November 2026

Tradewinds

The Newsletter of Trinity Lutheran Church

Called by Christ + Gathered in Grace + Joyfully Serving

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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.



Trinity's Jack Frost Parade is November 1st!

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Pastor Matt

From Pastor Matt...

The Practice of Thankfulness

We are blessed, sometimes even more so than we realize. A mentor of mine would often take time annually in November to compile a list of the things he was grateful for during the previous year. He regularly shared that list with his congregation. That list changed from year to year, but two things always remained the same, at the top of the list: 1) the love he experienced from God and 2) the love he experienced from his family.

As we enter November and prepare ourselves for the holiday of Thanksgiving, it can be beneficial for us to pause and consider what things might be on our own lists. Martin Luther believed that expressing gratitude to God was an essential part of our faith[1].

Over this past year, what would we say we are most thankful for? Family; friends; an unexpected blessing? Whatever we might put on our own lists, my prayer for us is that we can name a place or a person through whom, we are thankful to have experienced love. Especially, the ways in which we have seen God's love and grace demonstrated in our own lives. As people of faith, it is Holy Love that sustains us and nurtures us in the life of discipleship. In worship and in the faces of our own loved ones are testimonies to God's love for us and for the world. May we have eyes to see, and hearts open enough to experience and witness that for ourselves. May our awareness of God's love deepen our faith and connection to God.

In considering the blessings in my own life this year, I want everyone who reads this column to know that I am grateful to be here at Trinity. I am

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[1] *"This is the virtue characteristic of real Christians; it is their worship of God at its best. They thank God and do it with all their heart. This is a virtue unattainable by any other human being on earth...To thank with all your heart is an art—an art which the Holy Spirit teaches. And you need not worry that the man who can really say Deo gratias (to God be thanks) with all his heart will be proud, stubborn, rough, and tough or will work against God with His gifts."* – Martin Luther

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

From Pastor Eileen...

Women of the Bible – Mary Magdalene



Pastor Eileen

Mary Magdalene is a mysterious character in the gospels. She is one of the few women who is identified by her name, and she appears at some of the most pivotal moments of Jesus' life. In John's gospel account she is there when he is crucified, she is the first one to find the empty tomb, and she is the first one to encounter the risen Jesus. It's notable that even after she told the disciples she had seen Jesus, they continued to gather in fear, secretly, in a locked room until they had encountered Jesus face to face for themselves.

In Luke's account, when Mary Magdalene and the women who were with her told the disciples about the men in dazzling clothes at Jesus' tomb who told them that Jesus was risen, the gospel writer tells us "But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them."

In Matthew's account, Mary Magdalene and "the other Mary" (we're not sure who this is) are the first at the tomb where they encounter an angel and then Jesus, who gives them a message for the disciples to meet him in Galilee.



"I have seen the Lord!"—Mary Magdalene, the first witness to the risen Christ. (John 20:18)

We don't know much about her. Luke's gospel tells us that Jesus healed her from seven demons, and in the extended ending of Mark's gospel we are told that "he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had cast seven demons." In a sermon by Pope Gregory I in the 6th century, Mary Magdalene was labeled a prostitute and that label has persisted in spite of the fact that there is no biblical witness to back that up.

What does help us know something more about her are some references in Gospel accounts that were not included in the canonical scriptures of our Bible. (Just a side note: the books of the New Testament were determined over a period of several hundred years beginning in the 4th century, with all decisions being made by men.)

The Gospel of Phillip is an ancient collection of sayings of Jesus, written in the 2nd and 3rd centuries that was discovered in a sealed earthenware jar in Egypt around 1945. In those texts, Mary Magdalene is described as Jesus' "companion," with a close, spiritual connection. The writer recorded a question of the disciples, "Why do you love her more than all of us?"

While ardent feminists may want to see Mary as an example of a favored status for women, my own perspective is that she serves as a reminder that God calls us to serve according to our gifts and skills, rather than according to our gender.

Blessings!

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:



- **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) required with sign up. Sign up deadline was October 15th. If you missed the deadline but would still like to go, please see Pastor Eileen or Jo Ressler to be added to the wait list.
- **Tuesday, December 8th, 2:30pm—An ABO Christmas**: Please join us for a celebration of Christmas with the Choraliers and Brass Ensemble from Conrad Weiser High School. The concert is free, and we will collect a free-will offering to support the music program at Conrad Weiser.

