



# TLC News



Sunday School 9:00 am

April /May 2026

Worship 10:30 am

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

## HOLY WEEK WORSHIP AT TRINITY



### PALM SUNDAY.

March 29th

10:30 a.m. – Worship with Holy Communion



### MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 2nd

7:00 p.m. – Worship with Holy Communion



### GOOD FRIDAY

April 3rd

7:00 p.m. -- Worship



### EASTER SUNDAY

### THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

April 5th

7:00 a.m. – Sunrise Service  
@ McClure Community Park

10:30 a.m. - Worship



## CARD SHOWER FOR AUDREY RITTER



Audrey Ritter will celebrate her 96<sup>th</sup> birthday on April 11th. Please send birthday wishes to the address listed below.

Audrey Ritter

4400 Pheasant Hill Road, Apt. #153  
Harrisburg, PA 17110

## 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 Vicki Seler. Vicki entered the church Triumphant on January 18, 2026.

## McCLURE'S ANNUAL BACONFEST

The annual McClure Bacon Fest will be held on Saturday, April 18th, starting at 9:00 a.m. at Station Park, with the 5K Piggy Trot beginning also at 9:00 a.m. at 49 West Specht St. Celebrate Spring, shop the vendors, and enjoy a whole bunch of bacon at this year's Bacon Fest!

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

*"... toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead'..."*

*-- Matthew 24:1-7a*

The tomb was empty. The Easter Gospel of Matthew tells us that, after rolling the stone away, an angel greets Mary Magdalene and the other Mary and bids them to look into the tomb where Jesus was supposed to be. And, the tomb is empty of the one thing that the women came to find, which is the body of Jesus.

Jesus' body is not in the tomb, the women saw that. While an angel is at the tomb, the body of the man they called "Rabbi," who was their teacher and beloved friend is gone. The tomb is empty, without even the grave clothes mentioned in Mark and Luke's Gospels. But, there is something there, something which Jesus had told His disciples who accompanied Him while He walked and healed and taught all over the Galilean countryside. That something is hope!

When the women first beheld the empty tomb that no longer held a human body, at that moment, they also beheld a tomb which was beginning to be filled with the sure and certain hope of the resurrection. That empty space would fill and expand with the hope that what Jesus had told them - and what the angel repeated - that "*he has risen from the dead,*" had actually happened. Jesus' resurrection was real and the tomb filled with this fact until it overflowed, expanding beyond Jerusalem, into the Galilean countryside, throughout the Middle East... and beyond!

The tomb was empty of Jesus but filled with hope. The fulfillment of the hope that the One who died for our sins, God's Son, had been resurrected on the third day. Not only resurrected on the third day but also that what Jesus promised to all His disciples - the ones who were alive to see the empty tomb and the ones who would come after - that He would come again and take them with Him, would indeed happen!

Has that Easter hope filled your life? Has it expanded to where you live, into the very rooms of your house, into the rooms of your heart, into your world, until it fills the spaces of your life with the love of God, a love given to us so that we may have no doubt that Jesus is coming again?

This time Jesus will not come from an empty tomb but from His heavenly kingdom. He will bring all those who believe: believe in Him, believe in His death on the cross, believe in His resurrection, believe that, while His body was not in the tomb, the tomb was filled to overflowing with the hope given to us by the promise that we too will join God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - in life everlasting, in the perpetual Easter of our salvation.

May you have a blessed Easter!

Alleluia! He is Risen!

Pastor Lisa

### Pastor's Office Hours:



I'm usually 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.) You can also contact me at 570-658-2040 or by email at [prlschuster@yahoo.com](mailto:prlschuster@yahoo.com) to meet at your convenience.



**MCVCC BENEFIT  
SPAGHETTI  
SUPPER**

The Middle Creek Valley Council of Churches will hold a Benefit Spaghetti supper on April 23rd from 4:00pm - ? at the Troxelville Community Hall. Donations will benefit Timothy Hackenberg, an area farmer paralyzed from the neck down, & Tina Dunmire who needs a liver transplant. The supper is dine-in or take-out.

**OUR SHARED MINISTRY  
-- BY THE NUMBERS --**

*Worship Attendance:*

|            |            |
|------------|------------|
| Jan 25: 0  | Feb 1: 26  |
| Feb 8: 60  | Feb 15: 35 |
| Feb 22: 21 | Mar 1: 21  |
| Mar 8: 28  | Mar 15: 37 |
| Mar 22: 31 |            |

**2026 INCOME AS OF MARCH 15th**

*Our Offerings:*

|               |             |
|---------------|-------------|
| Envelopes     | \$16,333.90 |
| Loose plate   | \$ 625.50   |
| Sunday School | \$ 3.00     |

|                |             |
|----------------|-------------|
| Total Income   | \$16,959.65 |
| Total Expenses | \$19,105.75 |

***Please remember in your prayers:***

Doug Knepp, Colleen Davidson, Darv & Sharon Ort, Tony & Nancy Schuster, JoAnne Hall, Marlin Moyer, Talitha Dobson, Duane & Leslie Pheasant, Tom Nally, Calvin Gilbert, Peter Conforti, Lauren Ryan, Andy Pheasant, Ashley Fike, Helen Rager, Rod Snook and Porter Serglee. **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.

