

September 2026

Trinity

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<https://trinityrobesonia.org>

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday Worship 8:00am & 9:30am
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

FRONT PAGE NEWS

Pastoral Transition Update

We have an Interim Pastor!

Pastor Matthew Hoover will be with us on Welcome Home Sunday, September 20th (to meet, greet, and worship—no official duties). He will begin his Interim Ministry with Trinity the following day, Monday, September 21st, 2026, and will be with us until we call a new Lead Pastor.

Pastor Matt fills a very important role in the greater church, by helping congregations through their transition period, and feels called to do this work. He will not be eligible to be called by Trinity as our new Lead Pastor; when we do call a new Lead Pastor, he will move on to help another congregation in need.

With a very important initial step complete, the Parish Planning Council will move on to the next—establishing a call committee. PPC meets on Sunday, August 30th, at which time we plan to have our call committee of seven members established.

Additionally, we will continue the process of updating our Ministry Site Profile with the help of the NEPA Synod office.

The congregational survey, which I've spoken of in the past, will happen this Fall. This will give all of you the opportunity to express your thoughts on the direction Trinity should take, and what you would like to see in our next Lead Pastor.

Jeff Brunner
PPC Executive Director ▲

Meet Pastor Matt!



Rev. Matthew S. Hoover is a native of Harrisburg, PA and currently lives outside of Reading. He has recently served as the Interim Pastor at Salem UCC in Campbelltown and the Interim Senior Pastor at Pleasantville UCC in Chalfont. Previously, he served pastorates in Mercersburg, PA and Boyertown, PA. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Hotel/Restaurant

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Jess Umbenhauer—Youth
Andy Grajewski—Property

*Pastor Matt's email will not be active until
September 20th, 2026

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

From Pastor Eileen...

Women of the Bible - Ruth

Ruth's legacy is one of faithfulness and inclusivity.

Her story begins during a time when a lengthy famine took place in Israel. The dates of this famine aren't known for sure, but archeological studies indicate a significant famine between 1250 BC and 1100 BC.

An Israelite woman named Naomi and her husband, Elimelech, migrated to Moab, southeast of Israel, during the famine. During their extended stay in Moab, their two sons, Mahlon and Kilion, married Moabite women. Ruth was the Moabite bride of Mahlon, and Orpah the bride of Kilion. In Israel, "outsider" marriages like this were strongly opposed.

After about 10 years in Moab, Naomi's husband and both of her sons died, leaving all three women as widows. Naomi heard that the famine in Israel had ended, and she decided to return to her home, where she probably had family or friends who could provide for her. She encouraged her two daughters-in-law to remain in Moab with their families. Orpah remained behind, but Ruth insisted she would remain with her mother-in-law and adopt her people and her God as her own.



Artist's depiction of Ruth and Boaz, whose story is told in the Old Testament book of Ruth.

Back in Israel, Ruth faithfully cared for Naomi, including gleaning grain from the edges of fields. According to religious law recorded in Leviticus, landowners were told: *When you harvest your land, don't harvest right up to the edges of your field or gather the gleanings from the harvest. Don't strip your vineyard bare or go back and pick up the fallen grapes. Leave them for the poor and the foreigner. I am God, your God.* (Leviticus 19:9-10)

While Ruth was working in the fields, she was noticed by Boaz, a wealthy landowner, who was also related to Naomi. Eventually, Boaz married Ruth. They had a son named Obed, who became the father of Jesse. Jesse became the father of David, who would become King of Israel, making Ruth David's great-grandmother. According to the gospel of Matthew, this places her in the lineage of Joseph and Mary, the earthly parents of Jesus.

Ruth is remembered for her deep faithfulness to Naomi, and she is seen as an example of God's favor and blessing on those who are considered "outsiders" by religious traditions. You can read her story in the book of Ruth in the Hebrew scriptures.

Blessings!

Pastor Eileen

An interesting side note: Oprah Winfrey was named "Orpah," a name chosen by her aunt because of its biblical significance. But because it was an unusual name, it was often mispronounced as "Oprah" which became the name she was known by and which she used. ▲



Pastor Eileen



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!

