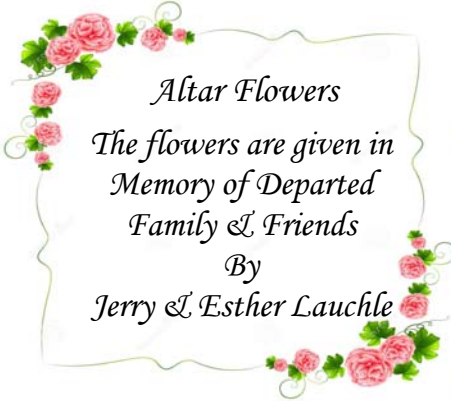




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Altar Flowers

The flowers are given in
 Memory of Departed
 Family & Friends

By
 Jerry & Esther Lauchle

BLESSING THE BACKPACKS

Now that our children are back in school and classes are underway at Penn State, plans are in place to offer a blessing on our students' backpacks. The blessing will be administered on Sunday, September 16, at both services. Students may bring their backpacks to worship and then be invited forward for the blessing. See Pastor Ron if you have any questions.

READINGS

SEPTEMBER 16

Isaiah 50: 4-9a
 James 3: 1-12
 Mark 8: 27-38

PRAYER LIST

TLC DISCIPLES

Bruce Lorich, Carol Bernlohr,
 Jerry Wion, Linda Leslie, Jim Reynolds

TLC FRIENDS

Carol (cancer), Francis O'Connor,
 Rich Masi (cancer), Wyatt (military), Dawn (hospitalized),
 Judy Petryshak (ALS), Jack (recent widower), Jackson Nicastro (eye disease)

STUDY OF ST. LUKE

This study will begin on Monday, September 24, 7 pm in the Faith Room. Participants are encouraged to bring a copy of their favorite Bible and any questions about the Gospel of St. Luke. Pastor Ron will be leading the class. Feel free to speak with him about any questions or concerns you might have regarding this study.

END OF SUMMER GIFTS

Thanks to the generosity of our TLC disciples we able to give monetary gifts to our departing summer vicar, Ella Myer and to our former organist, Jim Rearick. Checks were sent; \$616 for Ella and \$349 for Jim. Thanks, everyone!

TRINITY EVENTS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

10:00 am Zumba
 5:00 pm Worship with Communion

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

8:15 am Worship with Communion
 9:30 am Sunday School
 10:45 am Worship with Communion
 Blessing the Backpacks
 11:45 am Social Time

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

5:00 pm Trinity Wheelmen
 5:45 pm Zumba

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

5:45 pm Zumba
 7:00 pm Bells

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

10:00 am Zumba
 5:00 pm Worship with Communion

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

8:15 am Worship with Communion
 9:30 am Sunday School
 10:45 am Worship with Communion
 11:45 am Social Time

Esther Lauchle needs help!!!!

She's committed on Thursday, October 11, to rappel off of the Hyatt Centre (12 stories) across from the Fraser Street parking garage! This is a fundraiser to support (IHS). However, in order to rappel, she needs to raise at least \$1000.

Please help Esther fulfill her goal!! She will be representing Trinity so we want to make sure she has our support. You can donate two ways: during the next two weeks, there will be a basket for your donation or you can to go to:

<https://give.overtheedge.events/crazylady>.

Online donors will receive an automated tax deductible receipt.

If you need more information, contact Esther at ees1@psu.edu or 814-404-3867. She thanks you for all your prayers and support!

SEE ATTACHED FLYER!!!

FLOOD RELIEF CLEAN UP
 BUCKET LIST

After a very wet, rainy summer, places across our synod have struggled with flooding. To aid those who have and will deal with flooding relief efforts, our Synod is engaged in a drive to collect items flood victims can use to aid in their recovery. A host of items can be donated. TLC disciples are invited to consider what items you can donate to this campaign. The items include 5-gallon buckets, personal protective gear, cleaning tools, cleaners (liquids, not powders), among other things. A display has been arranged in the Narthex that includes a complete list of needed items. Donations can be added to the display. We will be collecting these items through the month of September.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

“It was the best of times; it was the worst of times!” With these words Charles Dickens begins his book, *The Tale of Two Cities*, an exploration into a time of controversies and contradictions, of extremes from wealth on the one hand and crushing poverty on the other with no one in between. Dickens refers to two cities, Paris and London, during the tumultuous environment of the French Revolution.

