

Trinity Steeple Notes



August 2018 News and Events



Sermon Series for August: *Koinonia*

The winning word for this year's National Spelling Bee was *koinonia*, a good word from the Greek New Testament that describes community. During the month of August, Pastor Alan and Deaconess Deborah will preach a series of sermons on *Koinonia*, based on the book of Ephesians.

Our themes will be: Adopted (8/5), Built Up Together (8/12), Bigger Than Ourselves (8/19), and Wake Up and Live (8/26, which is also picnic Sunday).

Our liturgy will be based on world music,

reminding us of the worldwide *koinonia* we share as God's people (shakers will be provided). Let's learn more together about what it means to live as God's community!

Crazy Sock Sunday

On Sunday, August 5, you're invited to wear your craziest socks to church. If you don't have crazy socks, try mismatching by wearing a different sock on each foot. Pastor Alan, who loves crazy socks, has been Trinity's pastor for three years and will love to see what you wear.



Parish News

Generous Gifts to the Glory of God

Trinity has received a generous bequest from the Estate of Brian Trupp. In accordance with the congregation's Gift Policy (available in the Narthex or church office), the Gift Committee has recommended, and the Vestry has approved the following distribution. The gift was undesignated, but an effort was made to support and honor important ministries that Brian held dear. We thank God for his faithfulness in life and in death as we honor his memory among us.

IRA Distribution (\$114,816.66)

2.5% (\$2,871)	Courtyard Café (grills, misc.)
2.5% (\$2,870)	Tenth and Penn Elementary
5% (\$5,741)	Fall Festival of the Arts
40% (45,926.66)	Property Endowment (increasing annual draw by ~\$2,020)
50% (\$57,408)	Operating expenses to cover budget shortfall

Bequest Distribution (\$375,000)

Mission

5% (\$18,750)	Common Ground
5% (\$18,750)	NE Pennsylvania Synod
5% (\$18,750)	ELCA <i>Always Being Made New</i> Campaign

Special Projects

5% (\$18,750)	Sound System & Media Upgrade
5% (\$18,750)	Special Services and Wolfe Series
5% (\$18,750)	Youth and Family Ministry – upgrade of youth, nursery & Sunday School rooms
8% (\$30,000)	Remodeling and Restoration of Auditorium

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Debt Retirement

12% (45,000) Toward congregationally approved projects

Endowments

50% (\$187,500) Property Endowment (increasing annual draw by ~\$8,250)

May Brian's gift be an inspiration to us all and a model of the difference a legacy gift can make to the vitality and mission of Trinity. May God be forever blessed for the generosity and faithfulness of Trinity's members!

Virgin Islands Bible Camp

Thank you for your generous donations to the St. Thomas Reformed Church Bible Camp in the U.S. Virgin Islands. Dave Himes, one of the Trinity members who volunteers at the camp, presented \$1800 to Pr. Jeff as a love offering from the people of Trinity!



Pastor's Discretionary Fund

The Pastor's Discretionary Fund is used to provide confidential emergency assistance to individuals and families (often members of Trinity) who are in need of short-term help. While some money is provided in the budget, the need often exceeds the budgeted amount and is supplemented through a fund sustained by donors. Unfortunately, that fund is now depleted and needs to be refreshed. If you can make a gift, place an envelope marked "Pastor's Discretionary Fund" in the offering and include that designation in your memo line. If you are in need of emergency assistance, you may talk to Pastor Alan.

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Trinifinity Friday—Light the Fire

Friday, August 17 at 6:30 PM at the Rosenbaum Abode

Join us for faith, fun, food and fellowship for all ages. Enjoy a little bit more summer as we gather to play together and sing around the campfire. Bring your favorite beverage. S'mores and hot dogs will be provided. Directions to the Rosenbaums will be given when you sign up for the evening. Sign up at the narthex welcome table or email Deaconess Deborah at dgraf@trinityreading.org to help us make sure we have enough food.

Courtyard Café August 15

Our next Café is Wednesday, August 15. We plan to share pulled pork, sides dishes such as rice and Puerto Rican beans (we will share a recipe) and desserts. Please sign up at the welcome table in the narthex or through the link in our weekly Friday emails to share food, set up, serve food, or clean up. Thank you for supporting our ministry of sharing meals with our neighbors.

