

THE PIPER



JUNE 27– JULY 5, 2026

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PRAYER LIST

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Neil Kimerer, Linda Leslie, Carolyn Larson,

TLC Friends

Vincent, Violet, Lloyd, Laurel, Phyllis, Judy, Anne, Andy, PJ, Bob
& Jonathan

READINGS

5TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JEREMIAH 28:5-9

PSALM 89: 1-4, 15-18

ROMANS 6:12-23



Please welcome the
following to the Pulpit
June 27 & 28 Bob Voigt
July 4 & 5 Kayla Smith



If you need something added to the Piper,
please email me at
tlcoffice2@comcast.net. Deadline is noon on
Wednesday. Sue

Office hours Monday –Thursday 8AM-Noon

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JULY

Dave Arbutina	2
Debbie Fryer	2
Linda Leslie	5
Lauren Falsone	6
Stephen Clinger	7
Lena Sheaffer	8
Scott Sheaffer	11
Roger Glad	12
Don Kiel	12
Laurette Gonet	14
Cynthia Rabbers	15
Louis Mayer	18
Scott Peachey	21
Lori Propst	21
Salley Adams	25
Sarah Zembower	25
Emilia Gustafson	27
Joyce Arbutina	27
Parker Phillips	29

TRINITY EVENTS

SATURDAY JUNE 27

10AM ZUMBA

5PM WORSHIP W/ COMMUNION
BOB VOIGT PRESIDING

SUNDAY JUNE 28

8:15AM WORSHIP W/COMMUNION
BOB VOIGT PRESIDING

10:00AM WORSHIP W/ COMMUNION
BOB VOIGT PRESIDING

MONDAY JUNE 29

TUESDAY JUNE 30

5:30PM WHEELMAN'S BIKE RIDE
5:45PM ZUMBA

WEDNESDAY JULY 1

THURSDAY JULY 2

5:45PM ZUMBA

FRIDAY JULY 3

SATURDAY JULY 4

10:00 AM ZUMBA
5:00PM WORSHIP W/ COM-
MUNION

KAYLA SMITH PRESIDING

SUNDAY JULY 5

8:15 AM WORSHIP
KAYLA SMITH PRESIDING
10:00AM WORSHIP
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Pastors Corner

June 27 & 28

Dear Beloved of God,

Toward the end of his epistle to the Philippians, St. Paul writes, “Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.” (4:1) Paul had a deep affection for the church, God’s people, in Philippi. Now, as I look back over my years of serving God and God’s people here at Trinity, I more fully understand and deeply appreciate the apostle’s sentiments about them. I share his feelings, and I consider you “my joy and crown”!!!

From the time I was facing ordination as a senior seminarian, I always wanted to serve well, lead well, preach well, and end well. Not sure I met all of those, but I certainly feel like I ended well. Only now have I realized throughout my ministry I focused on the “well” part of that goal, never giving my thought to the “end” part! Suddenly, here it is and I have mixed feelings about it, to be honest! Oh, I don’t doubt that it was time to retire, but I was not prepared for this transition. As I think about it, I wasn’t fully prepared for the transition to being ordained. I guess it’s all part of the journey. But I digress!

I do believe we ended well! We did a lot of outstanding ministry together! I am proud of this congregation and all of you!

The “Old Fashioned Picnic” on Saturday was great fun! Though it was a bit awkward for me, since I did not have to be in the kitchen, nor did I have to set up or clean up! That will take some getting used to! Megan Orient and her Task Force did an wonderful job planning and executing the celebrations throughout the weekend!

The last Saturday worship service was great fun and God honoring. Bishop Shock fit right in with that informal, come-as-you-are, service. Sunday’s early service went extremely well. When little Charlotte came up at the point of the sermon, she surprised the Bishop, but he handled it well. She’s 4-years-old and has been my little shadow. It was a joy to have her sit with me through the sermon! God bless the children!

The closing worship with Bishop Shock could not have been any more moving or joyous! He did a wonderful job preaching and presiding! The music was just short of heaven! Graham and Barb were not only well prepared but recruited some outstanding musicians to enhance and enrich the service! It was well beyond anything I could have expected. What a joy!

Thank you all for attending and for all those who made the morning possible.

The reception at Robin Hood Brewing was, was, ... words escape me! It was not only what I had hoped, it went beyond that. I deeply appreciate the staff. I knew I had selected the best place for the party and I was thrilled with how it all went. Thank you all for attending!

Also, my thanks to the members of the Call Committee. They have their work cut out for them, but I believe God has called the right people to serve Trinity in this time of transition. My thanks also, and in some ways especially to the Congregation Council, and especially, Brian Lewis, who will find himself as the point person, along with Sue Glad, our Office Administrator, who will keep things orderly during these upcoming days.

Later in Philippians 4, Paul writes,

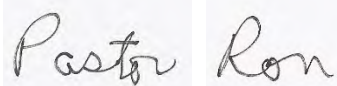
Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you. (4:4-9)

I can't express myself any better than that! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! For everything!

“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit” (Phil 4:23) Amen!

Love, joy and peace,



Pastor Ron

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.

Call Committee Updates:

The Call Committee met with Pastor Tyler Graham, Assistant to the Bishop, on June 11. Committee members were introduced to the call process and provided guidance on first steps. Some initial areas of input from the congregation were identified and preliminary discussions were held on how to obtain that input. The next meeting of the Call Committee will be in July.

Upcoming monthly events

JULY 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednes	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 5:45 PM Zumba	2	4 10:00 AM Zumba 5:00 PM Worship w/Communion 
5 8:15 AM Worship w/Communion 10:00 AM Worship w/Communion	6 6PM Troop #375 Monthly Mtg 6:15 PM Troop #375 Mtg	7 5:30 PM Executive Team 5:30 PM Wheelman Bike Ride 5:45 PM Zumba		9 5:45 PM Zumba	10	11 10:00 AM Zumba 5:00 PM Worship w/Communion
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Save the date and come enjoy
an evening of fun, food,
and fellowship!



Lutheran Day at the Altoona Curve

Sunday, August 16

Game begins at 6 pm

Watch for
registration details
coming soon!



STATE COLLEGE SPIKES

FUNDRAISER FOR GO REENTRY

INFORMATION:

Thank you SO much for your continued support of Go ReEntry.

On Saturday, July 12, the Spikes are having a fundraiser for Go ReEntry! We are very honored and want to extend this invitation out to you and your church.

For every ticket sold, Go ReEntry receives \$4. In order for us to receive the funds, anyone purchasing tickets MUST use the QR Code provided when purchasing tickets.

How can you help?!

- Please include attached promotional slide into your weekly announcements and on your social media platforms to help us promote this event.
- The Pastor's wife of the church with the most ticket sales get to throw first pitch!
- We also would like to have all children from the ticket sales from our supporters help us sing the National Anthem!
- Keep track of # of tickets your church purchases if possible and if any grade-school children are interested in helping sing! Please contact Mark Frailey with final counts of both.
- This would not be possible without you!

THANK YOU!



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**SATURDAY
JULY 12 @ 6:30PM**



**ALL TICKETS MUST BE
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FOR GO REENTRY TO BENEFIT.**

