#### THE PIPER

#### JANUARY 18-25, 2025

#### Trinity Lutheran Church

2221 North Oak Lane State College, PA 16803 814-238-2024 www.trinitystatecollege.org



Second Sunday after Epiphany

#### PRAYER LIST

#### TLC DISCIPLES

Jim Cowan, Kevin Trostle, Alicia Musheno, Keith Smith, K.C. Kim, John Owens, Lou Mayer, Carol Smith, Linda Leslie.

#### TLC FRIENDS

Patrick Moseley, Rita Shetler, Debbie J, Kendra Gettig, Jim Rearick, Tony Leach, Dave, Hallie and Family

#### Readings

Isaiah 62: 1-5 Psalm 36 5-10 1Corinthians 12:1-11 John 2: 1-11

#### TRINITY EVENTS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

10:00 am Zumba

5:00 pm Worship w/Communion SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

8:15 am Worship w/Communion 10:00 am Worship w/Communion

w/Children's Church

11am Deeper Waters

Monday, January 20

10am Bible Study at Foxdale

Tuesday, January 21

5:45 Zumba

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, January 22

6:00 pm Dinner

6:30 pm The Chosen S4E3

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23

5:45 pm Zumba

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24

9:00 AM North Atherton Farmers

Market (Fellowship Hall)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25

10:00 am Zumba

5:00 pm Worship w/Communion

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

8:15AM Worship w/communion 10:00am worship w/ communion 11:00am Deeper waters

#### DINNER AND A MOVIE

Each Wednesday in January and February, we watch 4th Season series of The Chosen.

We begin with a delicious meal at 6:00 followed by a new episode around 6:30.

Menu \*is as follows:

January 22- Grilled Chicken, Grilled Port Tenderloin, Rice Pilaf, Mixed Vegetables, Salad and Desert.

January 29- Meat Lasagna, Veggie Lasagna, Salad and Dessert.

February 5-Grilled Salmon, Buttermilk Baked Chicken, Risotto, Coleslaw, Stewed Tomatoes, Steamed Broccoli and Dessert

\*Menus are subject to change as may become necessary

Come and join us for a well-fed evening of food, faithful and fellowship.

The CHOSEN

#### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

Please consider signing up for Altar Flowers for our Sunday Services. The sign up sheet is located in the hallway, near the coat rack, or email the church office. Thank you!





We are still collecting gift cards for Alicia Musheno, daughter-in-law of Bob and Sylvia Musheno, who suffered a severe brain aneurysm. While she is continuing to face continuing health challenges we offer our prayers of strength and courage for her and her family. To help support Jonathan, Bob and Sylvia's son and his daughter, gift cards are requested. There is a basket in the back of our Worship Space for donations, either cash gifts or actual cards. Preferred are gift cards from Sheetz, for gas, and Giant, for groceries. Pastor Ron will secure gift cards and get them to the Musheno family. Thank you in advance for your support of this relatively young, struggling family.



#### **Invitation to Sing with**

# "Christ Has No Body But Yours" A Lenten Musical Meditation

If you love to sing the stories of faith, come sing in the 12<sup>th</sup> annual Lenten Ecumenical Choir! This year's musical meditation will feature Michael John Trotta's *Requiem* with full orchestra, a 45-minute masterwork that addresses death, but leaves listeners with hope, promise, and light.

We rehearse Sundays from 2-4 PM at Grace Lutheran Church, 205 S. Garner St., State College, starting Feb. 23, and sing it for the public on April 9, 2025 at 7 PM. No auditions; all are welcome. Contact Laurel Sanders at <a href="mailto:lsanders@glcpa.org">lsanders@glcpa.org</a> or 814-238-2478 for details. Please join us!

#### NEWCOMERS CLASS

If you or anyone you know is interested in joining Trinity as one of our disciples, a Newcomers Class is set for Saturday, February 8, 9-11 am. Attendance is not required for joining but it does give all participants an opportunity to meet other interested disciples. It also allows participants to hear about the history of Trinity as well as learn of our future plans. In addition, class ends with a tour of the facilities, which is always an appreciated experience. If you want more information contact Pastor Ron at <a href="mailto:TLCRevRon@comcast.net">TLCRevRon@comcast.net</a> or call his cell 814-933-8524. Registration is not required, just come.