Sign-ups for ABO are located on a kiosk in the upper Narthex (no signups are necessary for the Christmas concert). Questions? Ask Pastor Eileen or Jo Ressler. ▲

New Sunday School Class Offering...

Creative Ways of Engaging and Listening to Scripture

"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, God's mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."

—Lamentations 3:22-23

Have you ever desired to reflect on scripture in a deeper way? Have you ever wondered about different ways of listening to and engaging scripture other than hearing a sermon or solo daily devotional reading?



Pastor Matt is currently participating in a yearlong program at Pittsburgh Seminary about preaching in our current culture and world. As part of this program, Pastor Matt is starting a group to reflect on and explore a scripture in different ways such as reading scripture alongside art, the newspaper, poetry, and contemplative prayer! You're invited to join Pastor Matt on Sundays at 9:15am for a special Sunday School Class where we will reflect together on some upcoming lectionary texts. Come see what insights scripture holds for our lives of faith. **Gatherings will happen at 9:15am on four Sundays: November 8th, November 15th, November 22nd, and December 6th**. The class is designed that you can come to one session or multiple sessions as we engage a different technique each class time. ▲

From Pastor Matt...

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grateful for this call to do ministry alongside some good people, including those who serve and lead in various capacities throughout the church; I am grateful for the grace I have already found here. I am grateful in more ways than I can name right now.

I pray that each of us may realize God's love and blessings in our lives. During this month and every month, may we take the opportunity to give thanks to God for all the blessings we have received from our Holy and Lifegiving God.

Peace,

Pastor Matt ▲

Well, Well, Well...

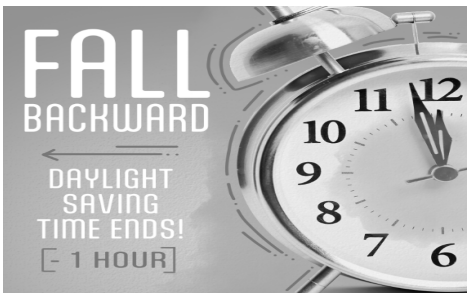


Join us for a meal at the Well. We gather for potluck dinner on the second Wednesday of **November, the 11th at 6:00pm**.

There will be 4 opportunities to join us at the Well for dinner during Advent—**December 2nd, 9th, 16th, and 23rd**. We'll start our meals at **5:30pm** followed by a special seasonal activity.

Wednesday, December 2nd will be Gingerbread House decorating. Please look for the registration and order form in this newsletter or on the kiosk in the upper Narthex to order you gingerbread house kit. **Deadline for ordering is Sunday, November 8th**.

All are welcome. Bring something to share or just yourselves. We have space for you. ▲



NOVEMBER 1st, 2026

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. ▲



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 at 484-575-1881 or Pastor Matt at 301-471-0803. ▲

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 their messages. 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. ▲

Worship Schedule

Sundays 8:00am & 10:45am

Coffee Hour 9:00am–10:30am

Sunday School for all ages 9:15am every Sunday ▲



Planning Ahead...



Make sure these dates are on your calendar:

Sunday, November 1st, 3:00pm—Jack Frost Parade

Monday, November 2nd, 9:00am—Coffee & Conversation in the Social Hall; continues weekly

Sunday, November 8th, 12:00noon—Confirmation Class

Sunday, November 8th, 12:00noon—Christian Ed Board

Sunday, November 8th—Deadline to order your Gingerbread Houses; forms in the bulletin, this newsletter, and on kiosk in the upper Narthex

Monday, November 9th, 6:30pm—Finance Board

Tuesday, November 10th, 7:00pm—Trinity Photo Club

Wednesday, November 11th, 6:00pm—The Well, Potluck Dinner

Sunday, November 15th—Stewardship Sunday (and sticky buns)

Monday, November 16th, 6:30pm—PPC

Wednesday, November 18th, 11:00am—ABO Bus Trip to Dutch Apple Theater for their Christmas Show

