've done you know I'm bound
I'm bound to thank you for it...*

In addition to Sunday morning announcements, this is one of the places where I can reach many of you to say, thank you. You have been generous. Generous in your prayers. Generous in your time. Generous in your financial giving. Generous in sharing God's love.

Because of your generosity, here are just a few of the amazing things we have already experienced this year:

- We fed 937 students through our new Summer Pantry.
- We spent 5 days with over 50 kiddos & volunteers remembering that God loves a good mess at VBS.
- We fed each other through potluck dinners, sundaes on Sunday, sticky buns & donuts, hot dogs, and ice cream novelties.
- We fed each other in worship—praying together, sharing holy communion, and hearing God's word.
- We deepened community at tailgates, through funeral meals, in Sunday school classes, and ABO gatherings.
- We deepened our faith by studying scripture, hearing God's call, and responding in word and deed on *God's Work, Our Hands* Sunday.
- We welcomed new families—young and old—to the communion railing, into the family at Trinity, and into our lives.
- We lived Jesus' love in acts of care and compassion to those in need, spiritually, physically, and emotionally.



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Publication Deadlines: Sunday Bulletin,
Noon on Tuesday each week; *Tradewinds*
Newsletter, the 15th of each month.

From Pastor Eileen...

Playing God

We usually think of “playing God” as sitting in judgment, of assuming a position of power and control over others. But Ralph Milton has a different idea of what it means to “play God.”

Ralph Milton is a writer and theologian from Canada. He used to write a weekly column he called Rumors, “a free Internet ‘e-zine’ for Christians with a sense of humor.”

Ralph often included excerpts from his books in this weekly e-zine, and on one occasion he included an excerpt about “playing God” from his book *Angels in Red Suspenders*. It’s food for thought as we think about what it means to be the people of God and to live out the challenge of our ELCA slogan, “God’s Work, Our Hands.” So here is Ralph Milton’s take on what it means to “play God”:

Don't try to play God.

It’s an unanswerable statement. And really bad advice.

Because that’s exactly what we do. It’s exactly what we should do.

I played God a couple of years ago because I happened to be in the right place at the wrong time. Or perhaps the right time. I was shanghaied by a church school teacher at the top of the basement stairs.

"I need your help. Now!" she said, and led me by the arm into one of the Sunday School rooms. The problem was obvious. Young Peter was dressed as a shepherd for the Christmas pageant, and he was using his shepherd's staff to hold the entire class at bay. He was swinging it around while the rest of the children cowered in a corner.

"Give me that stick!" I ordered from well out of range.

"Go to hell!" said Peter.

I walked closer. Peter swung the staff at me. I caught it in my hand. It hurt. But I hung on and so did Peter. I pulled him toward me, threw both my arms around him, and I held him in a bear-hug while he struggled.

He struggled long and hard and shouted obscenities at me. I simply hung on, my arms wrapped around him. Eventually his struggling and his curses dissolved into tears. He released his hold on the staff and it clattered noisily to the floor. Gradually the bear-hug turned into a human hug.

"You're going to beat the s - - out'a me, aren't you?" Peter finally asked.

"Why would I do that?"

"Because that's what my dad always does."

"Does he do that often?"

"Yeah. He comes home drunk all the time and beats me and my mom and everybody except the baby."

"I don't want to beat you, Peter. I want to be your friend."

"Nobody wants to be my friend. Whenever I get a friend I hit them and then we're not friends anymore." Peter began to cry again. By this time he was sitting on my lap, my arms still around him, but making no attempt to leave. I wondered if this was the first time he'd ever been cuddled by a man. Did he know that men can love as well as hurt?

"Are they going to kick me out of the church play?" Peter asked.

"We'd like you to be in the church play, Peter. But we don't want you to hit people. Can you promise not to hit people?"



Pastor Eileen

"No," said Peter. I'd never heard such sadness in a child's voice. "No, because I just start hitting when I get something like a stick in my hand."

"Peter," I said. "Maybe I can help. I'll sit right in the front row during the Christmas concert. And when you feel like hitting somebody with your shepherd's staff, you just look at me. And then we'll both pretend that I'm giving you a nice, warm hug. Do you think that would work?"

Peter and I exchanged knowing glances several times during the performance. And he got through the Christmas concert just fine. And I ached for him and his family, knowing the phone calls that had been made and the interventions that had to happen. Family violence must not be allowed to continue, and sometimes there needs to be the pain of justice, before we see the "Peace on earth!" which the angel in that pageant promised.

On the way home, it came to me. I've been playing God! God doesn't zap with thunderbolts or bully people into decisions. God simply offers love, in all sorts of forms. Christmas, Good Friday, and Easter are at the top of the list.

And then God sits there, in the front row of our lives, smiling and encouraging and helping us find the internal strength to do the right thing.

One of those right things is to play God. Just as often as we can.