Mark your calendar for these events:

- **Tuesday, September 8th, 12:00noon**—Lunch, Program: *All About AI* with Bob Bergey
- **Tuesday, October 13th, 12:00noon**—Lunch, Program: *History of Galen Hall*
- **Wednesday, November 18th**—Bus Trip to Dutch Apple Theater for their Christmas Show. Sign up now on the kiosk in the upper Narthex. Payment (\$115/person, online via Pushpay, or drop off in the church office or use the Office Dropbox) required with sign up.
- **December, date TBA**—Conrad Weiser High School Concert



Sign-ups for ABO are located on a kiosk in the upper Narthex. Questions? Ask Pastor Eileen or Jo Ressler. ▲

Sunday School Resumes Weekly Beginning Sept. 27th

Get ready to grow in faith, fun, and fellowship! Sunday School officially kicks off on September 27th from 9:15 AM to 10:05 AM.



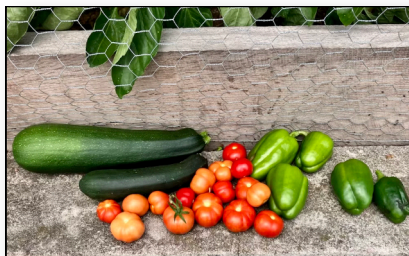
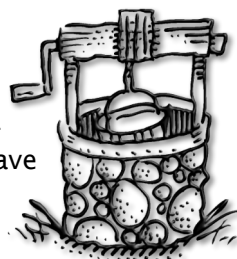
Classes are available for kids and youth from Pre-K all the way through adult. To sign up, simply scan this QR code and fill out our quick online registration form!

If you are interested in being a substitute Sunday School teacher, or have any other questions, please see Emily Malarkey, our Director of Christian Ed!

<https://forms.gle/hPwdAq2attPkRxTT9> ▲

Well, Well, Well...

Join us for a meal at the Well. We gather for potluck dinners on the second Wednesday of the month. All are welcome. Bring something to share or just yourselves. We have space for you. Wednesday potlucks begin at **6:00pm on September 9th, October 14th, and November 11th**. ▲



The Garden Is Giving!

Ongoing harvest from Claire Lutz's Giving Garden Girl Scout project includes zucchini and cucumbers, string beans, peppers and tomatoes! ▲

Meet Pastor Matt!

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Management from Indiana University of PA and earned his Master of Divinity degree in 2004 from Lancaster Theological Seminary. While at seminary he met his lovely, intelligent wife, Rebecca Hoover. Becky currently serves as God's Free Agent, doing supply preaching, and as a full-time second grade teacher at Northwest Area Elementary in Reading. Together they are parents to a wonderful, brilliant daughter named Katie. Katie is a sophomore at Kutztown University majoring in Elementary Education and Visual Impairment Education. At college she is part of the front ensemble of the Kutztown University Marching Unit (KUMU), Honors Club, and Braille Bears, among many other activities. When not ministering Pastor Matt enjoys culinary adventures (grilling, making homemade ice cream, and smoking meat), reading, and attending Kutztown football games.

Fun Facts about Pastor Matt:

- **Favorite Bible Passages:** Genesis 32:22-32 (Jacob wrestles God) and John 1:1-14 (Prologue)
- **Favorite Hymns:** "Jesus, I Live to Thee" and "Take My Life and Let It Be"
- **Favorite Theologian:** Dietrich Bonhoeffer
- **Favorite Church Holiday (besides Christmas and Easter):** Maundy Thursday
- **Favorite Book (besides the Bible):** "My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She Was Sorry" by Fredrik Bachman
- **Favorite Movie:** "The Empire Strikes Back"
- **Favorite Pizza Topping:** Mushrooms
- **Favorite Ice Cream Flavor:** Cherry Vanilla
- **Favorite Beverage:** Water and Lemonade
- **Pets:** A cat named Cole (who thinks he's a dog sometimes)

What he most wants you to know: He's looking forward to meeting everyone and learning more about Trinity. ▲

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. ▲



A comfy space for little ones and their grown-ups

This room is available for parents or caregivers who need a quiet space to care for their children during worship. Feel free to come and go as needed – we're so glad you're here!



Planning Ahead...

