

THE PIPER

JUN 6– JUNE 14, 2026



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PRAYER LIST

TLC Disciples

Pastor Ron, Neil Kimerer, Linda Leslie, Carolyn Larson, Tricia Hunt

TLC Friends

Vincent, Violet, Lloyd, Laurel, Phyllis, Judy, Anne, Andy, PJ

Upcoming Dates

June 13 Allegheny Synod

Assembly

June 13 Church Picnis

Pastor Ron's Retirement Party

June 14 @ Robin Hood

Brewery Co.

Allegheny Synod gathering

June 20

READINGS

2ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HOSEA 5:15-6:6

PSALM 50:7-15

ROMANS 4:13-25

MATTHEW 9:9-13,18-26

Please welcome the following to the Pulpit

June 6– Roger Glad

June 13 & 14 Bishop Kevin Schock

June 20 & 21 Roger Glad

June 27 & 28 Bob Voigt



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TRINITY EVENTS

SATURDAY JUNE 6

10:00AM ZUMBA

5:00 PM WORSHIP W/COMMUNION

ROGER GLAD PREACHING

SUNDAY JUNE 7

2ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:15AM WORSHIP W/COMMUNION

10:00AM WORSHIP W/ COMMUNION

6:00PM GIRL SCOUT UNIT,

MONDAY JUNE 8

6PM– 9PM TROOP #375

TUESDAY JUNE 9

5:30PM WHEELMAN'S BIKE RIDE

5:30PM EXECUTIVE TEAM MEETING

5:45PM ZUMBA

WEDNESDAY JUNE 10

THURSDAY JUNE 11

5:45PM ZUMBA

FRIDAY JUNE 12

SATURDAY JUNE 13

8:30AM ALLEGHENY SYNOD ASSEMBLY

10AM ZUMBA

12:00– 2:00 6PTH ANNIVERSARY PICNIC

5PM WORSHIP W/ COMMUNION

BISHOP KEVIN SCHOCK PRESIDING

SUNDAY JUNE 14

8:15AM WORSHIP W/COMMUNION

10:00AM WORSHIP W/ COMMUNION

BISHOP KEVIN SCHOSK PRESIDING

12:00PM PASTORE RON'S RETIREMENT

Pastor Corner

June 6-7, 2026

Dear beloved of God,

Seems most appropriate to provide an update of events. I would call this article “2026: A Pastor’s Odessey.” My wife will provide some details I no longer recall!

Saturday, May 30th started as any other normal Saturday. Ann left for Rehoboth Beach to spend the week with our daughter and her family. I went to my office to do my usual preparations for the weekend, especially the sermon. I led worship Saturday night, though I wasn’t thrilled with my sermon, still....

I went to bed as usual, no problem. At around 1 am, however, I woke up and my tongue hurt on the right side as though I had bitten it. I got up and went to the bathroom to check. It was not only sore, but it was swollen. I came out thinking very calmly and rationally, I needed to go the hospital. I wasn’t scared, or excited, or worried. So, I got dressed (putting on clean underwear, as I was taught), and drove to Mount Nittany Medical Center.

I went to the Emergency Room entrance, explained why I had come, sounding like Daffy Duck, my tongue had swollen even larger. I had no pain and no anxiety. The medical attendant came for me and took me back to an examination room. The person in charge checked me, then left. He came back and explained I would be taken to a procedure room. I went in and there were about 6 staff there. I got on the table and thought, “This is not good!”

They explained that a doctor was on the way to treat me. “TREAT ME?! (This is not good!)” This petite doctor came in and putting her face about 2 feet from mine and explained what she was going to do. She had to put a tube down my throat so I could breathe. Not only had my tongue enlarged, so did my throat, such that I was breathing through an opening about the size of the diameter of a drinking straw. And I thought, “This is not good!”

Still, I was not worried or concerned or even scared. I simply told her to do what needed to be done. So, the nurse put a swab of anesthesia in my mouth. I was reminded why so many people get hooked on drug. Closing my eyes I saw three overlapping clouds that had the most fascinating little light sliver in them. Simply beautiful.

After that, I don’t recall too much too clearly. I vaguely recall the tube being inserted and I heard someone say I would be transferred to the ICU (Intensive Care Unit). And, I thought, “This is not good!” I don’t recall the journey from the ER (Emergency Room) to the ICU, but I was there.