(From *Angels in Red Suspenders*, Northstone, ©1997 Used with permission)

Blessings!

Pastor Eileen ▲

Vicar Program—Next Steps

In January 2026, Vicar April will begin her full-time, one-year internship with us. As we continue to pray about the way Trinity is called to be the church in the world, teaching, growing, and learning from interns deeply shapes not only us, but future pastors, and the greater church. As we pray and plan for the 2026 budget, I encourage you to think about supporting the vicar program moving forward. If you have questions, please ask me.

In gratitude,

Pastor Jen ▲

Youth Fall/Winter Service Opportunities

For Youth in Grades 7-12

- Come be part of the Jack Frost Parade on November 2nd!
- Sunday, December 7th—12-2pm Lunch and Caroling around our community!

Winter fun:

- Sunday, December 14th—12-2pm Lunch & Christmas Party (with white elephant gift exchange)

Sign up on the youth bulletin board or text Pastor Jen if you are joining us. The more the merrier!

Confirmation Youth—make sure these dates are in your calendars and/or the calendars of the adults who drive you around!

- Sunday, Nov. 16th—12-2pm Confirmation
- Sunday, Nov. 23rd—12-2pm Confirmation

Sunday School for youth meets every Sunday at 9:15am with Pastor Jen. Come laugh, pray, serve, and learn together. Friends are always welcome. ▲

From Pastor Jen...
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And, AND, we are able to do all of this (and then some) because of your generosity. Because you care about this place and want it to be a place of welcome, meaningful worship, and connected families, your generosity makes it all possible. It is far too easy to look ahead with worry about the future, but I believe it is much more important to look ahead with the promise of God's hope and future for us (see Jeremiah 29). God promises us a future. Our generosity of God's gifts shapes our today, our tomorrow and our future. Thank you.

Keep being awesome.

+Peace,

Pastor Jen ▲

Ordination of Rosalie Virginia Brunner

By the grace of God and the call of the church, Rosalie Virginia Brunner will be ordained to the ministry of word and sacrament in the ELCA. The service will be at Trinity on Friday, November 14th at 6:30pm with a reception to follow.

It is a joy and an honor to celebrate this milestone for Rosalie in the place that fed and nurtured her faith as well as a place where she then nurtured so many others.

To help with this special event, please see the kiosk to sign up. Your help with the reception will help make it a successful event.

On behalf of Rosalie (and her very proud parents, Jeff & Josie), thank you.



Fall back, not behind!
CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS and
join us on time for worship.

November 2nd, 2025

Wiggle Room Available

Wiggle Room (at the front right side of the sanctuary)—A place for little ones who may need to move around without disrupting worship. No need for tears—just a little wiggle space! And note that a **restroom** is inside, including a changing table. It is the closest restroom to the Sanctuary. ▲



Visit Trinity's website using this handy QR code, or go to <https://www.trinityrobesonia.org/>.



How To Contact the Pastoral Staff

While we wish that we received a crystal ball in seminary so we would just 'know' the health and wellbeing of each and every Trinity person, that is not the case. If you know of upcoming surgeries, please call the church office and let us know. You can leave messages with Bob or Cheryl or you can ask to be directed to the voicemail of Pastor Jen or Pastor Eileen, whose voicemail boxes are confidential.

If there is an emergency event, especially on a Friday or Saturday (when the church office is closed) please call Pastor Jen at home 610-693-5551 or Pastor Eileen at 484-575-1881. ▲

NOTE: If you're calling the office from a cell phone, you may need to dial "1" first to get through.

Thank You, Newsletter Crew

Many thanks to our September volunteers who prepared the October newsletters for mailing. They included Bonnie Smith, Linda Purdin, Judy Titter, Betsy Althouse, and Don Stripling, who folded, stuffed, sorted, and sealed the mailing. Thanks also to Cheryl Bowers for labeling the envelopes in advance. We are grateful for your help! ▲

Planning Ahead...

Make sure these dates are on your calendar:

Sunday, November 2nd—Daylight Saving Time ends; get an extra hour of sleep!

Sunday, November 2nd—All Saint's Sunday

Sunday, November 2nd, 3:00pm—Jack Frost Parade

Sunday, November 2nd—Deadline to order Gingerbread Houses (see p. 9)

Monday, November 3rd, 9:00am—Coffee & Conversation in the Social Hall; continues every Monday

Tuesday, November 4th—Election Day

Monday, November 10th, 6:30pm—Finance Board

Tuesday, November 11th, 12:00noon—ABO Friendsgiving and packing bags for Meals on Wheels

Tuesday, November 11th, 7:00pm—Photo Club, in Classroom B

Wednesday, November 12th, 6:00pm—The Well Potluck Dinner

Friday, November 14th, 6:30pm—Ordination service, and reception to follow, for Rosalie Virginia Brunner here at Trinity

Sunday, November 16th—Stewardship Sunday; Sticky buns are on the menu! They'll be served in the Social Hall from 8:30-10:30am. And Beansie's Coffee Truck with tasty drinks will be in the parking lot! Please join us!