Bags of Blessings

We invite you to take home a grocery bag this week and return it filled with non-perishable for The Lutheran Pantry at nearby St. John's Church. The pantry especially needs canned fruit, saltines, and canned vegetables. Thank you for sharing these gifts with our city neighbors in need.



Parish News

Trinity Retreat

Deadline Extended to August 12

Join us for family fun the weekend of September 21-23 at Camp Nawakwa (near Gettysburg). \$50 per night for overnight stays (includes breakfast and lunch); family rate (3+) for whole weekend is \$300; day trip (includes lunch) is \$22. RSVP to Dcs. Deborah by **August 12** at dgraf@trinityreading.org or Amy Stewart-Himes at stewhimes@gmail.com.



Church Picnic and Outdoor Worship - Sunday, August 26

11:00 AM at Colony Park Picnic Area, Wyomissing

An outdoor service will begin with gathering music at 11:00 AM and Eucharistic worship at 11:15 AM. Around noon, lunch will begin. Trinity will be providing the main course and we suggest that people bring additional sides and desserts. If your last name starts with **A-F**, **bring a starchy side dish**; **G-O**, **bring a dessert**; or **P-Z**, **bring a fruit or vegetable side dish**.

Directions to Colony Park Picnic Area (2519 Cromwell Drive, Rdg, PA 19610)

From Route 222, take the **Broadcasting Rd** exit. Turn **South** onto Broadcasting Rd.

Turn **left** onto Papermill Rd.

Take the 1st **right** onto Ethan Dr.

Take the 1st **left** onto Cromwell Dr.

Our primary service that day will be at the park, but for those who are unable to get to the outdoor service, we will still offer 9:30 AM worship back at Trinity. Everyone is still invited for the picnic at 12:00 PM.

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Save the Date: Rally Day, Mission Fair, and Brunch – September 9

Our last Sunday on our summer worship schedule (one service at 9:30 AM) will be September 9. Join us for worship, fun and fellowship.

Address Correction for Member Photo Directory

We mixed up the addresses for Kristen and Megan Opalinski. Kristen resides at 225 North Columbus Drive, Chicago, IL 60601. Megan receives mail at the Opalinski home address in Reading: 1506 Eckert Avenue, Reading, PA 19602. We apologize for the confusion. Please let the office know if you notice other items for correction.

Book Discussion Group

Thursday, September 13, 7:30 PM at the Bobb Home

You are invited to discuss *Prayers for Sale* by Sandra Dallas. RSVP to Peggy Bobb at (610) 777-0339.

Thank You EthoSource

Thanks to John Gallen and EthoSource furniture for donating two computer tables and a filing cabinet, as we converted an office for shared use between Dee Horst and Ricardo Riqueza.



Trinity Leaders in Liturgy August 2018

NOTE: If you are unable to serve when scheduled, please find a replacement and then call the office by Wednesday noon of the week you are scheduled with the new names. If you have any questions about this schedule, please call Rachel at 610-374-4861.

	August 5, 2018	August 12, 2018	August 19, 2018	August 26, 2018
Assisting Minister	Hannah Seiple	Daniel Smith	Ricardo Riqueza	Ginny Biniek
Carillon	Karen Campbell	Amy Norton-Ritz	Reagan Rosenbaum	Nancy Souders-Negri
Lector	Annie Harlin	David Himes	Martha Good	Barbara Lykens
Right Aisle	Janet Clemmer	Russell Diesinger	Amy Bornhofen	Janet Clemmer
Left Aisle	Anita Dolak	Richard Horst	Pat McMahon	Dar Unger
Right Cupper	Ed Coleman	Suzu Evans	Tama McConnell	Amy Reinsel
Left Cupper	Doris Strobel	Ann Harnish	Steve Hofmann	Suzu Evans
Communion Servers	Russell Diesinger	Linda Motley	Annie Harlin	Barbara Lykens
	Ron Eddinger	Pat Richter	Barbara Lykens	Doris Strobel
Greeter	Michael Faust	Steve Najarian	Jeff Wasmuth	Steve Hofmann
Ushers	Amy Reinsel	Amy Reinsel	Ann Harnish	David Shellong
	Ron Eddinger	Suzu Evans	Raye Watson	Sue Shellong
	Jeff Wasmuth	Nancy Everson	Anita Dolak	E. & M. Coleman
	Pam Wasmuth	Robin Oberholtzer	Russell Diesinger	Harry Feinauer
Counting Team	Mark Christy	Barbara Auchenbach	Virginia Rush	Sue Shellong
	Kelley Crozier	Michael Faust	Jeff Rush	David Shellong
	Albert Pohl	Ron Eddinger	Steve Silverman	Patti Anewalt
	Susan Pohl		Pam Wasmuth	Tom Anewalt
	Nancy Everson		Jeff Wasmuth	
Media Team	Matt Althouse	Tom Hofmann	Matt Mellen	Mark Hofmann
	Mark Hofmann	Jennifer Smith	Matt Althouse	Jennifer Smith
	Reagan Rosenbaum	Amy Bornhofen	Jillian Rosenbaum	Ben Zobian
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Covenant Partnership Events