Given world events, issues in our country, corruption even in the Church and struggles in our own lives and families, we might relate:

Still, if we focus only on what is negative, then that's how we will see the world, ourselves, others and even God! There is much that is good and beautiful and positive in the world, ourselves, others and especially God! When I find myself getting down, I try to remember that God does not promise that life will be easy, or painless, or fair. Often times when things are not as we would like them are the times God can do His best work in us.

I think this is true also of communities and congregations. Right now, we here at Trinity are dealing with changes in staff positions. The transition such change requires can makes us uncomfortable. Such discomfort may cause us to wonder if the change was even worth it. Very understandable. We humans tend to think and function that way. But as Willy Wonka points out to the winners of the golden ticket as they begin to tour the chocolate factory: “Oh, you can't go back! You can only go forward!”

So, together we move forward trusting in God to provide and bless, heal and comfort, strengthen and inspire! I was reminded of this during our recent Congregational Meeting. My heartfelt thanks to the 40 or so disciples who attend. I appreciate how and what people shared as I think will be helpful and beneficial as we move forward!

To the entire membership I say: “Thank you and thanks be to God for you!” I look forward to how and what God is going to do through us and for us as we continue to do our best while placing our faith and trust in Him! To God be the glory!

Peace, joy and love,



Pastor Ron

ESSENCE OF JOY ALUMNI SINGERS

Under the direction of Dr. Tony Leach, this group will be leading worship on Sunday, September 23, at both 8:15 and 10:45 am. Invite your neighbors and friends to join us for a lively and inspiring worship experience. Holy Communion will be celebrated at both services and a Baptism is set for the 10:45 am worship. All are welcome!



ESSENCE 2 HAS BEGUN

Like to sing? Essence 2, a campus/community choral group, under the direction of Dr. Tony Leach sings African and African-American music. No audition is required. Rehearsal are here at Trinity, Sunday nights at 6 pm. All are welcome from high school through adults. Cost for membership is \$40 which covers all your music. To join the choir, you just need to attend the next rehearsal, Sunday, September 16, 6 pm.



FIRST COMMUNION INSTRUCTION

Parents with children in first grade or older who feel their child is ready to begin receiving Holy Communion are invited to attend First Communion instruction. Children also attend. Three sessions are planned for Sundays, October 7, 14 and 21. The class runs from 12 – 1 pm and lunch is provided. For more information or to register, contact Pastor Ron, TLCRevRon@comcast.net. There is no cost for this class.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

On Thursday, August 30, Lisa Bowen lost her battle with cancer. Lisa tended to attend the Saturday night worship and has been a TLC member with her son, Austin, for the last 7 years. A Celebration of Life for Lisa was incorporated into the Saturday night worship on September 8.



Attention MarrieCouples:

A Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend is planned especially for Western PA couples at the beautiful Olmsted Manor Retreat Center located in the Allegheny National Forest in Ludlow, PA. The dates are: October 19-21. Weekends are designed to allow married couples of all ages to take time off from daily pressures and responsibilities to search out **d** and discover a warmer, closer, more joyful marital relationship.

For further information and to register for the Weekend, go to www.GodLovesMarriage.org, and pay the \$100 registration fee. Toward the end of the Weekend an opportunity will be provided to make a contribution of whatever amount you wish to help cover expenses of 2 nights in the retreat center and 5 meals for each of you. For questions, please contact Northeast US Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber at fjschamber@comcast.net or 724-325-3166

Volunteers Needed:

Bridge of Hope, a church-based approach to ending family homelessness, is looking for congregations to form Neighboring Volunteer groups. We would need 6 to 10 individuals to start a group at Trinity.

Each volunteer group is matched with one participant. Neighboring Volunteers give support, encourage, and build relationships with the homeless moms. Participation in the monthly Bridge of Hope nights is expected. Helping with child-care, transportation, household furnishings and/or meals might also be included.

We would work as a team to be good neighbors to a mom and her family. If you are interested in joining a Neighboring Volunteer group here at Trinity or just want some additional information, contact Lorene Stitzer @ lorenestitzer@yahoo.com or Karen Aubuchon @ aubu55@gmail.com

SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES

With the ending of summer, we resume many fall activities including Sunday church school, 9:30 am on Sundays. Volunteers are still needed. Two classes are arranged for the students. Teacher/Staff Installation is set for Sunday, September 9. For more information contact Lena Sheaffer or Valerie Fry. To register, parents need to bring their child(ren) to one of the first sessions.