Sunday, November 16th, 12:00noon—Confirmation

Monday, November 17th, 6:30pm—PPC

Thursday, November 20th, 10:00am-12:00noon—Food Pantry

Sunday, November 23rd, 12:00noon—Confirmation

Monday, November 24th, 6:30pm—Worship & Music Board (Zoom)

Tuesday, November 25th, 8:30am—Newsletter assembly in the Social Hall

Wednesday, November 26th, 7:00pm—Community Thanksgiving Service here at Trinity

Thursday, November 27th—Happy Thanksgiving! (Office closed)

Wednesday, December 24th—Christmas Eve services at 5:00, 7:00, & 9:30pm

Thursday, December 25th—Merry Christmas! (Office closed) ▲



Stewardship Sunday November 16th

Come—fill your cup!

Leading up to Stewardship Sunday we have many opportunities to learn about the many ways our gifts of time, talent, and treasure do amazing things in this place. Your stewardship mailing with a calendar filled with daily Bible readings and activities is already with you. Be sure to follow along each day in November. When you share your photos on social media, be sure to tag Trinity Robesonia and use the hashtag #fillmycup. We will compile these photos to share each week in worship.

We will also see videos in worship from children and youth to hear about what they love and appreciate about Trinity and our church community.

As you pray about the ways you are called to share of your time, abilities, and treasures, we look forward to celebrating our overflowing cups with tasty drinks from Beansie's Coffee Truck paired with fresh baked sticky buns served in the social hall November 16th from 8:30–10:30am! Please join us! ▲

Coffee and Conversation

Every Monday

We have resumed our weekly Coffee and Conversation gatherings on **Mondays at 9:00am** in the Social Hall. You are invited to join us! ▲



Save Redner's Receipts

Support our fundraising efforts by saving your entire Redner's "Save-a-Tape" receipts! Receipts dated within the last three years qualify, but it must be the **whole receipt**. We have received over \$300 so far this year from Redner's thanks to your submitted receipts. Please place your receipts in the collection box located in the upper Narthex. Every receipt counts! Thank you for your support. ▲

Sunday School at 9:15am

Join us each week for Sunday School. All classes begin at 9:15am and we'll do some fun stuff to get acquainted and start our journey with Jesus! This year each class will take a different journey through Bible stories and Gospel lessons.

Please note these schedule changes...in order to create the opportunity for more glorious music, and hopefully accommodate families' busy schedules, here are the time changes for Sunday School and choirs:

- 9:15am Sunday School
- 10:05am Sunday School wraps up
- 10:10–10:25am Chimes
- 10:25–10:45am Youth Choir

ADULT CLASS: Coffee Klatch

Beginning Sunday, November 2nd, 9:15am, meeting in Classroom A, the Coffee Klatch has returned led by Joan Lincoln. This is a relaxed class, so bring your coffee and donut, and sit and chat about where God is in your life. We'll start with an inspirational reading, poem, or contemporary issue and let the Holy Spirit lead us wherever he believes we should go. We become a community within our congregation that prays for and cares for each other.

Beginning Sunday, January 4th, 2026, Jeff Culp will lead another adult Sunday School class entitled **Trinity's Lutheran Liturgy**. It will meet in Classroom B at 9:15am. ▲

**Daylight Saving Time ends
November 2nd...get an extra
hour of sleep!**

Baptismal Font Restoration

We are pleased to have restored the former baptismal font in the Narthex, now placed near the entrance to the nave. Each time you enter for worship, it serves as a reminder of your own Baptism. Martin Luther wrote that Baptism is God's eternal covenant of grace and not made futile by our stumbles. When troubled, Luther himself would cross himself and proclaim, "Get away from me, I have been baptized." As you enter, feel free to dip your fingers in the water, make the sign of the cross, and renew your Baptism. You can also reflect further on Baptism by reading Luther's words on page 1164 of the Evangelical Lutheran Worship book. ▲

Meditation Garden

Are you feeling the stressful effects of back-to-school season and the upcoming holidays? We'd like to remind you about our Meditation Garden—a self-care respite you can enjoy anytime.

Just inside the garden off Ruth Street, between the rear of the parsonage and the social hall, you'll find a peaceful space to pause. Take a moment to breathe, pray, and simply be present in the beauty of God's creation.

This natural mini-retreat is always open to you. Step in, take a deep breath, and allow yourself a moment of renewal.