Make sure these dates are on your calendar:



Tuesday, September 1st—Pastor Jen is now Bishop Dee and begins serving as Bishop of the NEPA Synod

Sunday, September 6th—Last day of the Summer
Worship Schedule

Monday, September 7th—Labor Day; Office is closed

Tuesday, September 8th, 12:00noon—ABO Lunch, Program: *All About Al*

Tuesday, September 8th, 7:00pm—Trinity Photo Club

Wednesday, September 9th, 6:00pm—The Well, Potluck Dinner (continues the second Wednesday each month)

Sunday, September 13th—GWOH: *God's Work, Our Hands*; Worship at 8:00am (only), followed by service projects. See article below.

Monday, September 14th, 9:00am—Coffee & Conversation in the Social Hall (continues weekly)

Sunday, September 20th—Welcome Home Sunday; Fall Worship Schedule resumes with services at 8:00 and 10:45am; Breakfast served today between services from 9:00–10:30am, also Meet & Greet w/Pastor Matt!

Monday, September 21st—Pastor Matt's first day as our Interim Pastor

Thursday, September 24th, 10:00am–12:00noon—Conrad Weiser Food Pantry

Sunday, September 27th—Worship at 8:00am and 10:45am, Coffee Hour 9:00–10:30am, and Sunday School resumes weekly at 9:15am

Tuesday, September 29th, 8:30am—Newsletter assembly

Tuesday, October 13th, 12:00noon—ABO Lunch, Program: History of Galen Hall

Sunday, October 18th, 1:00–4:00pm—Duncan's Corn Maze

Saturday, October 31st—Installation of Pastor Jen as Bishop of the NEPA Synod (time and location to be announced; all are invited)

Wednesday, November 18th—ABO Bus Trip to Dutch Apple Theater for their Christmas Show ▲

How To Contact the Pastoral Staff

If you know of upcoming surgeries, please call the church office and let us know. You can leave messages with Bob, or you can ask to be directed to the confidential voicemail of Pastor Eileen.

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

Just a reminder...neither Trinity staff, nor Trinity members will reach out to you via email asking for gift cards. These emails are SCAMMERS. 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 this newsletter. If you are unsure, please call the church office. ▲

Summer Worship Schedule

Sundays 8:00am & 9:30am
May 24th–September 6th

September 13th—one service at 8:00am, followed by GWOH

Fall schedule resumes on Welcome Home Sunday, September 20th, with services at 8:00am & 10:45am

Sunday School resumes Sept. 27th, 2026 at 9:15am every Sunday ▲

**God's work.
Our hands.**

Sunday, September 13th

Join us for worship (in person or online) at 8:00am, then roll up your sleeves from 9:30–11:30am! We will be assembling Personal Care Kits for Lutheran

World Relief. If you are able to provide some of the supplies, there are shopping lists in the upper Narthex with specific details of what we need. Donations to help purchase supplies are also welcome! Designate them as "LWR Kits." Have an idea for an onsite or neighborhood project? Share it with Pastor Eileen! Thanks! ▲

From the Finance Board

2026 General Fund Activity

	July 2026	Year to Date
Budget	\$50,931	\$312,839
Transfers	\$0	\$0
Income	\$81,390	\$319,988
Expenses	\$47,622	\$308,189
Operating Surplus (Shortfall)	\$34,309	\$11,799

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! ▲

With Gratitude for Your Generosity!

Generosity is the habit of giving freely, kindly, and abundantly to others. It goes beyond money to include sharing time, skills, and care without asking for anything back. Within the church, generosity emerges as a way to respond to God's unconditional love and care; a way to be a people who serve as channels for God's blessings to others.

Trinity is a place where generosity is practiced in many ways. As one of your pastors, I have the benefit of a wide view of the results of your generosity: from your generous financial gifts that provide a foundation for ministry to the incredible number of hours that you give in service, both within and beyond the walls of our building.

I am deeply grateful for the privilege of being a pastor in a faith community that practices generosity as a spiritual gift. Please know that the generosity of your giving, whether financial or a gift of your hands, your time and your heart, are deeply appreciated and are the very soul of who we are as the body of Christ at Trinity Lutheran Church. Please keep being awesome!

Blessings!

Pastor Eileen ▲

Meeting Scheduling at Trinity

If you are planning a meeting to be held at Trinity, please make sure you do the following:

- Contact Bob Bergey in the church office so he can confirm room availability, adjust settings for heat/air conditioning, and add your meeting to the calendar. We want to be sure the space you need is available and temperature settings are adjusted for your comfort.
- Be aware that Craig Matthew (our Sexton) plans his cleaning schedule around the church calendar. So following this procedure is also a way to honor his time, allowing him to plan his work for times when he can access areas that need attention.