There is also a class for adults led by Mr. Ron Porter. Deeper Waters is the class for students grades 6 through 8, which seeks to prepare them to make Public Affirmation of their Faith. Deeper Waters is led by Ms. Kayla Smith along with Pastor Ron.

VICAR ELLA'S ADDRESS

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NEW OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

We welcome Beth Robbins to the position of Office Administrator. Her hours are Monday through Thursday, 8 am to 3 pm. Stop by and welcome Beth to her new position.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Carl Pillot	1
Kameryn Schoenauer	1
Madison Musheno	3
Isabella Card	5
Lacey Sheaffer	5
Leith Jenco	6
Judy Leslie	6
Jonah Trout	6
Katrina Oselinsky	7
Alice Smith	8
Patrick Corbett	11
Barbara Huntley	11
Paula Raynar	11
Claire Topper	12
Leslie Mateer	13
Lucy Merritt	15
David Clinger	16
Don Breon	18
Kathy Brasier	20
Mildred Ritz	21
Aaron Wagner	28
Grace Lichtig	29
Carol Bernlohr	30
Young Hee Kim	30

★HAPPY★
BIRTHDAY!

NEW OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

Many of you already know me, but for those who don't, my name is Beth Robbins. I joined Trinity back in 1991, when I moved to State College. I have 3 children, Jessica, Eric and Andy, and they are all grown and out on their own. My husband, Mark and I usually attend the Saturday night service as he is an avid golfer and the golf course calls to him on weekend mornings. Pittsburgh is often a weekend trip when golf season is over. as Mark's son, daughter and son-in-law live in Sewickley with our 2 grandsons ages, 1 and 3.

I am originally from the Williamsport area and graduated from Williamsport High School and attended Lycoming College. When I am not working, I enjoy cooking, baking, shopping, spending time with my family and friends, and traveling. I have 2 brothers who, with their wives, live in Williamsport. My parents moved to Winter Haven, FL a couple of years ago. Winter Haven is directly south of Orlando in the middle of the state. Mark and I usually escape the winter cold and ice and spend a week or 10 days visiting them in Florida.

My previous employment history is for the past 15 years was as an insurance agent with a couple different agencies here in State College. I have owned my own vending machine business and was also the secretary/treasurer of an appliance business for 10 years. My favorite job, by far, was being a stay-at-home mom when my children were young.

I look forward to serving this congregation. Please stop in to see me anytime.

OVER THE EDGE climbing THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11

State College

RAPPELLING OFF THE FRASER CENTRE

in downtown State College

a unique fundraiser benefitting
Interfaith Human Services and FaithCentre

What is Over The Edge?

It's your unique opportunity to **rappel off the twelve-story Fraser Centre** in downtown State College AND raise money to help Centre County neighbors!

Rappelling 12 STORIES?!? What about safety?

Our event is run by Over the Edge, who is committed to everyone's safety. Read more here: overtheedgeglobal.com/safety

Okay, but how much does this cost?

You need to raise at least \$1000 to rappel. We provide support to help you make your goal! Form a team and share the fundraising. Corporate sponsorships with rappelling spots are available too.

Where does the money go?

To both Interfaith Human Services in State College and FaithCentre in Bellefonte, to support Centre County low-income families in many ways.

All right—I'll do it! How do I sign up?

Great! Go to the link below to get started. Complete the form, sign the emailed waivers, and get ready to go OVER THE EDGE! Need help? Email Viki or Wendy at overtheedgesc@gmail.com. Sign up at:

give.overtheedge.events/campaigns/c1Muw0/register



OKTOBERFEST

Mark your calendar now for our next themed dinner. It is set for Wednesday, October 10, 6 pm dinner, 7 pm program. Watch for more details!

BLANKET SUNDAY

Traditionally, the first Sunday in October is designated Blanket Sunday, a time when congregations collect blankets to be distributed through Lutheran World Relief, serving those in disaster situations. This year, Blanket Sunday is October 7. Instead of collecting actual blankets, however, the Allegheny Synod Women of the ELCA and the Global Mission Committee request monetary donations. This is a more cost effective way to distribute blanks. So, if you wish to support this project please use one of the special envelopes marked "Blanket Sunday Offering." Thank you!



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