Fall Festival of the Arts Preview

Mark your calendars for this year's Fall Festival of the Arts! Coordinated with our covenant partners at Christ Episcopal Church, the festival celebrates music, theater, and studio art.



Opening Gala: Sunday, September 16, 3:00 PM at Trinity — Kristen Opalinski Art Show and Sale with Reception

Organ Concert by Gail Archer: Sunday, September 30, 4:00 PM at Trinity

Vocal Master Class with David Lutz: Saturday, October 6, 1:00 PM at Trinity

Choral Concert: Bernstein and Sondheim Celebration — David Himes, conductor, Sunday, October 7, 3:00 PM at Trinity

Salon: "Lies and Rumors," Friday, November 2, 7:30 PM at Christ Episcopal Church

Drama: The Crucible, Friday and Saturday, November 16 and 17 at 7:30 PM; and Sunday, November 18 at 3:00 PM, at the Women's Center for the Arts



Christ Episcopal Church Events

Trinity Members Are Welcome

Holy Eucharist and Healing at 12:05 PM on Wednesdays (in the Chapel)

Morning Prayer on Thursdays at 9:30 AM (in the Chapel)

Wednesday Breakfast and Bible Study: 7:15 AM at the Wyomissing Family Restaurant, 1245 Penn Ave, Wyomissing, PA

Dave Cullen pop music worship service: Saturday, August 25, 5:30 PM
Neil Young/Crosby, Stills & Nash Mass

Week of July 29-August 4

Sunday, July 29: Lectionary 17

9:30 AM: Summer Worship and Holy Eucharist (Nave)

4:00 PM: Common Ground Worship (Auditorium)



Monday, July 30

10:00 AM: Program Staff Meeting
(Bard House)

Tuesday, July 31

9:15 AM: Staff Meeting

Wednesday, August 1

No scheduled Trinity events.

Thursday, August 2

10:00 AM: Bible Break (Conference Room)

Friday, August 3

No scheduled Trinity events.

Saturday, August 4

No scheduled Trinity events.

Today's Worship Message

Today is the first of five Sundays with gospel readings from John 6, the first four of which focus on Jesus as bread of life. Today Jesus feeds thousands of people with five loaves and two fish. What we have, what we bring to Jesus' table, seems like it is not nearly enough to meet all the needs we see around us. But it is not the adequacy of our supplies or our skills that finally makes the difference: it is the power of Jesus working in the littlest and least to transform this world into the world God desires, a world where all the hungry are satisfied.

Week of August 5-11

Sunday, August 5: Lectionary 18/Crazy Socks Sunday

9:30 AM: Summer Worship and Holy Eucharist (Nave)
10:30 AM: Mission & Service Committee Meeting
(Conference Room)
4:00 PM: Common Ground Worship (Auditorium)



Monday, August 6

10:00 AM: Program Staff Meeting
(Bard House)

Tuesday, August 7

9:15 AM: Staff Meeting
6:00 PM: Trinity Serves at
Opportunity House

Wednesday, August 8

No scheduled Trinity Events

Thursday, August 9

10:00 AM: Bible Break
(Conference Room)
10:30 AM: Deaf Seniors (Auditorium)

Friday, August 10

No scheduled Trinity events.

Saturday, August 11

No scheduled Trinity events.

