



Trinity Steeple Notes

September 2022

God's Work. Our Hands. - Picnic & Projects - Sunday, Sept. 11

We will join ELCA congregations across the country and the Caribbean in worshipping God and serving our neighbors. The day begins with the Second Sunday Forum at 9:00 AM where we will study the scriptures for the day and discuss how they apply to our lives. Worship is at 10:00 with Pastor Tom Scornavacchi and Vicar Mycah McNett from Common Ground Worshiping Community.

After worship everyone is welcome to stay for a delicious picnic lunch (please see Annie Harlin to sign up!). There will be service projects for all ages and abilities. You are welcome to wear a "God's work. Our hands." T-shirt, or any other T-shirt and clothes that can get dirty. Bonus: a Church Crawl for anyone who would like to climb behind our organ and see part of the steeple!

Vestry Updates: On September 18 during Sunday Forum, Vestry will hold the first in a series of meetings to present and review the June Congregational Questionnaire results. After the results are presented to all who gather for Sunday Forum, there will be time to break out into small groups to discuss and reflect on this information. Vestry is planning to hold several forums in the coming weeks at various times, dates, and locations to give members the opportunity to participate in this valuable conversation as we look forward in community with each other.

Dear Friends in Christ: As you may know, Vestry interviewed a possible interim pastor in August. I wanted to inform you that this candidate was not a good fit for Trinity. Vestry asks for your continued prayers and support as we continue our journey together. Sincerely, Jenn Smith, Vestry President

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Fall Festival of the Arts 2022

The Fall Festival of the Arts brochure you recently received contained a phone number from which we cannot retrieve messages. For more information, email us at fallfestivalofthearts@gmail.com or visit our website at fallfestivalofthearts.org. We apologize for the inconvenience.



Robert Pepper Art Show, September 16 - 25 **Trinity Lutheran Church, Hintz Room, Free**

Visit this fascinating exhibit of drawings, paintings, and photographs from the collection of the brilliant and versatile Robert Pepper.

Concert - Silver, Wood & Ivory, Thursday, September 22 **7:00 PM, Trinity Lutheran Church; Ticketed Event: \$20**

Tracy Dietrich and Cindy Wittenberg with their nineteen flutes and recorders and one piano will delight the audience with an evening of music. Their program sweeps from the classical, Broadway, and pop tunes to sacred and jazz selections.



A Panoply of Dance, Friday, September 30 at 7:30 PM **WCR Center for the Arts; Free parking at Trinity lot** **Ticketed Event: \$20**

Berks Ballet Theatre Conservatory of Dance presents a program of both the classical and the contemporary, including pieces reminiscent of Degas' dancers as well as classical ballet variations.

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Upcoming Fall Festival Events in October

Watch on the Rhine, October 21 & 22 at 7:30 PM and October 23 at 3:00 PM

WCR Center for the Arts - Ticketed Event: \$20

Written and set during the rise of Hitler's Germany, *Watch on the Rhine* by Lillian Hellman is a play about an American family suddenly awakened to the danger of fascism and the threat to their liberty. Directed by John Gancar (*The Amish Project*, 1776) this drama features a cast of Fall Festival favorites.



Organ Recital, Saturday, October 29

4:00 PM, Christ Episcopal Church; Free Will Offering

Making the Pipes Sing! A group of young organists from Greater Berks and Central Pennsylvania will perform literature in a variety of styles on the 60-rank pipe organ at historic Christ Episcopal Church in Reading, PA. A reception to meet and greet the young artists will follow the recital.

Men's Clothing Needed for Common Ground

Common Ground Recovery community has an abundance of women's clothing. But they still especially need men's clothing, including large sizes up to XXL. Please bring your new or gently used clothing to the auditorium stage. Thank you for your generosity!



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“Sacred Ground” Dialogue Series on Race and Faith begins Tuesday, September 13

This fall, Christ Episcopal and Trinity Lutheran will host Sacred Ground; we will meet every other Tuesday from 6:00-8:00 PM here at Trinity beginning on 9/13.

Sacred Ground is a film- and readings-based dialogue series on race, grounded in faith. Small groups are invited to walk through chapters of America’s history of race and racism, while weaving in threads of family story, economic class, and political and regional identity. For more information, contact Deaconess Deborah at Trinity: 610-374-4861 or dgraf@trinityreading.org. Please register by Sunday, Sept. 11. For even more information, visit the Sacred Ground website <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/sacred-ground/>

Seeking Scripture Readers and Communion Assistants

Interested in reading scripture in worship? There are signup sheets in the narthex for fall Sundays. We are also seeking people to serve wine/grape juice for communion distribution. If you would be interested in helping in this capacity, please sign up in the narthex.