P.S. Leave your phone in your car! ▲



Community Thanksgiving Service November 26th

We are hosting a Community Thanksgiving Service here at Trinity on Wednesday evening, November 26th, at 7:00pm. Offerings will go to the Conrad Weiser Family Fund. Everyone is invited! ▲

ELCA

Trinity is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, more commonly referred to as ELCA. Learn more about what that means here: <https://www.elca.org/> (or scan the QR code). ▲



Food Pantry Updates

Dear Trinity Members,

The new Conrad Weiser Summer Pantry was a great success—thanks to YOU! Each week we provided free breakfast, lunch, and snacks for students who receive free or reduced lunch during the school year. With support from local churches, organizations, individuals, and Helping Harvest, 57 families (197 students) signed up, averaging 33 families and 85 students each week. What a wonderful way to support local students, Kindergarten–Grade 12!

We also continue to help during the school year. Helping Harvest supplies 170 Weekender Bags most Fridays for students at East, West, and the Middle School.



These include meals and snacks for the weekend. Five weeks this year

are not covered, and you can help by praying, donating items (see list below), or writing a check to Trinity with “Weekender Bags” in the memo line.

Needed Items:

- Chewy granola bars
- Individual fruit cups
- Complete pancake mix
- Canned pasta
- Pancake syrup
- Ramen noodles
- Peanut butter
- Chicken noodle soup
- Jelly
- Lance crackers
- Oatmeal packets
- Individual cereal cups/pouches
- Hot chocolate packets
- Microwave popcorn
- Salty snacks
- Mac & cheese cups

We are grateful for your support in sustaining and nourishing our young neighbors!

Sincerely,

Pastor Jen, Pastor Eileen, Brian, and Cherie ▲



ABO—Anything But Old!

Trinity's 55+ Ministry
No Dues—No Don'ts

Anything But Old is Trinity's fellowship group especially geared towards the older members of our congregation. But everyone is welcome to join us!

We usually meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 12:00noon to share a meal together and then enjoy an activity that may be a service project, entertainment, or something educational! Sign up sheets for our upcoming events can be found on the kiosk in the upper Narthex.

We're already planning ahead for the 2025-26 program year, so mark your calendar for these events:

- **Tuesday, November 11th** (12:00noon) Our annual “Friendsgiving” and we'll be packing goodie bags for Meals on Wheels participants. We are collecting: packs of Lance crackers, pocket packs of Kleenex, little cups of applesauce, granola bars, Chapstick, and grippy socks. We serve about 25 people in Wernersville and Robesonia. More info is on the kiosk in the Narthex.
- **Tuesday, December 16th** (12:00noon) Christmas Singalong and packing Weekender Bags ▲

Help Needed... Sunday Morning Lock-Up Position

After many years of faithful service, Carol Werkheiser has stepped down as our Sunday morning lock-up person.



This important role ensures the building is ready and cared for each week. Responsibilities include unlocking doors, turning on lights, and preparing the space for use before services. After worship, duties include checking and stocking bathrooms, taking out trash, turning off lights, and locking the building.

This is a part-time, paid position. If you are interested or would like more details, please email Pastor Jen at jdee@trinityrobesonia.org. ▲

Calling All Artists...

Artist of the Month—To help beautify our sanctuary and to showcase the many talents of all our members, the Worship and Music Board will be starting a new program called artist of the month. Do you have a special artistic or crafty talent, such as coloring, painting, knitting, needlepoint, or photography? Would you be willing to share and display your work

with the congregation? Beginning in the month of November, we will display these items on the windowsills in the sanctuary, along with a small tag of information about the artist. Our long-term hope is to feature member art on the windowsills in months when there are not decorations themed to the calendar or church season. Look for more information and a drop-off box on the table in front of the office in the lower Narthex. ▲

Teddy Bear Toss

From Clayton Haley

Donate new or gently used stuffed animals for children in need across Central PA through the Hershey Bears Teddy Bear Toss. I've collected 1,600+ in the past three years—let's keep it going! The collection box will be in the donation area at the top of the stairwell until mid-December. Thank you for helping bring smiles to local kids! ▲



Special Thanks...to volunteers who helped get the stewardship mailing out in October: Linda Purdin, Susan Bergey, Bonnie Smith, Joanna Goodison, and Cheryl Bowers. We appreciate your help! ▲

Thank You for Your Gifts

Use this QR code with your smartphone to set up a Pushpay account.



You can choose an amount, direct your gift to Trinity's General Fund, and even opt to cover any transaction fees. This convenient option also makes it easy for members, visitors, and guests to support our ministries.

Thank you for your generosity and for supporting the many ongoing ministries of Trinity! ▲

Trinity Tailgates

Thank you to the amazing crew that helped at our three Trinity tailgates this fall! Fun was had! Empanadas and pizza were eaten. Community was connected. God's love was shared. As we continue to listen to where God is calling us to be outside of our building, I'm grateful for your support of ministries that reach out to our community. I will meet with students and faculty over the next few months to see how they would like to see these events happen in 2026! On behalf of the CWHs community, thank you!