Thank you! ▲



Happy Birthday

to Our Members Over 80!

Address included—send a card!*

David Kurr—September 1st

Joan B. Lincoln—September 8th

Jeff Culp—September 11th

John Mattes—September 24th

Kenneth Berger—September 28th

Robert Dutt—September 29th

Elaine Shartle—September 30th

*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. ▲

Connections...

To our Facebook page:

<https://facebook.com/trinity-robesonia>

To our YouTube channel:

<https://youtube.com/@trinity-robesonia>

To our website:

<https://trinityrobesonia.org>

To ELCA:

<https://elca.org> ▲

Choir Rehearsals Resume

Cherub Choir

It's September, and that means that Miss Sarah is looking for people interested in singing in her choirs!

The Cherub choir is for children starting at age 3. We meet on Thursday nights from 6-6:30 starting September 17th in the social hall to sing lots of fun songs with silly motions. Parents get to sit back and relax while Sarah and Colin McGrory lead the students in song. No experience is required, just come and have some fun!

Youth Choir

The Youth Choir is for students who are in 2nd grade or older. We meet on Sunday mornings from 10:25-10:45 starting September 27th in the first classroom at the bottom of the stairs. In this choir, we start learning how to read music and sing in multiple parts! Don't worry, students who want to participate in both Chimes and Youth Choir WILL have a chance to get a donut!

Any questions, please reach out to Sarah McGrory at sarahmcgrory@gmail.com.

Adult Choir

Adult Choir rehearsals with director Darin Lewis will resume weekly beginning on Wednesday evening, September 9th, 2026 at 7:30pm in the Sanctuary (after Evening Worship). No auditions—if you'd like to sing, you're invited to join us! ▲

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.

610-693-6062

office@trinityrobiesonia.org

Administrative Assistants
Bob Bergey & Cheryl Miller ▲

CROP Walk Sunday, October 11th at Grings Mill

As the devastating federal funding cuts continue for local food agencies like Helping Harvest OUR HELP IS DESPARATELY NEEDED! We have experienced the increased number of neighbors in need while the funding to relieve food insufficiency has been being drastically reduced. **We need your support!**

- Registration at 12:30pm; Walk begins at 1:00pm
- Register or make a donation at: <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/ReadingPA>
- Under Existing Teams look for: "Trinity Lutheran Robiesonia" (no commas)
- Fundraiser at Isaac's, 96 Commerce Dr, Wyomissing, PA on Thursday, August 27th ALL DAY! Isaac's will share 15% of their dine-in, take-out and online orders with curb-side pick-up and gift cards purchased that day.
- Online and Take-Out orders included.
- No flyer needed. Just tell your server you are part of the fundraiser. If ordering online, enter "Fundraiser" in the box on the payment page.

Questions? See Pr. Eileen. ▲



Trinity Tailgates Are Back—Volunteers Needed!

Get ready for the return of Trinity Tailgates at Conrad Weiser High School! The students and staff continue to enjoy these pre-game gatherings. It is a great way for Trinity to show up for our youth while building school and community spirit.

We are Tailgating before two home football games: **Thursday, September 3rd** and **Friday, September 18th**. We are present at the school to connect with students and staff while sharing food and fun from 4:30-7pm. Sign-up sheets are on the kiosk in the lower Narthex. We'd love your presence at one of these events. **We still need a few volunteers!** ▲



September Sundays!

Sunday, Sept. 6th—Last day of Summer Worship Schedule; worship at 8:00 & 9:30am

Sunday, Sept. 13th—GWOH: God's Work, Our Hands, one service, 8:00am, followed by service projects, 9:30–11:30am

Sunday, Sept. 20th—Welcome Home Sunday; Fall Worship Schedule begins; **worship services at 8:00am & 10:45am; Breakfast served today** between services, 9:00–10:30am; meet Pastor Matt! (he begins serving our congregation officially tomorrow, Sept. 21st)

Sunday, Sept. 27th—Sunday School resumes weekly at 9:15am ▲

Worship Volunteers Needed

We are looking for additional volunteers to help in worship. Interested in greeting, ushering, reading, helping with communion, learning the screens or the livestream? **We are especially looking for persons to be trained and help out with our livestreaming services.** Reach out to the church office! We'd love to grow our group of amazing worship volunteers. ▲



Trinity's Jack Frost Parade November 1st, 2026



Sunday, November 1st, 2026 • Step off: 3:00pm

Our Jack Frost Parade has become a staple of the community. It takes a village to make it possible. Please prayerfully consider supporting the parade by volunteering and/or sponsoring us.