Sunday Forums in September - 9:00 AM in the Auditorium

September 11 – Second Sunday discussion of this weeks scripture lessons

September 18 – Community Connections & Future Dreams:

Vestry Report and Discussion

4 September 25 – Sabbatical Reflections with Karen Eddinger

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Stronger Together Youth Group: Potato Project

Sunday, September 25 at 1:00 PM

Where do your French fries come from? Join the ST Youth to find out. Starting at 1:00 PM we will be harvesting potatoes at one the of fields of the Potato Project. (field site TBA) <https://sites.google.com/view/ihartharvestinc>

This is a project for all ages (not just youth!) Sign up online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0e48adab2ea0fa7-potato> or on the Annex Bulletin Board (and indicate if you are willing to drive).



With gratitude...

I would like to thank the Vestry of Trinity for granting me a sabbatical, the congregation for supporting me and holding me in prayer, and Sandi Sittler for providing musical leadership during that time. Five of my eight weeks were spent at the Lutheran Summer Music Academy held at Valparaiso University in Indiana. Over two hundred fifty students, faculty, fellows, and staff grew as community, strengthening their faith and musical skills. I came home exhilarated and exhausted. On Sunday, September 25th, I will share my stories, photos, and music clips during the Learning Ministries Hour. Please join me to hear about my once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

With gratitude,

Karen Eddinger, Minister of Music

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In Our Prayers

Immediate prayers: Darryl Jeffries, Ralph Unruh, Nancy Nagle, John Kirby, Harry McGonigle, Jerry Holleran, Jr., and Ben Motley



Ongoing prayers: Grady (Ginny Biniek's cousin's grandchild), Dar Unger, Walter Maier, Norah Wolfe-Blatt (premie baby daughter of Pastor Lauren and Hannah Wolfe-Blatt, now home), JT Motley, David Strobel, Ruth Adam (friend of Graf family), Celia Cosentino (friend of Jane Zobian), Doris (friend of Pat McMahan), Dick Evans, Ed Harlin, Nathan Hudson (son-in-law of Anita Dolak), Tina Koch (friend of Jenn Smith), Luther Routté, the Sawyer family, Walter Schur, and David Unruh (brother of Ralph Unruh)

Prepare for Worship

September 4 - Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 1; Philemon 1-21; Luke 14:25-33

September 11 - Exodus 32:7-14; Psalm 51:1-10; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10

September 18 - Amos 8:4-7; Psalm 113; 1 Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13

September 25 - Amos 6:1a, 4-7; Psalm 146; 1 Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31

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Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning Project Commences

Trinity's long-awaited HVAC project was kicked off during a meeting on 8-18-2022. Due to long leadtimes on equipment, actual construction and installation will begin later in Fall 2022 and continue into Spring 2023.



The work itself will happen during the week and the contractors and Trinity staff will coordinate calendars to make sure there are no or little impacts to weekly use of the church building, and that there are no issues with use of the building for service on Sundays. The HVAC committee will do its best to provide frequent updates on the project.

--Steve Hofmann

Seeking Donations of Kitchen Refrigerator/Freezer and Stackable Washer/Dryer

The Trinity Property Committee is looking for a congregant (or a friend/neighbor) who might be trading-up their current kitchen refrigerator/freezer to replace the one we have. The unit located in the church kitchen has seen better days. Thanks to the efforts of Bill Norton, we've got it on life-support, but we'd love to help you make a "charitable contribution." The same goes for our stacking washer & dryer -- which is making some frightening noises. Thank you for your generosity!

September Broadcast Schedule

All of our programs listed below can be watched on Comcast Channel 190 (in the Reading Hospital, Channel 80) or online at any time at www.trinityreading.org, on Facebook, or on our YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/trinitylutheranchurch. Worship is available both on demand and streamed live at 10:00 AM on Sundays.



Sundays

6:00 PM: First Friday:

Daily Talmud Study

6:30 PM: Music from Trinity:

Anna & Erik Meyer - Flute & Organ
Beginning September 11:
Lars Potteiger, piano and organ.

7:00 PM: Trinity Worship Service

Wednesdays

4:00 PM: Trinity Worship

5:00 PM: Music from Trinity:

Anna & Erik Meyer - Flute & Organ
Beginning September 11:
Lars Potteiger, piano and organ.

5:30 PM: First Friday:

Daily Talmud Study

**In September, we begin another season of Music from Trinity.
Watch for new programs over the next six months.**



Affirmation of Welcome: Trinity Lutheran Church is recognized by Reconciling Works as a "Reconciling in Christ" Congregation which welcomes all LGBTQ+ persons into all facets of congregational life.

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