Today's Worship Message

Apparently not satisfied by Jesus' feeding of thousands, some who were there press him for a sign of his power; perhaps it is daily manna they want. As always in John's gospel when people want a sign, Jesus offers himself. He is the bread come from heaven to give life to the world. He calls us to come to him and believe in him, and through that relationship to know the one who sent him.

Week of August 12-18

Sunday, August 12: Lectionary 19 and Vestry Installation

Camp Noah Week at St. Luke's—Reading

9:30 AM: Summer Worship & Holy Eucharist (Nave)

4:00 PM: Common Ground Worship (Auditorium)



Monday, August 13

10:00 AM: Program Staff Meeting
(Bard House)

Tuesday, August 14

9:15 AM: Staff Meeting

Wednesday, August 15

12:00 pm: Courtyard Café
(Courtyard)

Thursday, August 16

10:00 AM: Bible Break (Conference Room)
7:00 PM: Worship & Music Committee
Meeting (The Highlands)

Friday, August 17

6:30 PM: Trinifinity—Light the Fire
(Rosenbaum Home)

Saturday, August 18

No scheduled Trinity events.

Today's Worship Message

Jesus says that the bread he gives for the life of the world is his flesh, and whoever eats this bread has eternal life now and will be raised on the last day. In Ephesians Paul tells us what this life Jesus gives us looks like, this life we live as those marked with the seal of the Holy Spirit in baptism. We live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us. The whole purpose of life is giving yourself for the other.

Week of August 19-25

Sunday, August 19: Lectionary 20



9:30 AM: Summer Worship, Holy Eucharist & Healing Station (Nave)

10:30 AM: Advent Planning

4:00 PM: Common Ground Worship (Auditorium)

Monday, August 20

10:00 AM: Program Staff Meeting
(Bard House)

Tuesday, August 21

9:15 AM: Staff Meeting

Wednesday, August 22

1:00 PM: Covenant Prayer Shawl
(Auditorium)

7:00 PM: FFA Choir Rehearsal
(Bard House)

Thursday, August 23

10:00 AM: Bible Break (Conference Room)

Friday, August 24

No scheduled Trinity events.

Saturday, August 25

No scheduled Trinity events.

Today's Worship Message

Wisdom prepares a feast, sets her table, and invites all to come and eat her bread and drink her wine. The first chapter of John's gospel owes much to the biblical tradition that imagined Wisdom as existing before anything was created and having a role in the work of creation. Christ, the wisdom of God (1 Cor. 1:24), today invites us to eat his flesh and drink his blood. John's gospel includes no account of the institution of the Lord's supper, but here we can't help hearing Jesus' words as an invitation to the meal of bread and wine we share.

Week of August 26-September 1

Sunday, August 26: Lectionary 21

- 9:30 AM: Summer Worship and Holy Eucharist (Nave)
11:00 AM: Outdoor Worship & Picnic (Colony Park)
4:00 PM: Common Ground Worship (Auditorium)



Monday, August 27

- 10:00 AM: Program Staff Meeting
(Bard House)

Tuesday, August 28

- 9:15 AM: Staff Meeting

Wednesday, August 29

- 7:00 PM: FFA Choir Rehearsal
(Bard House)

Thursday, August 30

- 10:00 AM: Bible Break (Conference Room)

Friday, August 31

- No scheduled Trinity events.

Saturday, September 1

- 10:00 AM: Fall Festival Choir Rehearsal
(Bard House)

Today's Worship Message

In today's gospel many people take offense at Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh and drink his blood; even many of Jesus' disciples peel off. This is the backdrop in John's gospel for Peter's confession of faith. "To whom can we go?" asks Peter, in words we sometimes sing just before the gospel is read. "You have the words of eternal life." In order to take such a stand, as Peter and Joshua did, Paul tells us to arm ourselves with the word of God. We pray in the Spirit that we might be bold ambassadors of the gospel.