Volunteers Needed!

Please prayerfully consider donating your time before, during or after the parade. There are many ways to help for all ages and ability levels! We have sign-ups in the upper Narthex, or contact us at: TrinityJackFrostParade@gmail.com.

Register for the Parade

We will be accepting registrations for the parade through October 9th.

Access the registration form using this QR code to register:



Sponsors needed!

The parade does not happen for free. Please note—none of Trinity's regular funds support the parade. All parade monies are collected separately. So we need your help.

We appreciate our sponsors. There are 3 easy ways to sponsor.

Click this QR code for an individual sponsorship:



Or this QR code for a business sponsorship:



Or drop your sponsorship into the offering plate in an envelope marked *Jack Frost Parade*.

We also have sticky notes on the volunteer table, with items that are helpful for the parade. Grab a sticky, purchase the listed item and bring it to the Narthex at your convenience.

On the church website, we can be found under Ministries and Groups > Outreach > Jack Frost Parade.

Thank you for all of your support for this wonderful community event. We couldn't do it without you!

We look forward to seeing you on November 1st! ▲



Paws, Claws, Fins and Feathers, Too!

All month long, our lower Narthex screen has been a gallery of church cats—and it's been a joy seeing everyone's furry (and sometimes ornery) friends between the announcements. Thank you to everyone who shared a photo!

Starting in September, it's the dogs' turn—and we're opening it up to all pets, not just the four-legged, fur-covered kind. Birds, fish, rabbits, guinea pigs, the occasional lizard—if it's part of your family, we want to see it on screen.



Email your favorite photo to the church office (office@trinityrobsonia.org) and we'll add it to the rotation. Pets are family, too; let's give the dogs (and everyone else) their moment in the spotlight! ▲

thank you

Dear fellow parishioners,

Our congregation has donated \$577.00 to the Conrad Weiser Food Pantry!

As we work together with other area churches and community members, we are making a big difference in the lives of those who suffer food insecurity. Thank you!

May God bless us always, in all ways.

Gratefully,

Joan Lincoln

Food Pantry Volunteer

Church family,

Thank you for helping me go to camp. This has been my ninth year going to Kirchenwald, and I hope to make it to ten. Thank you for the help and support!

—Emma Umbenhauer

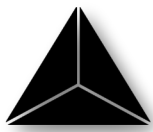
Dear Trinity,

Thank you for the money for college. I will use that for school supplies! I had a great summer at Bear Creek Camp and am excited to start my next path! Thank you!

—Natalie Urand

Thank You, Newsletter Crew

Many thanks to our July volunteers who prepared the August newsletters for mailing. We had a full crew: Joanna Goodison, Judy Titter, Bonnie Smith, Don Stripling, Betsy Alt-house, Larry & Barbara Schermick, Ken & Geneva Berger, & Linda Purdin who folded, stuffed, sorted, and sealed the mailing. Many hands do make light work. Thanks also to Joe & Carol Voletto for labeling the newsletter envelopes. We are grateful for your help! ▲



Trinity Photo Club

August Field Trip, Monthly Meetings Resume

Our field trip for August was to Middle Creek Wildlife Preserve—a haven for birders and bird photographers!

To be sure you're notified by email of upcoming field trips and meetings, contact the church office at 610-693-6062 or office@trinity-robesonia.org. Have questions? Reach out to Bob in the church office.

We resume our regular monthly meetings on the second Tuesday each month beginning **September 8th, 2026 at 7:00pm**. New members are welcome anytime! We have something of value for everyone. Please join us. It's free! ▲

Artist of the Month

Do you have a special artistic craft or hobby?

Share a piece of your work with us to display on the windowsills in the sanctuary! Complete an info slip, available on the kiosk in the upper Narthex or table in the lower Narthex, and place your submission in the box on the table by the office. ▲



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. ▲

Sunday School Resumes
September 27th, 9:15am



Yard Sale Recap and Thank You!

