

# TLC News

Worship 9:00

August/September 2025 Sunday School in the Fall

*Our Mission: "To become more like Jesus,  
reaching out to our community with God's love."*



## NATIONAL "NIGHT OUT" in the McClure Community Park

The annual National "Night Out" in support of crime-free communities will be held on Tuesday, August 5th starting at 6:00 pm in the McClure Community Park. Trinity Lutheran always sets up a table where we give out Bibles, magazines, coloring books and candy. Please join us in the park for National Night Out!



## "THE BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS" on SUNDAY, AUGUST 27th

It's that time of year again! Trinity's "Blessing of the Backpacks" for the beginning of the school year will be held on Sunday, August 27th during worship. This is open to students of all ages who would like a special blessing for the coming school year, and particularly for those who are starting school for the first time.



## CARD SHOWERS FOR JOHN HASSINGER & JOHN SNYDER



John Hassinger will celebrate his 97th birthday on August 4th. Birthday greetings for John can be sent to:

John Hassinger  
170 Pine Crest Drive  
McClure, PA 17841

John Snyder will celebrate his 97th birthday on September 12th. Please send John birthday greetings at:

John Snyder  
2 Bishop Street  
McClure, PA 17841



## WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection, our prayers and sympathy are extended to the family and friends of Trinity member Jean Snyder. Jean entered the church Triumphant on June 20, 2025.

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

On the third Sunday in July, our Pentecost Gospel reading was one of the better-known stories from the Gospel According to St. Luke; that is, the story of Jesus being welcomed into Mary and Martha's home. Five verses describe how, while Jesus is visiting, Martha is doing many tasks as her sister, Mary, sits at Jesus' feet listening to Him. Martha points out to Jesus that she is doing all the work and asks Him to get Mary to help her. Jesus, however, tells Martha that, by sitting at His feet and listening to Him, Mary has "*chosen the better part.*" (*Luke 10: 38-42*)

This passage, found only in St. Luke's Gospel, has spawned many a sermon about discerning whether we, both as individuals and congregations, are "Marthas" or "Marys". Are we always running around, getting things done in the church? Do you measure your relationship with God by the things you "do" for God? Of course, in our culture, where we have turned time and busy-ness into a status symbol - and we like to tell others how little time we have because we are sooooo busy – it's natural that we judge ourselves and our churches by how busy we are.

Make no mistake, what Martha was doing, working her many tasks, was important; in Middle Eastern culture, hospitality is of utmost importance. Yet, in these verses, Jesus explains that being busy isn't the better part. Likewise, what we do at Trinity in mission and in ministry is important; it is part of the visible sign to the rest of our families, friends, community, and the world at large of our identity, and faith, as disciples of Christ. Yet, it's not the better part.

The better part, as told to us by Jesus, is sitting at His feet and listening to what He teaches. As we cope with this hot and humid Pennsylvania summer, there are times during the day when all the heat and humidity makes you want to sit down and rest from your many tasks. So, how about inviting Jesus to sit down with you? Or better still, how about picking up your Bible and turning to your favorite Gospel - or any of the Gospels –

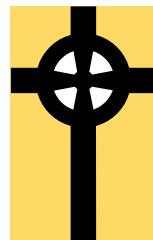
and **sitting at Jesus' feet** and listening to what He has to say to you?

Sitting at our Lord and Master's feet requires nothing more than listening to Him. It can be a well-known Gospel passage or it can be one that you pick at random. It can be reading the *Celebrate* insert or your daily devotional. Whatever you choose, just sit, read, and let your mind fall silent. Let Jesus come to you in His written word and in your heart. Ignore those feelings that you need to be doing something, ignore the many tasks which seek to separate you from Christ. Even if you are usually more like Martha, take some time every day to be like Mary and spend time listening, learning, and just being with your Lord and Savior. Choose "*the better part,*" as God's Son has said, and just sit at Jesus' feet.

In Christ's love,

**Pastor Lisa**

### **PASTOR LISA'S OFFICE HOURS:**



I'm generally in the Parsonage study or Church office from 9:00 a.m. to noon and 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. on weekdays & Saturday. (Friday is the Pastors' Day-off.) Or you can meet with me at your convenience by calling 570-658-2040 or emailing at [prlschuster@yahoo.com](mailto:prlschuster@yahoo.com)

### **WEAR YOUR WORK CLOTHES TO WORSHIP on AUGUST 31st**

You are invited to wear what you wear to work to worship on Labor Day Sunday, August 31st. In this way we honor the many ways in which our members are missionaries in our places of work during our daily lives. As Martin Luther said, "Serve God where you are!"