At some point, I woke up enough to know that Ann was there, and I think it was because they removed the tube from my throat, but I cannot be held responsible for any of these details. Remember, this “odyssey.” Anyway, I coughed when they removed the tube, though Ann thought it was more than a little cough! Apparently, I had been on a ventilator. I spend the rest of Sunday in the ICU, having a private room with two wonderful nurses, one working 7 am to 7 pm and the other 7 pm to 7 am.

Sometime early Monday morning, I found my upper lip beginning to swell. I called the night nurse, Tammy, and she gave me Benadryl, which took care of the swelling, but she told me I would have to stay another day for observation. Throughout these two days, the staff concern made it clear, “this is not good!” Oh, the attempted “poker face,” but I could see the concern and worry in their eyes!

Finally, I was taken off the ICU patient list, I was disconnected from the various machines, and while I don’t recall the catheter being put in place, I certainly remember it being removed! By then there were still no open rooms, so I stayed in the ICU. At around 9 pm Monday night I was preparing to go to bed when Tammy informed me that I was being moved to a “normal” room. My ICU room was needed for an ICU patient. So, off we went to a room on the floor above. I settled in and went to bed there, meeting the nurse in the dark as he was clearly busy.

Up to this point, the only meals I had, three of them, were of clear liquids - hot broth, Jello, juice and coffee. I was up early Tuesday morning and was thrilled that the nurse said I could get dressed!

Just before 8 am a person brought a breakfast tray – scrambled eggs, toast, juice! And I thought, “This is good!”

What I learned from this is

From my perspective we have an amazingly competent medical community here in State College

Life is short and there are no guarantees

God is good and is watching over us, whether I survived or was called home was just fine

I have been so richly blessed by all of you who have been and are Trinity Lutheran Church

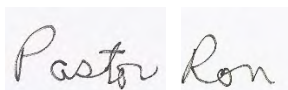
Medical staff cannot hide the truth from me, even if their facial expression does not change, I can see the concern in their eyes!

No matter who you are, you have many, many more people who love you and are concerned about you than you may ever know!

It has been quite the week, as I have reflected on these experiences, made somewhat more involved in light of this weekend (June 6-7), which is the last time I will preach here as your pastor. While I am convinced it is time to retire, the transition is very difficult and I know it is for all of you – well, most of you!!! Nonetheless, if I had to go through all of this at all, I am blessed to be sharing it with all of you!

Thank you for your love, your support, and your prayers these many years! It has been an amazing honor to serve as your pastor and to share this journey of faith and life with so many disciples over the years! I am sure, as I was last Sunday night, that God is with us and will not abandon Trinity as you seek the next pastor. God already has someone in mind, though I don’t know how long it will take to find that right person. All I can advise is that you be patient, be thorough in your search, love and support one another, especially your Council Members and the Call Committee, and continue the ministry Jesus has helped us develop. May God continue to bless you to be a blessing to each other and to all the world!

Love, you and peace,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pastor Ron". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

Pastor Ron

TRINITY Lutheran Church

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IN FELLOWSHIP YOU ARE INVITED TO CELEBRATE
TRINITY LUTHERAN'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY

with an

OLD FASHION PICNIC

At Church

SATURDAY JUNE 13TH

NOON-2:00PM

Please sign up for this so we have an accurate count. In addition, sign-up sheets will be posted to bring a covered dish of your choice to share, desserts and paper products to help offset the costs.

The committee is working hard to include games, music and other activities for both young and old. Keep an eye on The Piper

Let this be a wonderful kick-off event as we celebrate Trinity's 60th Anniversary.



60th Anniversary Kickoff Picnic

Saturday - JUNE 13

12:00-2:00 PM

@ Fellowship Hall (*rain or shine*)



Please sign by Monday June 8th (list on Fellowship Hall door)

Chicken, Hot Dogs, Lemonade provided

Bring a side dish or dessert to share

Ice Cream & Toppings (served after games)

Crafts * Face Painting * Games * Selfie-station Photos * Slide Show

“Best dressed” theme will win a prize

Bring a friend or pair up with Trinity members...Bring a festive centerpiece, table cloth, picnic basket, & table setting.

