

# THE PIPER



OCTOBER 27, 2019

## Trinity Lutheran Church

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### PRAYER LIST

#### TLC DISCIPLES

Carol Bernlohr, Jerry Wion,  
Carolyn Kresen, Madison  
Musheno, Jorja Petry, Dee Kiel,  
Marc & Valerie Frey, Vera Johns

#### TLC FRIENDS

Bill Griffith, Mardi, Richard Broking  
& family, Alan Sellner, Jessica &  
Chad



*Altar Flowers  
are given by  
Danielle Lanagan  
in loving memory  
of her Mom & Dad,  
Dan & Fay Yoder*

### TRINITY EVENTS

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26

9:00 am Quilting  
10:00 am Zumba

5:00 pm Worship with Communion

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

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

#### MONDAY, OCTOBER 28

10:00 am Foxdale Bible Study  
7:00 pm Bible Study - Matthew

#### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29

5:00 pm Trinity Wheelmen  
5:45 pm Zumba

#### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30

6:00 pm Bahamian Themed Dinner

#### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31

5:45 pm Zumba  
6:00 pm Trick or Treat at the corner of  
North Oak & Galen Dr.  
6:00 pm Bells  
7:00 pm Choir

#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2

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

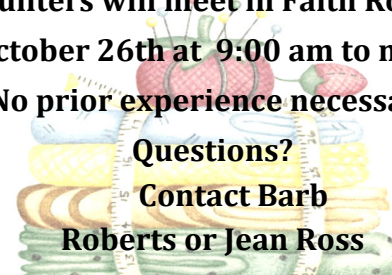
#### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

8:15 am Worship with Communion  
9:30 am Sunday School  
10:45 am Worship with Communion  
11:45 am Social Time  
12:00 pm 1st Communion Class

**Quilters will meet in Faith Room  
October 26th at 9:00 am to noon  
No prior experience necessary**

**Questions?**

**Contact Barb  
Roberts or Jean Ross**



### READINGS

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalms 46

Romans 3:19-28

John 8:31-36

### First Communion Class

There will be no First Communion Class this week as Pastor Ron will be away. The last 2 classes will be on Sunday, November 3rd and 10th at noon. Lunch will be provided.



### TRICK OR TREAT NIGHT

This year, the State College Trick or Treat night is  
Thursday, October 31st, 6 – 8 pm.

During those hours TLC disciples will be on the corner of North Oak and Galen Drive handing out free hotdogs, drinks and candy to any interested Trick or Treaters.

We are looking for donations of drinks, candy and small individual bags of chips as well as people to help.

If you would like to join us, please contact:

Pastor Ron at [tlcrevron@comcast.net](mailto:tlcrevron@comcast.net) for more information.





**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO RING BELLS FOR THE INTERFAITH HUMAN SERVICE'S WISHING WELL CAMPAIGN**



As has been the tradition for many years, members of Trinity will be participating in ringing bells during the Christmas season. The money raised through bell ringing will go towards programs which help to bring families and individuals from places of hopelessness to places of empowerment.

The date for Trinity to ring bells is **Saturday, November 30th from 9 AM to 9 PM at Meyer Dairy**. Ringing bells is a great way to get into the holiday spirit. You can spend time with a friend or your family while sharing smiles, laughter and goodwill.

The sign-up sheet will be on the table in the narthex through Sunday, November 24th. We need 12 slots filled over a 12 hour period so please consider signing up with your spouse, friend, and/or your children or grandchildren.

Singing carols or playing instruments is always welcome.

If you would like to ring bells, but cannot do it on November 30th, or if all the spots are filled, please contact Carol Smith as there are other dates and times available.

Thank you, one and all!!

Carol Smith 814-441-3183 or piffy1957@gmail.com

The 2020 Altar Flower Chart has been posted on the bulletin board outside Fellowship Hall

If there is a special Sunday or a special occasion you would like recognized, please consider sponsoring the Altar Flowers.

The cost remains \$42.00 and helps to beautify our worship space.

If you have any questions, please contact:

Beth Robbins  
tlcoffice2@comcast.net



**Bahamian Themed Dinner**

**Wednesday, October 30th**

**6:00 pm in**

**Fellowship Hall**

**Sign up sheet is posted on the doors to Fellowship Hall.**

**Dinner benefits the Hurricane Dorian Relief Efforts**

**MENU:**

**Fish Tacos, Steamed Chicken, Fried Plantains, Bahamian Peas & Dumplings, Bahamian Peas & Rice, Bahamian Baked Fish, Bahamian Minced Crawfish, Bahamian style Macaroni & Cheese, Bahamian Johnny Cakes & Bahamian Conch Chowder**

**Small Dinner Groups/LAST WEEK TO SIGN UP**

Don't forget to sign up to join a small dinner group if you are interested in fun, food and fellowship with other members of Trinity. Deadline to sign up - October 31st.

# *From the Pastor's Desk*

October 27, 2019

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

This past Sunday my sermon focused on Jesus' teaching that we need to be persistent in our praying. Among other illustrations I used this story, but did not share it at each service, so I thought I would share it via this medium!

Enjoy!