## --BY THE NUMBERS--

### Worship Attendance:

May 25: 30	June 1: 44
June 8: 43	June 15: 17
June 22: 27	June 29: 27
July 6: 24	July 13: 28
July 20: 30	

## 2025 INCOME THROUGH JULY 20th

### *Our Offerings*

Envelopes: \$45,505.00  
Loose Plate: \$1,013.00  
Sunday School: \$110.00

Total Income: \$46,763.00

Total Expenses: \$49,725.07

## NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

The deadline for the October/November newsletter will be September 20<sup>th</sup>. If you have any information to contribute, please place it on the computer desk in the office or email it to Missy Moyer at [tlcmccleure@gmail.com](mailto:tlcmccleure@gmail.com). Thanks for your help!

## DON'T FORGET THE CARD BASKET!

Cheer up someone's day - send a card! Trinity has all kinds of greeting cards in the basket on the Information table. Birthdays, get-well, anniversary, condolence, and write-your-own-note cards are among the many cards, all free for the taking.



## *Please remember the following people in your prayers:*

Tony & Nancy Schuster, Colleen Davidson, Darv & Sharon Ort, Vicki & Jeff Seler, Denny King, Leann Pheasant, Mike Shawver, Jerry Rager, Kathy Swartz, Deb Benner, Sue Bratton, Noreen & Steve Malaney, Zachary Brittain, Jerry Walters, Grace Hoffman, Harvey Brittain, Doug Knepp, Tanya Schreffler, Tammy McGlaughlin, Linda Zechman, Abigail & Payton Wagner, Matt Gilbert, Peter Conforti, Craig Reinherd, Jason Oldt, Christopher Havice and the families of Jean Snyder, Kolbe Straw and Kynlee Mattern. **Our Military Personnel:** Craig Hassinger (USAF), Brooke Seler (USAF), Daniel Hoffman Ferguson (USA), Pierce

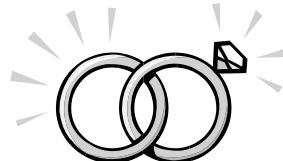
Heimbach (USMC), Teagan Schreffler (USN); **College Students:** Matthew Brytczuk, Collin Mayer, Lorna Oldt, Ava Stoner.

## NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS for 2026 TLC MINISTRY GRANTS

The TLC Ministry Fund Committee is now accepting grant applications for grant distribution in 2026. The TLC Ministry Fund was established to honor the faith of past saints of Trinity Lutheran Church by supporting projects that further the mission of Jesus Christ. Programs and causes seeking TLC grants should further the mission of Jesus Christ, be it congregational, local, synodical, or global. If you know of a worthy cause, please fill out a TLC Ministry Fund Grant Application and submit it to one of the TLC committee members – **Denise Fike, Donna Weader, or Bonnie Seler** – **no later than Sunday, October 5th**. The TLC Committee will determine grant recipients and amounts in the fall of this year. Recipient and amounts are reported to the congregation at the Annual Congregational Meeting in December. TLC Ministry Fund Grant applications are available in a file on the bulletin board at the Information Table.

## *August Birthdays*

John Hassinger	8/4
Mugi Amu	8/8
Justin Mattern	8/9
Karen Segall	8/13
Justin Fisher	8/17
Cassie Oldt	8/20
Jason Oldt	8/21
Cindy Graybill	8/29



## *August Anniversaries*

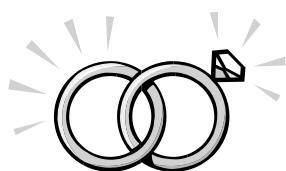
Cindy & Galen Graybill	8/3
Evan & Ashley Fike	8/7
Jo & Allen Henry	8/11
Heidy & Jason Oldt	8/17
Ryan & Jessica Pheasant	8/28

## *August Baptismal Anniversaries*

Tom Pheasant	8/10
John Snyder	8/23
Bonnie Seler	8/28
Betty Rager	8/30

## *September Birthdays*

Pam Weaver	9/2
Diane Wearer	9/17
Heidy Oldt	9/27
Oden Pheasant	9/28



## *September Anniversaries*

David & Donna Wearer	9/2
John & Denise Fike	9/14
Steve & Erma Knarr	9/26

## *September Baptismal Anniversaries*

Ryan Pheasant	9/13
Allen Henry	9/17
Lee Knepp	9/21
Ned Boonie, Jr.	9/26
Cassie Oldt	9/27

## **AUGUST WORSHIP CHAIRPERSONS**

Lectors:	Louella Ritter
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	
Bread:	Harold Flood
Set-up:	Donna Wearer
Take-Down:	Robert Etzler

## **SEPTEMBER WORSHIP CHAIRPERSONS**

Lectors:	Erma Knarr
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	
Bread:	Cindy Graybill
Set-up:	Bonnie & Cindy
Take-Down:	Jim Jones

## **AUGUST WORSHIP LEADERS**

<b>August 3</b>	
Assisting Minister:	Jan Moody
Ushers:	Talitha Dobson
	Robert Etzler
Lector:	Jan Moody
Treasury Asst:	Edwin & Diane Wearer