Thursday, November 19th, 10:00am–12:00noon—CW Food Pantry

Sunday, November 22nd, 12:00noon—Confirmation Class

Tuesday, November 24th, 8:30am—Newsletter Assembly

Thursday, November 26th—Happy Thanksgiving; office closed

Saturday, November 28th—Decorating the Sanctuary for Christmas



Wednesday, December 2nd, 5:30pm—The Well, Potluck Dinner, and Gingerbread Houses! Order by November 8th—see page 9

Tuesday, December 8th, 2:30pm—"An ABO Christmas"—Conrad Weiser High School Concert at Trinity

Saturday, December 12th—Breakfast with St. Nick

Thursday, December 17th—Food Pantry Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

Saturday, January 23rd, 2027—Chocolate Frosted Buns 5K ▲



Trinity's Jack Frost Parade

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

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

From the Finance Board

2026 General Fund Activity

	September 2026	*Year to Date*
Budget	***$49,823***	***$405,036***
Transfers	***$0***	***$0***
Income	***$33,436***	***$389,712***
Expenses	***$43,619***	***$398,273***
Operating Surplus (Shortfall)	***($10,183)***	***($8,560)***

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! ▲

2026 Confirmation Dates

Confirmation classes are scheduled on Sundays for these dates in 2026:

- November 8th, 2026
- November 22nd, 2026
- December 6th, 2026 (Caroling)
- December 20th, 2026 (Youth Christmas party) ▲



National Youth Gathering 2027

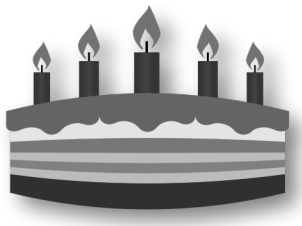
Trinity is excited to send four youth (Claire Lutz, Hailey Kissinger, Emma Umbenhauer and Greyson Umbenhauer) to experience the *ELCA National Youth Gathering* in Minneapolis, Minnesota in June 2027. Please keep an eye out for ways that you can support our youth through fundraisers and other unique opportunities. Save the Date for **Saturday, December 12th, for Breakfast with St. Nick**, which will benefit the youth who will attending the Gathering. ▲

Meeting Scheduling at Trinity

If you are planning a meeting to be held at Trinty, 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

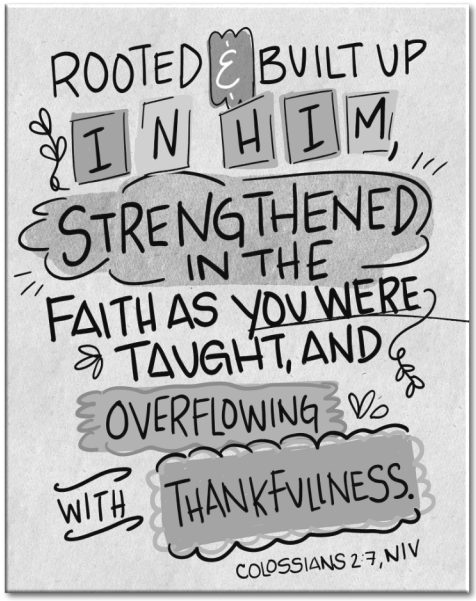
to Our Members Over 80!

Address included—send a card!*

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. ▲





Office Hours

The church office is open:

Monday–Thursday
8:00am–1:00pm

Closed Friday

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Administrative Assistants
Bob Bergey & Cheryl Miller ▲

Choir Rehearsals

Cherub Choir

The Cherub choir is for children starting at age 3. We meet on Thursday nights from 6-6:30pm 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 10:25-10:45am 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 sarahkmcgrory@gmail.com.

Adult Choir

Adult Choir rehearsals with director Darin Lewis are held weekly on Wednesday evenings at 7:30pm in the Sanctuary (after Evening Worship). No auditions—if you'd like to sing, you're invited to join us!

Grace Notes, Trinity Ringers

Bells Choir Director Katie Mazurek notes that Grace Notes (youth bells) now meets Sunday mornings at 10:05am following Sunday School.