Peace,

Pastor Ron



## **The Donkey in the Well (as told by Darren Poke)**

Once upon a time, there was a donkey. It was a stupid, stubborn old donkey and even the farmer who owned it didn't like him.

The farmer owned a large property and one day he heard in the distance the loud, distinctive "eye-ore, eye-ore" of the donkey. He wondered what the stupid donkey had done now, so he looked all over his property until at last he found the animal at the bottom of an old abandoned well.

Exasperated, the farmer rang his neighbors and asked them each to bring a shovel. He'd had enough of the stupid donkey, so he had decided to bury it in the well.

All of his friends came over and together they started to shovel dirt into the well. At first, the donkey protested loudly, braying with all of his might, but after about 10 minutes, he stopped.

The farmers kept shoveling. After a while, someone decided to have a look into the well to see what had happened to the donkey. What he saw astonished him.

Instead of being buried, the donkey would dodge the incoming dirt, standing on the ever-increasing mound.

Now the mission changed and the farmers went from trying to bury the donkey to trying to save him, shoveling more and more dirt into the abandoned well until he jumped out of the top victorious.

Upon his release, the farmers all dropped their shovels and applauded the old stubborn beast with a newfound admiration.

There are times in life when it seems as though we are that donkey. Trapped and feeling as though life is trying to bury us. Don't go under, but continue to find a way to overcome your challenges one at a time until you too emerge victorious.



## PRODUCT PREVIEW

**ORDER NO.:** 8751923  
**PRODUCT:** 2020 Calendar

**IMPRINT COLOUR:** BLACK  
**IMPRINT SIZE:** 10.63"w x 1.6"h

*Note Actual product specs and colour may vary from final product. Items do not appear at actual size.*



### CALENDARS

Have you looked for FREE Calendars and had trouble finding one? Look no more - we at Trinity have the above 2020 calendar available to anyone who would like one. You, your friends, your neighbors. They are on the Usher's Table in the Narthex, on the table outside the Faith Room and on the stand outside of Fellowship Hall. Help us get our name out in the community.



# Reformation Sunday 2019

May the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all on this Reformation Sunday.

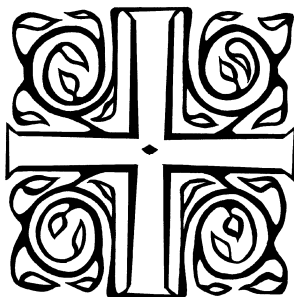
When Martin Luther and the other reformers began to ask questions of clarity in the 16<sup>th</sup> century church, the Holy Spirit began the work of reformation. The church in Western Europe had fallen into the error of believing that salvation was something which an individual could earn by their own will and merit. The practice of selling indulgences—pieces of paper bought by unknowing God-fearing people thinking it meant their sins were forgiven—was commonplace. You and I both know that God’s grace and forgiveness is a gift, not something we can buy or earn. When we ask for forgiveness, it is granted through the gracious love of God.

Luther’s understanding of Romans 3:28, “For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works of the law” shaped his argument to the church of his day that salvation comes from God’s work and the sacrifice of our Lord Jesus on the cross. Jesus has claimed us and called us his own in the waters of baptism and freed us from death. Our response is to turn to our Lord, cling to him and put our faith, hope and trust in him. Luther reminds us in his Small Catechism that our faith and our ability to love Jesus and come to him is a gift given to us by the Holy Spirit.

The result of the Reformation is good news because it means our salvation is not something we do alone; Christ is with us; Jesus is working in our lives and by the power of the Holy Spirit continues to shape and form us into the people we are called through our baptism to be. Jesus is Emmanuel, the God who is with us.

We celebrate the Holy Spirit’s work in Martin Luther and the other reformers of the day on Reformation Sunday. We remember that our life with God in Christ Jesus comes to us because of God’s goodness. As you gather in worship today, celebrate all that Jesus has done through the forerunners of our faith and most importantly, what Jesus has done in and through the power of the Holy Spirit to save us and make us his own. For this may we all say, “Thanks be to God!”

+Bishop Michael Rhyne



For All The Faithful Women  
50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the  
Ordination of Women in the ELCA  
Worship Service

**Sunday, November 17, 2019**  
**4:00 pm**



Rev. Elizabeth Platz

Evangelical Lutheran Church  
1200 Fourth Ave., Duncansville, PA

The Rev. Elizabeth Platz, the first woman ordained in the ELCA will be our guest and will preside. The Rev. Barbara Collins, Bishop of the Upper Susquehanna Synod will preach.

*A reception will follow worship with Pastor Elizabeth Platz answering your questions.*

An offering will be received to benefit the ELCA International Women's Leadership Development Program. This program seeks to enhance the capacity of the global church for mission and ministry. The program provides financial awards to support the short and long-term academic training of established and emerging female leaders in global companion churches and institutions.

*Please join us for this day of celebration*

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## For All The Faithful Women

2020 Allegheny Synod Assembly

June 4-5-6, 2020 + Blair County Convention Center

PLEASE NOTE: Opening Worship will be held on Thursday, June 4 at First Lutheran, Altoona to accommodate the Bishop election process.