Pastor Jen ▲



**Trinity
Photo
Club**

The Trinity Photo Club meets on the sec-

ond Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM in Classroom B. Our next meeting is November 11th. Whether you're just starting out or have years of experience behind the lens, you'll find helpful tips, shared inspiration, and a welcoming community of fellow photographers.

All are welcome—beginner or pro, using a phone or DSLR or a drone. Come to improve your skills, try new techniques, see new gear, and share your photos!

To get email reminders, contact the church office at office@trinity-robesonia.org. For more info, talk to Bob in the office. ▲

From the Finance Board

2025 General Fund Activity

	September 2025	Year to Date
Budget	\$41,898	\$439,009
Transfers	\$100,000	\$100,000
Income	\$34,288	\$337,434
Expenses	\$37,889	\$408,443
Operating Shortfall	(\$3,601)	(\$71,009)

Vanco ➔ Pushpay

Trinity is upgrading our software and giving platform!

We are moving from Shepherd's Staff (database) and Vanco (giving) to Pushpay, a tool that makes both easier to use and adds new ways for members to connect beyond Sunday mornings.

What this means for you:

- We'll still communicate through phone calls, email, Tradewinds, and weekly bulletins.
- Pushpay will simplify online giving (one-time or recurring) through our new app or by text.
- You may still give in person with cash or check using an envelope.
- Current Simply Giving users will receive an email from Pushpay with instructions to update their giving.

If you have any questions, please contact the church office. ▲

BY THE GRACE OF GOD AND THE CALL OF THE CHURCH

Rosalie Virginia Brunner

WILL BE ORDAINED TO THE MINISTRY OF WORD AND SACRAMENT
IN THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14th @ 6:30 PM EST

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
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The service will be livestreamed: www.trinityrobesonia.org/live/
OR on Facebook @Trinity Lutheran Church, Robesonia, Pennsylvania
Recording made available on YouTube @TrinityRobesonia

THE COLOR OF THE DAY IS RED

Office Hours

The church office is open:

Monday–Thursday
8:00am–1:00pm

Closed Friday

If you have questions for the office and are not available during those hours, call and leave a voicemail message or send an email.

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Administrative Assistants
Bob Bergey & Cheryl Miller



Office Drop Box

It's easier than ever to drop off items for the church office after hours. A drop box is mounted beside the office door in the lower Narthex. Use it to securely leave things like various church forms, suggestions, key returns, and more. Just lift the lid and slide your items into the top slot. ▲

Just a reminder...neither Trinity staff, nor Trinity members will reach out to you via email asking for gift cards. These emails are SPAM. Do not reply to them, delete them. When we do ask for donations, we do so in the announcements at worship, in the bulletin and in the newsletter. If you are unsure, please call the church office. ▲

Connections...

To our Facebook page:
<https://facebook.com/trinity-robersonia>

To our YouTube channel:
<https://youtube.com/@trinity-robersonia>

To our website:
<https://trinityrobersonia.org>
To ELCA: **<https://elca.org>** ▲

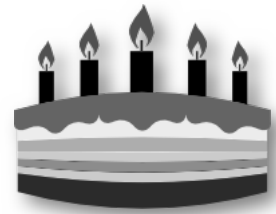
Valentine's Day Food Pantry Project

During the past year the Conrad Weiser Food Pantry has been helping 140–170 families each month. Those families include 550–750 individual neighbors. Along with our partner, Helping Harvest, you have been key in supporting and providing what is needed to help our neighbors. Thank you for helping us with this ministry.

At our January distribution we would like to give each family we serve a gift for Valentine's Day. The pantry will provide the sugar cookie mix. We are looking for donations of cheerful kitchen towels, rubber spatulas and heart shaped cookie cutters to complete the gift idea. If you are shopping and see some good deals on any of these items, we would appreciate your donations. Volunteers will put the four items together to make the gifts.

Items may be placed in the "Donations" cart between the glass doors at the entrance. The items are needed by January 18. THANK YOU!

—Anne, Ray, Cherie ▲



Happy Birthday to Our Members Over 80!

*Address included—send a card!**

John Burd — November 27th

**Note: For privacy and safety, addresses of members over 80 are included only in the print edition of the newsletter and not in the PDF edition on the website. ▲*

The Hat and Mitten Turkey is Back!



Trinity will once again be collecting hats and mittens for Conrad Weiser School District Elementary and Middle School children. Donations may be added to the Turkey in the upper Narthex through Sunday, November 23rd. ▲

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

Family Promise

Thank you to all who helped in whatever way, for Trinity's Family Promise Week.

We served 5 adults and 7 children ages 11 yrs–7 months. We provided cleaning supplies, soup, casseroles and groceries to 3 families living in 3 different houses provided by the Family Promise organization. These are families working their way out of homelessness. They truly appreciate the "boost" that Trinity provides twice a year. (The rest of the year is covered by other churches.)