Trinity Ringers (advanced bells) continues to meet Thursday evenings at 6:30pm. Contact Katie with any questions. ▲



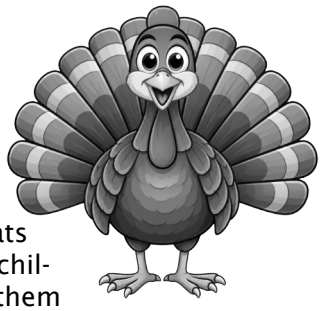
Giving a Gift this Christmas

This year you can give a gift of caring to someone living in a refugee camp, or rebuilding their life after an earthquake, flood, or other disaster, or someone whose life has been upended by war.

Lutheran World Relief provides care for people around the world who are facing these kinds of tragedies. Their Personal Care Kits are a simple but life-affirming way to provide basic care needs. At the Well on December 9th we will assemble Personal Care Kits to be given to LWR for distribution. Each kit costs approximately $10. You can dedicate a kit to a friend or family member and we will give you a special card to let them know about your gift. Or you can simply give a donation to help purchase supplies for us to use to assemble kits. If you are eligible for a Thrivent Action Grant, your gift card can be used to purchase supplies.

Deadline for donations is Sunday, November 29th, so please give a special gift of love and caring this Christmas and plan to **join us at the Well on December 9th, 5:30pm,** to share a meal and to assemble the Personal Care Kits. ▲

Hats and Mittens for Conrad Weiser School District Students



As winter approaches and you pull out your own hats and mittens, please remember our neighbors who may need help providing their children with warm hats and mittens. Trinity will be collecting hats and mittens for CW Elementary and Middle School children through Sunday, November 15th. Please add them to the turkey in the upper Narthex. ▲

common ground recovery community

HELP US!
CLOTHING DRIVE



Clothing Drive for Common Ground

Common Ground Recovery Community needs clothing for men and women. Through its partnership with the Refresh Berks shower trailer, it serves people who need fresh clothes after showering, as well as others who simply need clothing. Pants, T-shirts, long-sleeve shirts, jackets, socks, underwear and shoes (tennis shoes are best) are all needed. Please drop off donations in the bin marked "Common Ground" in the donation area (top of the stairs) in the lower Narthex. ▲

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. ▲

From the Fellowship BOARD

THANK YOU, LORETTA DUNCAN AND CREW! What a glorious day at Duncan's Corn Maze! More than 90 church family and friends enjoyed perfect October weather, festive food and great fellowship. Once again, Loretta generously gave her church family a beautiful, memory-making event. Thanks to everyone who came and made it so special!

SAVE THE DATES…

- **Stewardship Sunday and Sticky Buns!—November 15th**

In celebration of Stewardship Sunday, the Fellowship Board will be serving up warm and fresh sticky buns on November 15th, from 9:00–10:30am in the Social Hall. We are in need of folks to help prepare "The Stickies." Recipes, details and sign-up sheets are on the Fellowship kiosk in the upper Narthex. Please consider helping us with this popular event. Hope to see you there!

- **Food Pantry Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon—December 17th**

Watch the fellowship kiosk in the upper Narthex for sign-up sheets to help. More info to come! ▲

Personal Devotional Guides



Personal devotional guides, *Christ in Our Home* and *Our Daily Bread*, are available in the literature rack in the upper Narthex. Large print editions are also available. Please help yourself to a copy if you'd like! ▲

Trinity Photo Club

Meetings the Second Tuesday of Each Month

Our regular monthly meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at **7:00pm**. The next meeting is **November 10th**. New members are welcome anytime! We have something of interest for everyone. Please join us. It's free!

Have questions? Reach out to Bob in the church office at 610-693-6062 or email the church office at office@trinityrobesonia.org. ▲

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 ▲

THE PUNNY PEW WITH JOHN MOYER

An old man was walking across a parking lot when he heard "Kiss me, kiss me!" He looked around, and there was a frog in a puddle. The frog said, "Kiss me! I was a beautiful young maiden, and a wicked witch turned me into a frog. But if you kiss me, I will be a beautiful young maiden again, and I'll be your girlfriend!" He picked up the frog, put it in his pocket, and started to walk away. "Aren't you going to kiss me?" The old man said, "At my age, I'd rather have a talking frog." ▲

Sponsorship Opportunities for 2027

As we look ahead to the new year, we invite you to help support our worship and ministry by sponsoring one or more of the items below. A sponsorship is a lovely way to honor or remember a loved one, mark a birthday or anniversary, give thanks for a blessing, or simply share your gifts with our church family.