**MCCLURE TIME CAPSULE**

McClure Borough residents we are inviting you to help fill our community's time capsule with messages and memorabilia for the future. Please Stop the McClure Library or the McClure branch of MCS Bank and pick up a submission form for the next which will be buried in the fall of 2026. You can also look for us at the McClure Bacon Fest. Look for upcoming information for when we dig up the current time capsule that was buried in 1976. Stay tuned for more information!



**NEWSLETTER INFORMATION**

The firm deadline for the June/July newsletter is May 20<sup>th</sup>. If you have any information to contribute, please place it in the Newsletter box in the church office or email to [tlemclure@gmail.com](mailto:tlemclure@gmail.com). Thanks for your help!

If you receive "TLC News" by email, you can find the church calendar on our website: <https://trinitymcclure.wordpress.com/calendar/>.



***April Birthdays***

|                  |      |
|------------------|------|
| Lorna Oldt       | 4/2  |
| Hannah Boonie    | 4/3  |
| Tayla Schreffler | 4/4  |
| Tara Ort         | 4/5  |
| Danielle Kratzer | 4/6  |
| Bonnie Seler     | 4/9  |
| Audrey Ritter    | 4/11 |
| Denise Boonie    | 4/15 |
| Sandie Snook     | 4/28 |

### *April Anniversaries*

|                      |      |
|----------------------|------|
| Al & Janice Moody    | 4/5  |
| Ned & Denise Boonie  | 4/15 |
| Calvin & Jan Gilbert | 4/21 |
| Garrett & Ulrich     | 4/25 |

### *April Baptismal Anniversaries*

|                   |      |
|-------------------|------|
| Al Moody          | 4/?  |
| Caleb Gilbert     | 4/3  |
| Pam Weaver        | 4/3  |
| Sonny Bickel      | 4/7  |
| Arla Snook        | 4/15 |
| Teagan Schreffler | 4/16 |
| Amber Pheasant    | 4/16 |
| Calvin Gilbert    | 4/17 |
| Bill Weaver       | 4/17 |
| Trapper Wright    | 4/21 |
| Andrea Amu        | 4/22 |
| Robert Etzler     | 4/25 |

### *May Birthdays*

|                  |      |
|------------------|------|
| Kelsie Dobson    | 5/1  |
| Matthew Schuster | 5/2  |
| Jessica Pheasant | 5/9  |
| Betty Boonie     | 5/14 |
| Talitha Dobson   | 5/21 |
| Janice Moody     | 5/24 |
| Patrick Duff     | 5/25 |
| Matthew Brytczuk | 5/28 |
| Edwin Weader     | 5/30 |

### *May Anniversaries*

|                         |      |
|-------------------------|------|
| Sarah & Justin Fisher   | 5/20 |
| Lisa & Matthew Schuster | 5/20 |

### *May Baptismal Anniversaries*

|                      |      |
|----------------------|------|
| Brian Knepp          | 5/6  |
| Karen Segall         | 5/8  |
| Sarah Fisher         | 5/9  |
| Christy Jones        | 5/13 |
| Jean Snyder          | 5/13 |
| Jan Gilbert          | 5/13 |
| Hannah Boonie        | 5/19 |
| Pastor Lisa Schuster | 5/21 |

*Please let the church office know if we missed your special day!*

### **APRIL WORSHIP SUPPORT CHAIRPERSONS**

|                     |                     |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| Lectors:            | Lee Knepp           |
| <b>Altar Guild:</b> |                     |
| Bread:              | Harold Flood        |
| Set-up:             | Donna Weader        |
| Take Down:          | Dave & Donna Weader |

### **APRIL WORSHIP LEADERS**

#### **April 5**

|                     |                            |
|---------------------|----------------------------|
| Assisting Minister: | Robert Etzler              |
| Ushers:             | Matt Wright<br>Denise Fike |
| Lector:             | Robert Etzler              |
| Treasury Asst:      | Jim & Bonnie Jones         |

#### **April 12**

|                     |                               |
|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| Assisting Minister: | Robert Etzler                 |
| Ushers:             | Jan Gilbert<br>Talitha Dobson |
| Lector:             | Robert Etzler                 |
| Treasury Asst:      | Jim & Bonnie Jones            |

#### **April 19**

|                     |                             |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| Assisting Minister: | Robert Etzler               |
| Ushers:             | Ange Ulrich<br>Karen Segall |
| Lector:             | Talitha Dobson              |
| Treasury Asst:      | Jim & Bonnie Jones          |

#### **April 26**

|                     |                            |
|---------------------|----------------------------|
| Assisting Minister: | Robert Etzler              |
| Ushers:             | Matt Wright<br>Denise Fike |
| Lector:             | Lee Knepp                  |
| Treasury Asst:      | Jim & Bonnie Jones         |



## MAY WORSHIP SUPPORT CHAIRPERSONS

Lectors: Bonnie Seler  
**Altar Guild:**  
Bread: Cindy Graybill  
Set-up: Bonnie & Cindy  
Take Down: Matt & Amanda Wright