## **August 10**

Assisting Minister:	Jan Moody
Ushers:	Ange Ulrich
	Karen Segall
Lector:	Erma Knarr
Treasury Asst:	Edwin & Diane Wearer

## **August 17**

Assisting Minister:	Jan Moody
Ushers:	Matt Wright
	Dave Wearer
Lector:	Jan Moody
Treasury Asst:	Edwin & Diane Wearer

## **August 24**

Assisting Minister:	Jan Moody
Ushers:	Amanda & Cindy
Lector:	Lee Knepp
Treasury Asst:	Edwin & Diane Wearer

## **August 31**

Assisting Minister:	Jan Moody
Ushers:	Talitha Dobson
	Robert Etzler
Lector:	Jan Moody
Treasury Asst:	Edwin & Diane Wearer

## **SEPTEMBER WORSHIP LEADERS**

<b>September 7</b>	
Assisting Minister:	Dave Wearer
Ushers:	Ange Ulrich
	Karen Segall
Lector:	Karen Segall
Treasury Asst:	Amanda & Talitha

## **September 14**

Assisting Minister:	Dave Wearer
Ushers:	Matt Wright
	Amanda Wright
Lector:	Dave Wearer
Treasury Asst:	Amanda & Talitha

## TRINITY'S NEW MINISTRY: HILLSIDE MARKET MEAL VOUCHERS

Working with Hillside Market on Stage Rd., Trinity now has a weekly meal voucher ministry. Trinity members can give vouchers to those who can use it. Each voucher is for one meal which can be picked up after noon on Wednesdays at the Hillside Market; instructions for the person receiving the voucher are included on the voucher. Members can pick up vouchers in the office on the filing cabinet next to the refrigerator in a file marked "Meal Vouchers for Hillside". If you have questions, please ask any Council member.

### September 21

Assisting Minister: Dave Weader  
Ushers: Cindy Graybill  
Talitha Dobson  
Lector: Ange Ulrich  
Treasury Asst: Amanda & Talitha

### September 28

Assisting Minister: Dave Weader  
Ushers: Robert Etzler  
Ange Ulrich  
Lector: Dave Weader  
Treasury Asst: Amanda & Talitha

### TRINITY'S WEBSITE

Remember to make use of Trinity's technology. Our website - [www.trinitymcclure.wordpress.com](http://www.trinitymcclure.wordpress.com) - has recent announcements, the latest newsletters, updated calendars, and other interesting Trinity info. Save Trinity's website to your "Favorites" list for quick access. Also, to contact the Pastor or our church secretary, Missy Moyer, you can send a message by email, [tlcmclure@gmail.com](mailto:tlcmclure@gmail.com).

### JUNE COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

The Council meeting was held on Monday, June 30, 6:30 PM in the Social room. The following are highlights from that meeting:

- Treasurer's Report: As of June 30, checking: \$2,341.84; Clinic: \$4,094.95(\$5,000 CD); Wine: \$216.80; Matching: \$1,226.80; TLC: \$2,959.98.
- Fundraising: Election Day bake sale profit was \$ 191.67 CB: \$6,404.08
- Learning: Trinity & United Methodist will have a joint Bible school this summer titled 'True North'. It will be on July 21-25 from 6-8 PM.
- Love Offering: June is for Kohvr Young, son of Coby Young & Ari Kratzer. August is for Tanya Schreffler.
- Clinic: Discussion on how to use the clinic funds to benefit the community with meals.

There is no July Council meeting. The next Council meeting is a picnic held under the tent on Monday, August 11 at 6:00 p.m. All welcome!

### WELCOMING PALMER GILBERT INTO THE FAMILY OF CHRIST



On Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup> during worship, Palmer Wrenn Gilbert was baptized into the family of Christ. Palmer is the daughter of Karley & Caleb Gilbert; granddaughter of Trinity members Jan & Calvin Gilbert; and great-granddaughter of Trinity members John & the late Jean Snyder. Palmer's Aunt Kylie Hackenberg is her sponsor. God bless Palmer in her new life in Christ!

## BOY SCOUT TROOP #408 HOLDS SUMMER CAMP



During the week of June 22<sup>nd</sup>, Boy Scout Troop #408 attended Scout Camp at the Shade Mountain Bowmen's Club, Beavertown. The Troop spent the week camping, working on merit badges, and planning projects. Pr. Lisa led a Vespers service for the Scouts on Tuesday evening. Trinity is the chartering organization of Troop #408.

### “TRUE NORTH” VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Trinity & First United Methodist held a joint VBS from July 21<sup>st</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> at both churches. VBS ended on Friday with a swim party at the McClure Veteran's Memorial pool. Here are some pictures of the kids learning about Jesus, our “True North.”