2027 Sponsorship Categories:

- Altar Flowers: $40 per vase
- Bulletins: $25
- Memorial Bowl: $40
- Communion Supplies: $12
- Newsletter: $20
- Online Streaming: $50

Sign-up sheets are on the table in the upper Narthex. Please write your name by the date you'd like, and your dedication wording if applicable. Dates go first come, first served, so if a certain Sunday or special occasion matters to you, sign up early. Sponsorships do not need to be paid in advance.

Thank you for your generosity and for all the ways you help our worship flourish! ▲

Thank You, Newsletter Crew

Many thanks to our September volunteers who prepared the October newsletters for mailing: Judy Titter, Bonnie Smith, Ken & Geneva Berger, Larry & Barbara Schermick, Betsy Althouse, and Linda Purdin, who folded, stuffed, sorted, and sealed the mailing. Thanks also to Joe & Carol Voletto for labeling the newsletter envelopes. We are grateful for your help! ▲

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. ▲

Bishop Curry Issues Statement on the Death Penalty



The Rev. Yehiel Curry

October 16, 2026

Dear Church,

My heart was troubled by the recent proposal to livestream an execution in the United States. I am thankful that this plan has now been cancelled. The deliberate taking of a human life should never become a public spectacle. Such actions risk deepening the wounds of victims' families, loved ones and communities while further desensitizing us to violence. Our society is diminished when violence is conflated with entertainment. Because of our ministry of reconciliation (2 Corinthians 5:16-21), this church opposes the death penalty and the recent plans for public display of the execution of Nidal Hasan.

As a church, we are not strangers to the mournful effects of violent crime. Our congregations minister to victims, to offenders and to communities that experience the ripple effects of its trauma. We recognize the need to protect people from violence, to call perpetrators to repentance, and to seek restoration for victims. United in our resistance to hate and in our joy over the good news of God's grace, we minister to an often-vengeful society with words and actions of hope, justice and healing.

The 1991 ELCA Churchwide Assembly adopted the social statement The Death Penalty, demonstrating this church's early opposition to capital punishment. That opposition is grounded in a long tradition of Christian theology and teaching. The social statement calls the church "to respond to violent crime in the restorative way taught by Jesus (Matthew 5:38-39) and shown by his actions (John 8:3-11)." It states that the death penalty's continued use perpetuates cycles of violence, undermines the possibility of repentance and restoration, and binds our society more deeply to brutality rather than reconciliation. It fosters suffering rather than ends it, as we saw in the attempted execution of Christa Pike.

The statement affirms that God ordains government to be a source and guarantor of safety and justice. Abundant research shows that the death penalty does not give us safety or justice. It does not provide healing to victims' families or safety for the broader community. It does not deter future crimes. It does not serve the ends God calls government to serve, nor does it reflect the kind of society we are called to be.

We hold in prayer all who are impacted by violent crime, including victims, families, workers in law enforcement and corrections, and those accused or convicted of violent crimes. We give thanks for prison chaplains and ministries that accompany people through suffering and that witness to the possibility of redemption.

I invite you to talk with people in your community about the death penalty. Let our churches continue to be spaces for respectful, faithful dialogue about moral issues. Study the ELCA's social statements *The Death Penalty and The Church* and *Criminal Justice: Hearing the Cries* together. Be part of the whole church's witness in society to urge public officials to work toward abolishing the death penalty, including support for the Federal Death Penalty Prohibition Act. Together let us build a society that keeps us safe from violence, reflects God's compassion, honors the dignity of every person and demonstrates that God is always working for and toward abundant life.

In Christ,

The Rev. Yehiel Curry
Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America ▲

Turn your
COMPASSION
into
ACTION

Volunteer at
redcross.org/volunteer

American Red Cross



Trinity Lutheran Church
presents the
Fourteenth Annual
1/23/27
Chocolate Frosted Buns 5K



AND
FREE
1/2 Mile Fun Run

January 23, 2027
5K Start - 9:15am
Conrad Weiser
High School
Robesonia, Pa

Brochures/Registration Forms are available on the table in the Narthex.