Thanks also to the CW Athletic Association who donated some chicken barbecue meals from their fundraiser held that week.

If you have any questions about this Community Outreach project, please talk with Jo Ressler or Linda Purdin. ▲

Duncan's Corn Maze

Thank you Loretta Duncan!

Our sincerest thanks to church member, Loretta Duncan, for warmly welcoming and hosting over 80 church members at Duncan's Corn Maze! It was a glorious day of beautiful weather, fun and fellowship, 2 campfires for hot dogs and s'mores, and 3 hayrides to the barn!

Hayride # 3 (driven by Loretta) was especially exciting as the riders witnessed Loretta helping to bring a calf into the world! This special moment was followed by the singing of "Happy Birthday," along with input for name suggestions! It's official...the calf was named and tagged "Trinity"!

Truly an all around wonderful afternoon, and such a generous gift to all of us from Loretta! ▲

Jack Frost Parade

Sunday, November 2nd • 3:00pm



Thank you to all who helped to make the parade happen. Watch for more information in the December newsletter. ▲

Gingerbread Houses

It's time to order Gingerbread houses! Order forms are below or on the kiosk in the upper Narthex. Deposit form with payment (\$14 each) in the offering plate or in the drop box by the church office door. **Deadline to order is November 2nd!** ▲



Well, Well, Well...

The Well at Trinity is a time to gather for food and fellowship before worship on Wednesday evenings. Join us at 6:00pm on November 12th for our next potluck dinner. Bring some food to share and we'll all enjoy a meal together. No sign up needed for this potluck dinner—just join us.

In December dinner will begin at 5:30pm followed by the following activities:

- December 3rd—Soup/Sides/Desserts & Carol Sing-A-Long
- December 10th—Soup/Sides/Desserts & Gingerbread Creations (order form below or on the kiosk in the Narthex, due November 2nd)
- December 17th—Pizza & Packing Cookies for CW Food Pantry; pizza will be provided. Donations accepted.

Each week we conclude with Advent Vespers at 7pm in the Sanctuary.

It's helpful if you sign up using the coupons below. Deposit them in the offering plate or in the office drop box in the lower Narthex. Thank you! ▲



TRINITY EXCHANGE

Have something to give? Need something? Use the Trinity Exchange bulletin board (left wall of the hallway to the Social Hall). Post your donation or request with your contact info and date. Items are free—no money exchanged. Notes stay up for 60 days. ▲

Lutheran Liturgy Quiz!

True or False:

- T F 1. The Greeting is between the minister and the congregation.
- T F 2. The Prayer of the Day is directly related to the Gospel lesson.
- T F 3. The liturgy is the "work of the people."
- T F 4. The sacristy is the room where the choir gowns are kept.
- T F 5. There are ten stained glass windows in the nave in Trinity.
- T F 6. Vestments are considered "adiaphora."
- T F 7. The month is not a part of the church year.
- T F 8. The Revised Lectionary Contains years A, B, and C.
- T F 9. The idea of fasting during Lent is to remind us of Jesus suffering.
- T F 10. Ascension Day is celebrated the 50th day after Easter.

Find the answers to these and many more questions about the liturgy during **Trinity's Lutheran Liturgy Class**, beginning, **Sunday, January 4, 2026** in Classroom B, during the Sunday School Hour, **9:15–10:05am**. All are welcome. No previous experience necessary. All materials will be provided. ▲

We're coming in December!

December 3rd—Carol Sing-a-long!

Join us to sing the season's favorites!

I will bring: ☐ Soup ☐ Side ☐ Dessert

Number attending: _____

Name: _____

Email or Phone: _____

Wednesday, December 10th

GINGERBREAD HOUSES

—One night only!—

Dinner starts at 5:30pm

Deadline to order is November 2nd

We are sorry, but we cannot sell kits if you are unable to attend Wednesday evening.

I will bring: ☐ Soup ☐ Side ☐ Dessert

Of Houses @ \$14.00: _____

Amount enclosed: \$ _____

Number attending: _____

Name: _____

Email or Phone: _____

December 17th—COOKIE PACKING!

Tonight's the night we pack 1,000s of cookies for our food pantry families. PIZZA PROVIDED. Donations accepted.

☐ Contact me to bring dessert.