## MAY WORSHIP LEADERS

### May 3

Assisting Minister: Talitha Dobson  
Ushers: Jan Gilbert  
Robert Etzler  
Lector: Talitha Dobson  
Treasury Asst: John & Denise Fike

### May 10

Assisting Minister: Talitha Dobson  
Ushers: Ange Ulrich  
Karen Segall  
Lector: Ange Ulrich  
Treasury Asst: John & Denise Fike

### May 17

Assisting Minister: Talitha Dobson  
Ushers: Matt Wright  
Denise Fike  
Lector: Denise Fike  
Treasury Asst: John & Denise Fike

### May 24

Assisting Minister: Talitha Dobson  
Ushers: Jan Gilbert  
Robert Etzler  
Lector: Talitha Dobson  
Treasury Asst: John & Denise Fike

### May 31

Assisting Minister: Talitha Dobson  
Ushers: Ange Ulrich  
Karen Segall  
Lector: Karen Segall  
Treasury Asst: John & Denise Fike

## FEBRUARY COUNCIL MINUTES

Trinity's Council meeting for February was held on Monday, February 9th at 6:30 PM in the Luther Room. The following are highlights of the meeting:

**Audit:** February 11; checking account materials to be submitted;

**Vanguard Funds:** President, Pastor, Treasurer to complete recovery paperwork: Recently enrolled; expected to reduce church expenses;

**Community Initiative/Bold Ideas Grant:** Piano lessons for youth proposed;

**Facilities:** Kitchen flooring installation after Easter; boiler condensate issues; safety/liability concerns (railings, basement pits, parking signage);

**Committee Updates:** Egg prep completed with Conewago Snyder volunteers; volunteers may attend church if transportation provided;

**Hospitality Meals:** Continue as ministry; 43 guests served in January at meal for family of Vicki Seler;

**TLC Grant:** Shared with Veteran's Memorial Pool; to be posted online;

**Scout Sunday:** 60 attendees; Scouts served as greeters;

**Camp Mount Luther:** Hallway posters for upcoming camping season;

**Next Meeting:** March 9, 2026, 6:30 PM.

## MARCH COUNCIL MINUTES

Trinity's Council meeting for March was held on Monday, March 9th at 6:30 PM in the Luther Room. The following are highlights of the meeting:

**Membership Reporting:** The congregation has 193 members according to the 2025 ELCA Congregational report. The council is prioritizing pastoral connections over formal registry cleanup to remain welcoming.

**Basement Window Well Safety:** In order to comply with insurance liability requirements, the council approved the purchase of metal mesh covers for five basement window wells at a cost of \$1,210, to be funded by the Fundraising Committee.

**Bold Ideas Grant:** A discussion was held regarding a potential grant submission, "Harmony in the Neighborhood," pending the congregation approval.

**Kitchen Flooring:** A durable commercial-grade sheet vinyl was selected for the kitchen, featuring an inlaid decorative border.

**Parking Signage:** A decision on new Parking for Trinity Lutheran Church signs (\$443.98) was deferred pending a site review to confirm sign locations and the potential use of existing posts.

**Fundraising Success:** The Easter chocolate project produced over 2,400 eggs and 170 bags of bonbons, which are being sold at several local businesses.

**Conewago Snyder Partnership:** The council noted the ongoing mutual enrichment provided by volunteers from Conewago Snyder, who receive ministry support in exchange for their service.

**Love Offering:** A special offering was approved for March 30 to support Rod Snook during his transition to hospice care.

**Pastor Activity:** Over the last quarter, Pastor Lisa presided over 26 services, conducted 31 visitations (including 18 in hospitals/rehab), and logged 506 miles.

**VBS Savings:** Early coordination with First Methodist for Vacation Bible School for this summer.

**Historical Discovery:** Research for the upcoming church anniversary confirmed the first sermon was preached in 1876, with formal organization following on January 29, 1877.

Hard copies of the minutes are available in the Council notebook on the Information Table. The next Council meeting will be held on Monday, April 13, 2026 at 6:30 PM. All are welcome to attend.

### TRINITY TECHNOLOGY

Our website - [www.trinitymcclure.wordpress.com](http://www.trinitymcclure.wordpress.com) - has recent announcements, the latest newsletters and a link to our church's calendar, as well as other interesting Trinity info. **The website is the first place to look to find out if worship or meetings have been cancelled due to inclement weather.** Save Trinity's website to your "Favorites" list for quick access.



### *"Mixed Blessings"*

*They say "Cry when a child is born, and be joyful at a funeral, for God has taken them to heaven to be with Him."*

*It is hard to be joyful, because we mourn our loved ones that have been taken from us and we do not understand why.*

*Yes, we know in our hearts there is no pain and sorrow for them, but that does not take the pain of the loss we feel.*

*We do not know God's purpose, but believe that there is one even though we know not why, we may question our faith in these times.*

*You may stumble but if you let him God will carry you through. We will still mourn our loss but, if you trust in God, He will make the loss bearable.*

*Time will heal some of the pain, and you will always hold your loved ones in your heart and remember them with love.*

*by Talitha Dobson*