From Our Homes to His House



Showcase Your Nativity

This Advent, we want to celebrate the wonder of Christmas through the eyes of our church family—especially our littlest worshipers!

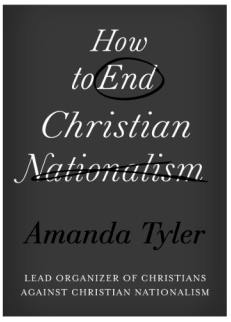
We are inviting families to share a nativity set from your home to be part of a special display in the church throughout the Christmas season.

Setting up a manger scene is such a cherished tradition for many families, and we would love to bring those traditions together. We will use window space in the sanctuary for more delicate sets. If there is a special story that you feel moved to share, we would love those as well.

If your family would like to contribute a nativity set for the display, please bring it to the church by November 22nd (be sure to label it with your family's name so we can return it safely after the holidays).

Please see Neal or Tara Lutz with any questions.

Stories can be emailed to neallutz@hotmail.com or tara.c.lutz@gmail.com. ▲



Racial Justice Team Online Book Study

The NEPA Synod Racial Justice Team invites participants to an online study of Amanda Tyler's *How to End Christian Nationalism*. Beginning November 2nd, the nine sessions will explore the difference between Christian nationalism and the teachings of Jesus, religious freedom for all, and ways to have difficult conversations with loved ones. Sessions meet on select Mondays from 7:00 to 8:30pm via Zoom. For more info go to: https://nepasynod.org/how-to-end-christian-nationalism-book-study/ ▲

You Are Invited...

You are invited to attend these free concerts at St. John's (Hain's) UCC Church in Wernersville, PA. ▲

Annie M. Gaul Concert Series
ST. JOHN'S (HAIN'S) UCC

Upcoming Concerts

FREE CONCERTS · OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST @ 3PM	**Heartland Marimba Ensemble**
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH @ 3PM	**Ben Lougheed** Classical Guitarist
SATURDAY, APRIL 24TH @ 4PM	**Philadelphia Bronze** Handbell Choir
SUNDAY, MAY 2ND @ 3PM	**Conrad Weiser HS "After Hours"** Jazz Band and Choraleers

Visit **www.stjhains.org** for more information

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Gingerbread Houses



It's time to order Gingerbread Houses! Use this order form (more are on the kiosk in the upper Narthex) and include your payment ($14.00 each) in the offering plate, or the drop box by the office door, or pay via Pushpay—note "GINGERBREAD HOUSE" in the memo. Deadline to order is November 8th, 2026.

And make sure the date to make your Gingerbread Houses is on your calendar—**Wednesday, December 2nd, 2026 at 5:30pm in the Social Hall!** ▲

Wednesday, December 2nd, 2026
GINGERBREAD HOUSES
—One night only!—
Dinner starts at 5:30pm
Deadline to order is November 8th