Number attending: _____

Name: _____

Email or Phone: _____

November & December 2025 Sponsor Schedule

	Altar Flowers \$35 /vase	Mem. Bowl \$35	Bulletin \$25	Bread \$5	Wine \$7	Newsletter \$20	Missionary \$5/day	Home Devotionals \$20	Online Streaming \$50
11/2	Carole Forry/Mary Bagenstose	Joe & Carol Voletto	Paul & Ruth Ann Moyer	Walt & Sandy Schneider	John & Jo Ressler	Pat Stoltzfus	Norb & Linda Schneider/ Larry & Barbara Schermick	Sharlene Williams	Larry & Lee Sheaffer
11/9	John & Jo Ressler/Joe & Carol Voletto	Joe & Carol Voletto	Jeff & Vicky Steltz	Hannah Schultz	Mary Ellen Ressler	Don Stripling	June Brossman/ Hannah Schultz	<i>Sponsor Needed</i>	<i>Sponsor Needed</i>
11/16	Paul & Ruth Ann Moyer/Heather Zilinski & Jayden & Victoria	Pastor Eileen & Brian Smith	Andrew Smith	Mike & Kris Schultz	Chris & Sue Rush	Scott Sunderland	Walt & Sandy Schneider/Maryann George	Rose Zerbe	Joe & Carol Voletto
11/23	Linda Purdin/Curt & Dee Kramer	Joe & Carol Voletto	Larry & Lee Sheaffer	Elaine Shartle	Larry & Barbara Schermick	Jeremy & Jessica Umbenhauer	June Brossman/Dave & Tracy Graver	<i>Sponsor Needed</i>	Brian Smith & Pastor Eileen
11/30	Jim & Janice Murdough	Chris Kennedy	Andrew Smith	Marce Sheidy/Kathy Showalter	Terri Schermick/Pat Schleifer	Joe & Carol Voletto	Dave & Jodi Schweizer/Chris & Sue Rush	<i>Sponsor Needed</i>	Linda Purdin
12/7	Geraldine Putt/Mary Ellen Ressler	Bonnie Smith	Holly & Brian Miller	Brian Smith & Pastor Eileen	Joe & Cathy Tranquillo	Kathy Wagner	June Brossman/Judy Titter/Rose Zerbe	Dave & Natalie Wise	Kathy Showalter
12/14	Becky, Jillian & Natalie Urand/Paul & Ruth Ann Moyer	Gail McKim	Loretta Schneck	Joe & Carol Voletto	Loretta Schneck	Sharlene Williams	Elaine Shartle/Natalie & Dave Wise	<i>Sponsor Needed</i>	<i>Sponsor Needed</i>
12/21	Terry & Cheryl Bowers/Paul & Ruth Ann Moyer	Craig Matthew	Kathy Shirk	Pat Stoltzfus	Norb & Linda Schneider	Tyler & Kate Witmer	June Brossman/Cathy & Joe Tranquillo/Steph Gattens	<i>Sponsor Needed</i>	Brian Smith & Pastor Eileen
12/24	Loretta Schneck/Curt & Dee Kramer	Jeff & Bonnie Culp	Joe & Carol Voletto	Rose Zerbe/Sharlene Williams/Kathy Wagner/Becky Urand	Walt & Sandy Schneider/Hannah Schultz/Elaine Shartle/Marce Sheidy	Dave & Natalie Wise	Marce Sheidy/Joe & Carol Voletto	<i>Sponsor Needed</i>	Joe & Carol Voletto
12/28	Jeremy & Jessica Umbenhauer/Val & Andy Grajewski	Joe & Cathy Tranquillo	Linda Purdin	Joe & Cathy Tranquillo	Dave & Jodi Schweizer	Rose Zerbe	June Brossman/Diane Gramling	<i>Sponsor Needed</i>	<i>Sponsor Needed</i>