Leaders in Liturgy

Sunday, July 29, 2018

Presiding and Preaching: Pr. Alan Wolkenhauer

Assisting Minister: Albert Pohl

Minister of Music: Karen S. Eddinger

Carillon: Beth Welz

Lector: Erica Hofmann

Communion Assistants: Barbara Lykens (RA), Linda Motley (LA), Steve Welz (RC), Jeff Wasmuth (LC), and Sue Shellong and Dan Smith (servers)

Greeters: Barbara & Armand Lykens

Ushers: Steve & Erica Hofmann, Kelley Crozier and Mark Christy, and David & Meg Zobian

Counting Team: Peter Graf, Hannah Seiple and Jessica Manning

Media: Matt Mellen, Matt Althouse, Danny Kelly-Buckley, Reagan Rosenbaum and Jillian Rosenbaum

Common Ground Volunteer: Pr. Ginny Biniek

Altar Guild: Berni Ilgen, Barbara Lykens, Linda Motley, Charlene Norton, Robin Oberholtzer, Dar Unger and Beth Welz

We thank the Hofmann family for planning today's worship.

We thank Lisa Speece for today's special music. Lisa and her family, husband Joe and children Joey, Rob, and Kate, are members here at Trinity. Lisa is a Spanish teacher at Exeter Senior High School. She also teaches voice, piano, and woodwinds at the Yocum



Sunday Notices

Sunday, July 29, 2018

Today's altar flowers are sponsored by Kevin & Jen Mazur in loving memory of Jill Moser.

Praying for our family members in Christ: This week: Anabel Stump, Mae Sunderland, Warren Tobias, Dar Unger, and Ralph & Vickie Unruh. Next week: David, Pamela, Sophia & William VanFossen; Gerald & Joann Wagner; Jeff, Pam, Andrew & Lauren Wasmuth; Paul Watkins, Jr.; and Rebecca Watkins & Chris Kissinger.

Immediate prayer petitions: We pray for members and loved ones of Trinity who are in need of healing: Tom Shultz, Nancy Lombardo, Susan Pohl, Robert Reimer, Karin Flatt, Karl & Betty Leuffen, Walter Schur, Joan Hinkle, Barb Auchenbach, Ed Harlin, Carl Seiple, Jacob Unger (grandson of Dar Unger), and Anna Giardiello (Janet Clemmer's sister). We share prayers of thanksgiving for Christina McMahon (Pat McMahon's daughter) and newborn baby Ruby Cecilia.

Ongoing prayer requests for friends and members of Trinity: Pr. Rick Chaveas, Darryl Jeffries, Marie Bond, Cathy Manning, Jay Pezdirc, Elton Richards, Jane LeVan, Ronald Gregory, the Sawyer family, Dorothy Smith, Dorothea Fritz, Ronald Derr, Matthew, Judy (friend of Karen Nein), Barbara Peterson (Nancy Nagle's niece), Diana Curry (mother of Matthew Hayes), Mark Kummerer (son of Larry Kummerer), Russell Richie, and our members studying and working abroad—Kathrine Graf (England), Libby Rush (Brazil), Nat Gallen (Chile) and Emily Mooney-Routté, Jesse Routté, and Amani Routté (in Rwanda).

Prepare for worship: The readings for next Sunday, August 5, are Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15; Ephesians 1:3-14; and John 6:24-35. The readings for Sunday, August 12, are 1 Kings 19:4-8; Ephesians 2:11-22; and John 6:35, 41-51.



Broadcast Schedule

All of our programs listed below and more can be watched on Comcast Channel 190 (in the Reading Hospital, Channel 80) or online at <http://trinityreading.org> or on our YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/trinitylutheranchurch.

Sundays in August

6:00 PM: Shared Deaf & Hearing Worship

6:30 PM: Music from Trinity:

Hood College Choir

7:00 PM: Trinity Worship Service

Wednesdays in August

4:00 PM: Trinity Worship

5:00 PM: Shared Deaf & Hearing Worship

5:30 PM: First Friday:

America's Opioid Crisis

2018-19 Vestry Appointments

Steve Hofmann, president, Learning Ministries & Youth liaison

Pat Richter, vice-president, Personnel liaison

Jen Mazur, secretary, Fellowship liaison

Franki Aitken, treasurer, Finance liaison

Josh Motley, at large executive, Evangelism & Media liaison

Darryl Jeffries, Worship & Music liaison

Nancy Everson, Mission & Service liaison

Kelly Kulp, Partnerships & Stewardship liaison

Sue Shellong, Member Care & Deaf liaison

Bill Norton, Property liaison

Mark Hofmann, Youth member



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