Whether you helped set up, donated, sorted, welcomed shoppers, sold, wrapped, helped clean up or baked, those needing food assistance **THANK YOU!**

We welcomed 675 shoppers and raised \$2,886.25 to help feed our neighbors.

To put this in perspective, the CW Food Pantry proceeds (\$838.00) will cover the cost of ice cream coupons to be given out at the last weekly summer pantry distribution and pay for the eggs and milk for the August monthly pantry. For Helping Harvest proceeds (\$2,048.25), every \$250 provides 50 weekender bags, or \$25 provides 16 boxes of cereal, or \$50 provides 33 jars of peanut butter, or \$100 provides 150 cups of mac and cheese or \$250 provides 250 cans of beef ravioli.

We also educate about CWF and HH and enrolled 3 new households who are eligible for food assistance. This is a first and speaks to the increased need in our community.

Congratulations on our best yard sale yet! Save the date for August 7, 2027! ▲



Farewell & Godspeed...

Watch Pastor Jen's farewell service and message from August 16th, including video greetings from eight former vicars who served at Trinity! On YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fmEOLFeG98&t=56s> (no spaces) or click on this QR code. ▲



Personal Devotional Guides

Personal devotional guides, *Christ in Our Home* and *Our Daily Bread*, are available in the literature rack in the upper Narthex. Please take a copy if you'd like! ▲



Kidney Donor Needed

David Madeira, one of our members, is looking for a kidney donor. To learn more about his story, find out about kidney donation, or be tested as a potential donor, visit his website (or scan the QR code): <https://nkr.org/PLX397> ▲



A Farewell Message of Persistence

In her farewell sermon on August 16th, Pastor Jen reflected on persistence—the same quality the woman in the 15th chapter of Matthew shows in seeking healing for her daughter, and the quality Pastor Jen said has carried her through her own ministry, from running 100 miles to guiding Trinity through a pandemic and through the grief of losing a beloved pastor. She named the many ways she has seen that persistence lived out at Trinity: in a kindergarten asking about first communion, in weekly worship volunteers, in homebound communion visits, in Sunday school and VBS leaders, and in the music that fills the sanctuary. She offered a special word of thanks to Trinity's youth, past and present, telling them how much they have shaped her as a pastor

and encouraging them never to change for anyone but themselves.

Asked in her exit interview what ministries Trinity should continue to emphasize, Pastor Jen said her answer was simple: keep welcoming and supporting youth and families as well as Trinity already does,

"God is persistent. God will show up and love you no matter what."

in worship, music, Sunday school, and fellowship. She described this kind of welcome—intergenerational, grace-filled, and hopeful—as the heart of what it means to be the church.

She acknowledged that the end of her time as pastor will bring a season of grief, and encouraged the congregation to let themselves laugh and cry at the memories,

lean into what they've learned together, and rest in the comfort of the Holy Spirit as they look toward calling a new pastor. Above all, she reminded Trinity that God's persistence never fails—pointing to the many ways God has shown up at Trinity over the years, from Easter in the parking lot to mission work with Lutheran World Relief, Helping Harvest, the Youth Gathering, and the Conrad Weiser Food Pantry.

Pastor Jen closed by thanking the congregation for lifting up interns, pastors, and now a bishop, and blessed the congregation with words of peace as she prepares for this new chapter in her ministry.

She begins her service as Bishop of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod on September 1st, 2026. Keep her in your prayers. ▲

From the Fellowship BOARD

A sincere THANK YOU to everyone who supported Pastor Jen's reception on August 16th. Whether you provided food, or helped with planning, set up, hosting and clean up, your efforts helped to assure a time of joyful celebration for our Trinity family! A special word of thanks to Chris Kennedy for creating such beautiful picture displays, and to Cheryl Bowers for organizing the many food contributions.

As we begin our fall schedule, the Fellowship Board will be hosting several events, along with meeting and planning for 2027! Our current board members include: Owen Kennedy, Cindy Marks, Joanna Goodison, Vicky Steltz, Ellen Brown and Linda Schneider. If you

are interested in joining the Fellowship Board, please talk to any of these folks, or contact Linda at 484-336-0324. Your presence, input and helping hands would be welcomed!

SAVE THE DATES

▪ **Welcome Home Sunday—September 20th**

Please join us for breakfast from 9:00-10:30am in the Social Hall. It will be a special time to chat, have fun, enjoy WAFFLES, and meet & greet Pastor Matt, our new Interim Pastor! Hope to see you there!