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:_____

November & December 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*
11/1	Carole Forry Dennis & Mary Ann Root	Brenda, Jack & Madison Moylan	Paul & Ruth Ann Moyer	Larry & Lee Scheaffer	Linda & Howard Ream	Jeff & Vicky Steltz	Carl & Cindy Marks	Pastor Eileen & Brian Smith
11/8	Jeff & Vicky Steltz John & Jo Ressler	Kathy Showalter	Linda & Howard Ream	Marce Sheidy	Eva Goll	Kevin Keller	Karen Moyer	Linda & Howard Ream
11/15	Carol & Joe Voletto Paul & Ruth Ann Moyer	Pastor Eileen & Brian Smith	Andrew Smith	Kathy Showalter	Mary Ann George	Jane Limpus	Brenda Moylan	Elaine Shartle
11/22	Curt & Dee Kramer Linda Purdin	Eva Goll	Lee & Larry Sheaffer	Bonnie Smith	Diane Gramling	Joan Lincoln	Bobbi Newcomb	Joe & Carol Voletto
11/29	Jim & Janice Murdough (2)	Joe & Carol Voletto	Andrew Smith	Joenita Speiss	Mike & Jeanne Henry	Kathryn Miller	Domenic Parenti	Anonymous
12/6	Carl & Cindy Marks Linda & Howard Ream	Bonnie Smith	Elaine Shartle	Jeff & Vicky Steltz	Kevin Keller	Pam Madeira	Linda Purdin	Pastor Eileen & Brian Smith
12/13	Becky, Jillian & Natalie Urand Paul & Ruth Ann Moyer	Linda & Howard Ream	Loretta Schneck	Don Stripling	Zach & Becky Kissinger	The Urand Family	Stacey Ressler	Anonymous
12/20	Terry & Cheryl Bowers Paul & Ruth Ann Moyer	Craig Matthew	Anonymous	Scott Sunderland	Kim Kissling	Natalie Urand	John & Lynn Richardson	Stephanie & Larry Gattens
12/24	Curt & Dee Kramer Loretta Schneck	Jeff & Bonnie Culp	Joe & Carol Voletto	Judy Titter	Glenn & Janet Knoblauch	Carl & Cindy Marks	Sue & Chris Rush	Linda & Howard Ream
12/27	Jess & Jeremy Umbenhauer Val & Andy Grajewski	Lynn & Denny Engel	Linda Purdin	Cathy & Joe Tranquillo	Jane Limpus	Bud & Marilyn Miller	Linda & Howard Ream	Joe & Carol Voletto

Connections...

To our Facebook page:
https://facebook.com/trinityrobesonia

To our YouTube channel:
https://youtube.com/@trinityrobesonia

To our website:
https://trinityrobesonia.org

To ELCA:
https://elca.org ▲

November & December 2026 Worship Volunteer Schedule

	Screen Assistant		Camera Crew	Ushers		Greeters		*Lay Readers & Lay Assistants		Coffee Hour Hosts	Basket Holder	Acolyte
	8:00am	10:45am	8:00am	8:00am	10:45am	8:00am	10:45am	8:00am	10:45am	9:00am	10:45am	10:45am
11/1	Carl Marks	Bob Bergey	Brian Smith	John & Jo Ressler	Linda Purdin Jane Limpus	Sue Rush Elaine Shartle	Bob & Susan Bergey	*Pam Cooper Dee Kramer Kim Kissling	*Julieann Putt Diane Gramling Becky Kissinger	Carl & Cindy Marks	Hannah Kissinger	Claire Lutz
11/8	Deb McKim	Liz Clark	Darrell Rosenberger	Elaine Shartle Scott Sunderland	Jeremy & Emma Umbenhauer	Bob & Loretta Bausher	Bonnie & Jeff Culp	*Lynn Engel Cheryl Bowers Jo Ressler	*Cathryn Price David Sattazahn Linda Purdin	Tammy & Dale Witmer	Greyson Woodworth	Wyatt DelCampo
11/15	Stacey Osman	Zach Christman	Brian Smith	Cheryl Bowers Eric Yoh	Jack & Dawn Fry	John & Anne Burd	Mike & Jeanne Henry	*Steph Gattens Ellen Rissinger Elaine Shartle	*Gayle Dietrich Dawn Fry Neal Lutz	Norb & Linda Schneider	Eleanor Lutz	Steven Mazurek
11/22	Becky Urand	Zach Kissinger	Darrell Rosenberger	Curt & Dee Kramer	Becky & Hailey Kissinger	Steph Gattens Joanna Goodison	Chris Kennedy Neal Lutz	*Kim Kissling Jo Ressler Cheryl Bowers	*Joan Lincoln Diane Gramling Linda Purdin Julieann Putt	Terri Schermick Carol Forster	Weston Bechtel	Kinsley Bechtel
11/29	Terri Schermick	Ellen Rissinger	Brian Smith	Mark & Sherry Moyer	Neal Lutz Zach Kissinger	Sharlene Williams Eric Yoh	Julieann & Neil Putt	*Janet Knoblauch Lynn Engel Stacey Osman	*Cathryn Price Diane Gramling David Sattazahn	Carl & Cindy Marks	Izzy Rivera	Bailey Sattazahn
12/6	Jane Limpus	Zach Christman	Darrell Rosenberger	Linda & Howard Ream	Neil & Julieann Putt	Dave & Tracy Graver	Nancy & Sarah-Anne Putt	*Linda Purdin Jo & John Ressler	*David Sattazahn Gayle Dietrich Neal Lutz	Jo & John Ressler	Ellie Ricards	Sarah-Anne Putt
12/13	Kim Kissling	Becky Kissinger	Brian Smith	Becky Urand Lori Hall	Emma & Greyson Umbenhauer	Curt & Dee Kramer	Jeff & Vicky Steltz	*Ellen Rissinger Elaine Shartle Cheryl Bowers	*Jess Umbenhauer Dawn Fry Diane Gramling	Bud & Marilyn Miller	Declan McGrory	Wyatt DelCampo
12/20	Curt Kramer	Bob Bergey	Darrell Rosenberger	John & Jo Ressler	Linda Purdin Jane Limpus	Bud & Marilyn Miller	Mike & Judy Wentzel	*Elaine Shartle Brian Smith Pam Cooper	*Gayle Dietrich Becky Kissinger Cathryn Price	Becky & Natalie Urand	Eleanor Lutz	Charlotte McGrory
12/27	Carl Marks	Liz Clark	Brian Smith	Elaine Shartle Scott Sunderland	Becky & Zach Kissinger	Sharlene Williams Eric & Maci Yoh	Angela & Greyson Woodworth	*Dee Kramer Lynn Engel Steph Gattens	*Julieann Putt Linda Purdin Neal Lutz	X	Hannah Kissinger	Claire Lutz