*(EX: Pick a decade [1960s forward], **patriotic**, religious, **camouflage**, etc.)*

Corn Hole and other yard games are needed - please bring one along.

WE NEED YOUR STORIES & PHOTOS!

Share a special memory of Trinity’s past (email meganorient@gmail.com)!

Search for photos from Trinity’s 60 years!

Leave copies in an envelope (with your name on them) in the 60th Anniversary team mailbox, or email meganorient@gmail.com

Announcement of Trinity Congregation Meeting

The Trinity Congregation is scheduled to meet on June 6 and 7, 2026. A call committee is currently being formed, and its members will be announced at the meeting.

Two amendments to the TLC bylaws have been proposed. These amendments would grant the Council President and Vice President check-signing authority in the Treasurer's absence. The congregation will discuss and vote on these proposals during the meeting.

1. Check Signing Authority

If the treasurer is unavailable, the President of the church council is authorized to sign checks on behalf of the organization.

2. Check Signing Authority

If the treasurer and Council President are unavailable, the Vice-President of the church council is authorized to sign checks on behalf of the organization.

Meet the Call Committee

During the congregational meeting, we will introduce each committee member with their biography and photo, so everyone can get to know those who have thoughtfully accepted this important role. We are grateful to God for their willingness to serve and their faithful commitment to this important work. Please keep the Call Committee in your prayers, asking the Holy Spirit to give them wisdom, unity, and steady hearts as they seek God's guidance for our congregation's future.

Pastor Laretta Dietrich of the Spring Mills Lutheran Parish is seeking to gather individuals, clergy and congregation members, from our conference or synod to read and discuss, over several gatherings, the book

The Gift of Small: Embracing Your Church's Vocation by Allen T. Stanton

It was published in 2024 by Fortress Press, and you may purchase it through Amazon, Christian Book Distributors, and other book sellers. Or you may contact me and I will collect a list of names and orders to purchase the book for you. Once I have a collection of people who sign up to read and discuss this book, (I would like a minimum of 6 people, but as many want to be a part of this are welcome) I will set up some reading schedules and discussion times for us to meet. At full price, the book is \$26; the lowest price I came across was \$21. Whether you order the book yourself or ask me to order one for you, please let me know of your interest and intent by **Monday, June 8**. You may send me an email at pastordietrich@hotmail.com or you may call me and leave a message on my parsonage phone number: (814) 422-8259. Please let me know your name, contact information, and to what congregation and where you are a member. Thank you!

Grateful Hearts, Faithful Future

Remembering God's goodness, celebrating a faithful shepherd,
and embracing the future with hope

As we celebrate 60 years of Trinity Lutheran Church and honor The Rev. Dr. Ronald C. Miller Jr. for more than 35 years of ministry, we are deeply grateful for all the ways God has blessed our church family. Pastor Ron has done more than serve this congregation. He has loved us, prayed for us, guided us, and stood by us through every season of life. For over 35 years at Trinity and 44 years as a servant of Christ, he has been a steady and faithful shepherd. His ministry has touched many lives in ways that are hard to put into words. We thank Pastor Ron for his constant faith, caring spirit, and deep love for our church family.

As we move into this new chapter, we know there will be changes and, at times, uncertainty. Even so, we remember that the church is not just one pastor, but all of us together as the body of Christ. We are called to continue His work with faith, hope, and love. As we look for the pastor God has chosen for Trinity, let's stay united and keep worshiping, serving, and giving with grateful hearts. If we keep our focus on Christ and His purpose, the tradition we celebrate today will grow, and our faith will be passed on for generations.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."

Proverbs 3:5-6

Moving forward, we pray, gracious and loving God, to thank You for the gift of Pastor Ron and for the love, faith, and care You have given this church through his ministry. As we go through this time of change, bring us closer to You and to each other. When we feel uncertain, remind us that Your hand is still on Trinity and that Your love will guide us forward. Give us peace, strengthen our faith, and help us trust You with whatever comes next. May we honor You by continuing Your work with humble hearts and steady hope. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Thank you, Trinity family, for your faith, your love, and your ongoing support of our church. Your prayers, your presence, and your open hearts are a blessing and will help lead Trinity into the future.

With thankful hearts and prayerful hope,
Trinity Lutheran Church Council

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