▪ **Duncan's Corn Maze—Sunday, October 18th**

from 1:00-4:00pm—see reservation form below. ▲



Please join us at Duncan's Corn Maze on Sunday, October 18th from 1:00pm-

4:00pm. Explore the Corn Maze and

Pumpkin Patch. A reserved camp fire area will provide a place for gathering and fellowship. Your cost includes admission, hot dogs, s'mores, drinks, snacks and a hayride! Please complete this form if you plan on joining us. Payment is due with your reservation by Wednesday, October 14th—\$10/family or \$5/individual. (Place in the offering plate or office dropbox.) ▲

Duncan's Reservation Form—due by Oct. 14th w/payment

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Attending: _____ Enclosed \$: _____

☐ I can provide a snack (you'll be contacted)

September & October 2026 Sponsor Schedule

	Altar Flowers \$40 / vase	Mem. Bowl \$40	Bulletin \$25	Communion Supplies \$12	Newsletter \$20	Missionary \$10	Home Devotionals \$20	Online Streaming \$50
9/6	Deb McKim Becky & Zach Kissinger	Bill & Lil Flichman	Bill & Lil Flichman	Pat Schleifer	Rose Zerbe	Judy Titter	Linda & Howard Ream	Carolyn Brooks & Marcia Werner
9/13	Bonnie Culp John & Jo Ressler	Jeff & Bonnie Culp	Jo & John Ressler	Loretta Schneck	Sharlene Williams	Urand Family	Rose Zerbe	Jeff & Bonnie Culp
9/20	Chip & Ellen Phillips	Kathy Wagner & Family	Bob & Diane Gramling	Norb & Linda Schneider	David & Natalie Wise	Anonymous	John & Anne Burd	Bob Dutt
9/27	Cathy & Vanessa Price Pastor Jen & Billy Dee	Joan Lincoln	Neal & Robin McElwee	Walt & Sandy Schneider	Kathy Wagner	David & Natalie Wise	Sharlene Williams	Steph & Larry Gattens
10/4	Becky & Zach Kissinger	Bonnie Smith	Paul & Ruth Ann Moyer	Mike & Jill Schubert	Dave & Cheryl Miller	Pastor Eileen & Brian Smith	Bill & Lil Flichman	Anonymous
10/11	Paul & Ruth Ann Moyer Linda & Howard Ream	Mary Ann George	Joanna Goodison	Mike & Kris Schultz	Bob & Susan Bergey	Pastor Eileen & Brian Smith	Dave & Cheryl Miller	Carl & Cindy Marks
10/18	Karen Haines & Family Ruth Ann & Paul Moyer	Val & Andy Grajewski	Pastor Eileen & Brian Smith	Hannah Schultz	Anonymous	Pastor Eileen & Brian Smith	Bob Dutt	Anonymous
10/25	Lori Hall The Mountz Family	Kathy Showalter	Dave & Tracy Graver	Elaine Shartle	Steph Gattens	Dave & Tracy Graver	Anonymous	Carolyn Brooks & Marcia Werner

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September & October 2026 Worship Volunteer Schedule