November Altar Guild—8:00am Colleen Haley
10:45am Jane Limpus

December Altar Guild—8:00am Becky Urand
10:45am Karen Moyer

Christmas Eve—Jo & John Ressler, Colleen Haley, Brian Smith, 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@trinityrobesonia.org. Thank you! ▲

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CALLED BY CHRIST
GATHERED IN GRACE
JOYFULLY SERVING

November 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 **All Saints Day** **8:00 & 10:45a Worship** 9:00a Coffee Hour 9:15a Sunday School 10:05a Grace Notes 10:25a Youth Choir 3:00p Jack Frost Par.	**2** 9:00a Coffee & Conversation	**3** Election Day	**4** 7:00p Evening Prayer 7:30p Adult Choir	**5** 6:00p Cherub Choir 6:30p Trinity Ringers	**6**	**7**
8 **8:00 & 10:45a Worship** 9:00a Coffee Hour 9:15a Sunday School 10:05a Grace Notes 10:25a Youth Choir 12:00p Confirmation 12:00p Christian Ed Bd	**9** 9:00a Coffee & Conversation 6:30p Finance Board	**10** 7:00p Trinity Photo Club	**11** 6:00p The Well Potluck Dinner 7:00p Evening Prayer 7:30p Adult Choir	**12** 6:00p Cherub Choir 6:30p Trinity Ringers	**13**	**14**
15 **Stewardship Sun.** **8:00 & 10:45a Worship** 9:00a Coffee Hour 9:15a Sunday School 10:05a Grace Notes 10:25a Youth Choir	**16** 9:00a Coffee & Conversation 6:30p PPC	**17**	**18** 11a ABO Bus Trip to Dutch Apple Theater 7:00p Evening Prayer 7:30p Adult Choir	**19** 10:00a FOOD PANTRY 6:00p Cherub Choir 6:30p Trinity Ringers	**20**	**21**
22 **8:00 & 10:45a Worship** 9:00a Coffee Hour 9:15a Sunday School 10:05a Grace Notes 10:25a Youth Choir 12:30p Confirmation	**23** 9:00a Coffee & Conversation	**24** 8:30a Newsletter Assembly	**25** 7:00p Evening Prayer 7:30p Adult Choir	**26**  **Happy Thanksgiving** *Office Closed*	**27**	**28** 9:00a Decorating the Sanctuary for Christmas
29 **8:00 & 10:45a Worship** 9:00a Coffee Hour 9:15a Sunday School 10:05a Grace Notes 10:25a Youth Choir	**30** 9:00a Coffee & Conversation	DEC. 1	2	3	4	5 **Our Website** and the latest calendar!