November & December 2025 Worship Volunteer Schedule

	Screen Asst.		Camera Crew	Ushers		Greeters		*Lay Readers & Lay Assistants		Basket Holder	Acolyte	Coffee Hour Host
	8:00am	10:45am	8:00am	8:00am	10:45am	8:00am	10:45am	8:00am	10:45am	10:45am	10:45am	9:00am
11/2	Curt Kramer	Liz Clark	Darrell Rosenberger	Mark & Sherry Moyer	Jane Limpus Linda Purdin	Dave & Tracy Graver	Bob & Susan Bergey	*Josie Brunner Don Stripling Steph Gattens	*Dawn Fry David Sattazahn Ted Angstadt	Wyatt DelCampo	Baily Sattazahn	Jo & John Ressler
11/9	Terri Schermick	Zach Christman	Eric Rothenberger	Jo & John Ressler	Neal Lutz Jeremy Umbenhauer	John & Anne Burd	Mike & Jeanne Henry	*Dee Kramer Jeff Brunner Holly Miller	*Ellen Rissinger Stacey Osman Brian Smith	Lilian Osman	Claire Lutz	Natalie & Becky Urand
11/16	Deb McKim	Ellen Rissinger	Brian Smith	Scott Sunderland Becky Urand	Jack & Dawn Fry	Bud & Marilyn Miller	Meg Vilmont & Jeremy Layser	*Holly Miller Linda Purdin Elaine Shartle	*Julieann Putt Sue Good Diane Gramling	Cameron Sattazahn	Clayton Haley	Ted Angstadt/Carol Forster
11/23	Brian Smith	Stacey Osman	Darrell Rosenberger	Curt & Dee Kramer	Ted Angstadt & Phil Blatt	Sidni Templeton & Natalie Urand	Claire & Tara Lutz	*Becky Urand Norb Schneider Amanda Templeton	*Cathy Price Brian Smith Dawn Fry	Charlie McGrory	Steven Mazurek	Ruthann & Paul Moyer
11/30	Becky Urand	Brian Smith	Eric Rothenberger	Jeff Brunner & Terri Schermick	Neil & Julieann Putt	Colleen Halley & Cheryl Bowers	Vicky & Jeff Steltz	*Jeff Brunner Scott Sunderland Janet Knoblauch	*Jess Umbenhauer Diane Gramling Gayle Dietrich	Ellie Lutz	Sarah-Anne Putt	Karen Haines/Terri Schermick
12/7	Amanda Templeton	Jeremy Umbenhauer	Brian Smith	Brian & Holly Miller	Emma & Greyson Umbenhauer	Carl & Cindy Marks	Emma & Jessica Umbenhauer	Pam Cooper* Cheryl Bowers Lori Hall	Ted Angstadt* Susan Good Jane Limpus	Izzy Rivera	Greyson Umbenhauer	Carl & Cindy Marks
12/14	Josie Brunner	Ashley Christman	Darrell Rosenberger	Cheryl Bowers, Lori Hall	Jane Limpus Linda Purdin	Gail McKim Sue Rush	Bonnie & Jeff Culp	Lynn Engel* John & Jo Ressler	Gayle Dietrich* Jeff Brunner Julieann Putt	Wyatt DelCampo	Sarah-Anne Putt	Brian & Holly Miller
12/21	Curt Kramer	Zach Christman	Eric Rothenberger	Mark & Sherry Moyer	Neal & Emma Lutz	Natalie & Becky Urand	Julieann & Nancy Putt	Steph Gattens* Brian Smith Don Stripling	Dawn Fry* Ted Angstadt Stacey Osman	Lillian Osman	Claire Lutz	Bud & Marilyn Miller
12/28	Carl Marks	Liz Clark	Brian Smith	Linda Purdin, Becky Urand	Neil Putt Sarah Anne Putt	Steph Gattens Joanna Goodison	Carol Forster Steven Mazurek	Janet Knoblauch* Josie Brunner Jeff Brunner	David Sattazahn* Julieann Putt Gayle Dietrich	Cameron Sattazahn	Bailey Sattazahn	John & Jo Ressler

November Altar Guild Holly & Brian Miller, Jane Limpus

December Altar Guild Becky Urand, Colleen Haley

Christmas – John & Jo Ressler, Brian Smith, Linda Purdin, Joan Lincoln

*PLEASE NOTE: Reminders are sent by email on Monday of the week you're scheduled to serve.
If you are unable to serve when and where you have been scheduled, please switch with another volunteer, and contact the church office at 610-693-6062 or office@trinityrobsonia.org.*



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November 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
OCTOBER 26  Our Website and the latest calendar!	27	28	29	30	31	1
All Saints Sunday 2 8:00 & 10:45a Worship, Volunteer Training after each service 9:15a Sunday School 10:10a Chimes 10:25a Youth Choir 3:00p Jack Frost Parade	3 9:00a Coffee & Conversation in the Social Hall	4 ELECTION DAY	5 7:00p Evening Prayer 7:30p Adult Choir	6 6:00p Cherub Choir 6:00p Grace Notes 6:30p Trinity Ringers	7	8
9 8:00 & 10:45a Worship 9:15a Sunday School 10:10a Chimes 10:25a Youth Choir	10 9:00a Coffee & Conversation in the Social Hall 6:30p Finance Board	11 12:00p ABO Friendsgiving 7:00p Photo Club	12 6:00p The Well Potluck Dinner 7:00p Evening Prayer 7:30p Adult Choir	13 6:00p Cherub Choir 6:00p Grace Notes 6:30p Trinity Ringers	14 6:30p Ordination Service—Rosalie Brunner	15
Stewardship Sunday 16 8:00 & 10:45a Worship 9:15a Sunday School 10:10a Chimes 10:25a Youth Choir 12:00p Confirmation	17 9:00a Coffee & Conversation in the Social Hall 6:30p PPC	18	19 7:00p Evening Prayer 7:30p Adult Choir	20 FOOD PANTRY 6:00p Cherub Choir 6:00p Grace Notes 6:30p Trinity Ringers	21	22
8:00 & 10:45a 23 Worship 9:15a Sunday School 10:10a Chimes 10:25a Youth Choir 12:00p Confirmation (23 rd only)	24 9:00a Coffee & Conversation in the Social Hall 6:30p Worship & Music Board (Zoom)	25 8:30a Newsletter Assembly	26 7:00p Community Thanksgiving Service	27 HAPPY THANKSGIVING 	28	29