## Warm up with a Chili Dinner!

White Chicken, Red Beef and Vegan Chili, Rice, Salad, Bread, Fruit & Dessert



for



Thursday, January 30, 2025 5-6:30pm

State College Friends Meeting 611 East Prospect Ave, SC 16801

Dinner is FREE

Donations go to Interfaith Human Services



A Concert to Benefit











Jason O Biscuit Jam

Eric lan Farmer The Nittany Knights Barbershop Chorus









### Second Monday of Every Month: Beginning January 2025

YMCA of Centre County will be hosting a MilitaryShare Food Distribution for veterans, their spouses, and active-duty soldiers. You must complete a registration form in advance to participate in this program. If you don't have transportation, please fill out the bottom section of the form to authorize another individual to pick up food on your behalf. Please return your completed registration form to: Moshannon Valley YMCA, Mel Curtis, P.O. Box 426, Philipsburg, PA 16866 OR mcurtis@ymcaocc.org.



Military Share Food Distribution
Second Monday of Every Month Starting January 2025
Start Time: 10:00 AM
Location: C3 Sports & Event Center
200 Ellis Place, State College, PA 16801

SCAN THE QR CODE TO DOWNLOAD A
REGISTRATION FORM OR contact Mel Curtis
at 814–801–0111 or mcurtis@ymcaocc.org
with any questions.



#### MINISTRY CANCELLATION POLICY

During the winter months the weather in Central PA can become problematic in terms of travel. Rarely do we need to cancel events or programs as Pastor Ron simply walks across the street while many of our disciples must drive to attend events here at the church. Our past policy is still in effect: USE YOUR OWN DISCRETION AS TO WHETHER YOU SHOULD TRAVEL OR NOT. Stay safe.

If, for some reason we do have to cancel an event or ministry, an email will be sent, and post the message on both our website and Facebook page. You can also call the church to inquire, 814-238-2024 or call Pastor Ron 814-933-8514.



# CHURCHES RESPOND. HOMELESSNESS ENDS. HOPE BEGINS.



**WHAT:** Night In A Car is a homelessness simulation that shines a spotlight on the hidden aspect of homelessness that many in our community experience--living in their cars. Papants will "live" out of their cars during the overnight hours.

WHEN: Friday, March 28 starting at 7:00 pm until Saturday, March 29 at 8:00 am

**WHERE:** Join us at Zion Community Church in Bellefonte (3261 Zion Rd) for our "drive-in" option. We will have access to bathrooms, hot drinks and snacks, and breakfast in the morning.

If joining us in person isn't an option, you can "zoom-in" from your own driveway!

Further details will follow

#### TRINITY LUTHER AN CHURCH

#### STAFF

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JULY 2022 - JUNE 2025

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#### A LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Beloved of God,

This morning as I walked to the office I noticed the cold, of course, but also the birds were singing in the trees calling to each other, there were two squirrels playing in the trees, and the eastern sky was a blaze with the sunrise. These words from Isaiah came to mind along with the verse from Revelation:

I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth; do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. (42:19)

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." (21:5a)

God makes all things new, a new day filled with all sorts of possibilities. There are risks and dangers to be sure, but we need not focus on them until they come. As Mark Twain observes, "I've had a lot of worries in my life, most of which never happened." And various studies bear out the truth of that statement.

Watching the news, reading the headlines, engaging in conversations with others, there are lots of reasons in our world that cause us to be afraid. No doubt we have all thought, "stop the world, I want to get off!" Out of curiosity, I searched that phrase and came across the lyrics of a song by Randy Stonehill

Fear is taking over Anxiety is on the rise Well you can feel it in the air You can see it in your neighbor's Eyes

The working man is desperate He can't support his family

And we could pull the nation Out of debt for what

We spend on locks and keys

And even suburbia is under attack They're buying handguns Trying to fight Back There's a vigilante picnic

In the cul-de-sac

Stop the world I want to get off

Stop the world I want to get off

This is too weird for me

Stop the world I want to get off

I've just got to find a planet Where they're interested in sanity

Hey yeah

I wish I had some spaceman gear I swear I'd fly away from here I cry to God this fervent prayer "Oh, please, just take me anywhere

Don't leave me here"

Most likely, we can all relate, at least from time to time. Still, God reminds us, "See, I am making all things new." Signs of the fulfillment of that promise are all around us if we stop to see, and hear, and feel. The birds in the trees, the squirrels chasing each other, the beauty of a winter sunrise—all reminders that God makes all things news, even us!

Here at Trinity, I find myself ceaselessly amazed as what God is doing in our midst. Attendance is up, visitors join us almost each week, there is a great spirit blowing throughout the congregation. As I have said before, I wish all pastors would have an opportunity to serve a congregation like Trinity, State College. We have fun at all of our gatherings, even our Congregation Council meetings. Now that's one for the books!

"I am about to do a new thing, now it springs forth; do you not perceive it?" May God empower and inspire each of us to perceive the newness God is bringing to our world, our communities, our families and our lives, that we might have the faith, strength and courage to continue joining God in fulfilling this promise made to us and all the world, made possible by the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, protecting and guiding each of us by the power of the Holy Spirit,

Love, joy and peace,