	Screen Assistant		Camera Crew	Ushers		Greeters		*Lay Readers & Lay Assistants		Coffee Hour Hosts	Basket Holder	Acolyte
	8:00am	9:30am	8:00am	8:00am	9:30am	8:00am	9:30am	8:00am	9:30am		9:30am	9:30am
9/6	Kim Kissling	Becky Kissinger	Brian Smith	Cheryl Bowers Eric Yoh	Neal Lutz Linda Purdin	Bob & Loretta Bausher	Emma & Greyson Umbenhauer	*Pam Cooper Jo Ressler Dee Kramer	*Gayle Dietrich Brian Smith Ellen Rissinger	.	Declan McGrory	Greyson Umbenhauer
9/13	Deb McKim	Jane Limpus	Darrell Rosenberger	Linda & Shorty Ream	Jeremy & Emma Umbenhauer	Sue Rush Elaine Shartle	Greg & Chris Werner	*Lynn Engel Scott Sunderland Linda Purdin	*Julieann Putt David Sattazahn Neal Lutz	.	Greyson Woodworth	Rebecca Lee
9/20	Stacey Osman	Ellen Rissinger	Brian Smith	John & Jo Ressler	Neil & Julieann Putt	Steph Gattens Joanna Goodison	Jeff & Bonnie Culp	*Kim Kissling Eric Yoh Cheryl Bowers	*Linda Purdin Dawn Fry Diane Gramling	.	Eleanor Lutz	Claire Lutz
	8:00am	10:45am	8:00am	8:00am	10:45am	8:00am	10:45am	8:00am	10:45am	9:00am	10:45am	10:45am
9/27	Becky Urand	Zach Christman	Darrell Rosenberger	Scott Sunderland Elaine Shartle	Becky & Zach Kissinger	Dave & Tracy Graver	Mike & Jeanne Henry	*Janet Knoblauch Lynn Engel Steph Gattens	*Jane Limpus Ted Angstadt Neal Lutz	Terri Schermick Carol Forster	Addison Hnot	Sarah-Anne Putt
10/4	Liz Clark	Zach Kissinger	Brian Smith	Becky Urand, Linda Purdin	Ted Angstadt & Neal Lutz	Bud & Marilyn Miller	Chris Kennedy Jane Limpus	*Dee Kramer Steph Gattens Kim Kissling	*David Sattazahn Gayle Dietrich Dawn Fry	Carl & Cindy Marks	Izzy Rivera	Steven Mazurek
10/11	Becky Kissinger	Jane Limpus	Darrell Rosenberger	Curt Kramer Jo Ressler	Jack & Dawn Fry	Ruth Ann & Paul Moyer	Neil & Nancy Putt	*Ellen Rissinger Elaine Shartle Cheryl Bowers	*Cathryn Price Diane Gramling Brian Smith	Bud & Marilyn Miller	Cameron Sattazahn	Bailey Sattazahn
10/18	Kim Kissling	Ellen Rissinger	Brian Smith	Mark & Sherry Moyer	Neil & Julieann Putt	Sharlene Williams Eric & Maci Yoh	Jeff & Vicky Steltz	*Scott Sunderland Janet Knoblauch Lynn Engel	*Linda Purdin David Sattazahn Ted Angstadt	Jo & John Ressler	Wyatt DelCampo	Charlie McGrory
10/25	Curt Kramer	Brian Smith	Darrell Rosenberger	Linda & Shorty Ream	Becky & Hailey Kissinger	John & Jo Ressler	Angela & Greyson Woodworth	*Becky Urand Dee Kramer Linda Purdin	*Neal Lutz Gayle Dietrich Dawn Fry	Chris & Greg Werner	Fiona Morris	Greyson Umbenhauer

September Altar Guild—8:00am Sue Reese, Linda Ream
9:30/10:45am Julieann Putt

October Altar Guild—8:00am Dee Kramer
10:45am Linda Purdin

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. Thank you!





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September 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
AUG 30  Our Website and the latest calendar!	31	1	2	3	4	5
6 8:00 & 9:30a Worship <i>Last Day of Summer Schedule</i>	7 LABOR DAY Office Closed	8 12:00noon ABO: Lunch and Program: "All About AI" 7:00pm Trinity Photo Club	9 6:00p The Well Potluck Dinner 7:00p Evening Prayer 7:30p Adult Choir	10 4:30p Trinity Tailgates at CWS 	11	12
13 8:00a Worship (one service only) 9:30-11:30a GWOH — <i>God's Work, Our Hands Projects</i>	14 9:00a Coffee & Conversation 6:30p Finance Board	15	16 7:00p Evening Prayer 7:30p Adult Choir	17 6:00p Cherub Choir	18 4:30p Trinity Tailgates at CWS 	19
20 WELCOME HOME SUNDAY! <i>Fall Schedule Resumes</i> 8:00 & 10:45a Worship 9:00a Breakfast	21 <i>Pastor Matt's First Day</i> 9:00a Coffee & Conversation 6:30p PPC	22 <i>First Day of Autumn</i>	23 7:00p Evening Prayer 7:30p Adult Choir	24 10:00a FOOD PANTRY 6:00p Cherub Choir	25	26
27 8:00 & 10:45a Worship 9:15a Sunday School 10:25a Youth Choir	28 9:00a Coffee & Conversation	29 8:30a Newsletter Assembly	30 7:00p Evening Prayer 7:30p Adult Choir	OCT 1	2	3