THE PIPER

November 22- 28, 2026





Prayer List

Neil Kimerer, Linda Leslie, Sanders Family, Barb Roberts, Ali Wolff, Tom Eakin, PJ, Bob, Jonathan ,Cindy , Sally, Magnus, Laurel, Frank & Denise Graef, Gabriel Family, Titite, Patrick Mosley, Donna Snyder, Kathryn Giannascoli, Ryan Rush, Jane Combs, Huey Evangelista, family of Kenneth Weschler



The Altar flowers are sponsored by the Merrill/ Brown family in memory of Joseph, Shelia, William, JillAnn, Justin & Bob.



Next year flower chart is up. If you would like to sponsor altar flowers, please sign up. When you sign up, please take and fill out the form, next to the chart, and return it to the office Administrator or drop in the offering plate. Cost for a pair of flowers is $65.00

Park Forest Preschool Craft Kits Gift Tags are on the Christmas tree.

Please take a gift tag so a child can have a brighter Christmas.
Please wrap the gifts and attach the tag to the package. Please return wrapped kits to the church by Sunday December 13.



Trinity Weekly Events

22	23	24	25	26	27	28
8:15 AM Worship 10:00 AM Worship & Children's Church 5:30 PM Essence 2	6:15 PM Troop #375	5:45 PM Zumba		Happy Thanksgiving 5:45 PM Zumba		10:00 AM Zumba 5:00 PM Worship

Update From The Call Committee

Dear Members of Trinity,

We are making progress in the call process as the Ministry Site Profile has been approved by the Allegheny Synod. We met recently with the Assistant to the Bishop, Pastor Tyler Graham, head of the transition process. Trinity's opening is now live on the ELCA website, and we are ready to receive candidates for the position. The next steps will be confidential between potential candidate/s and the call committee. Eventually the church council will interview and recommend a candidate to the congregation. How much time this will take is unknown, but we plan to work as quickly as possible. We thank you for your patience. Please continue to keep our pastoral search in your prayers.

Yours in Christ,
Howard, Rich, Melissa, Carol, John, and Christy

Welcome, Pastor Ted Williams!

We are grateful to have Pastor Ted Williams serving as our Vacancy Pastor during this time of transition.



During our pastoral transition, the Office of the Bishop has appointed Pastor Ted Williams, from a neighboring sister congregation, to serve as Trinity Lutheran Church's Vacancy Pastor. He will be our primary contact for pastoral care, emergencies, and essential ministry needs as we prepare to call our next pastor.

Contact Pastor Ted: (814) 599-2980 | pastortedftlm@gmail.com

Please Welcome the following to the Pulpit.

Nov **21 & 22**: Sandy Coyle
Nov 28/29 Kayla Smith
Dec 5 & 6 Bob Voigt- Communion
Dec 12 & 13 Roger Glad- Communion
Dec 19 & 20 Kayla Smith
Dec 24 Roger Glad- Communion
Dec 26 & 27 lessons & Carols





Next year Offering envelopes are in your mailbox. If you did not get envelopes, please contact the church office.

Allegheny Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Spiritual Development Ready For Sunday

https://www.gotellitinthemountains.org/contentpages.aspx?p=cf94a5f1-1516-4f2b-9175-cfffcc534a0f

A weekly reflection series from Go Tell It IN the Mountains

Ready for Sunday is a short reflection series created to help people prepare their hearts and minds before Sunday worship. Each video offers a brief, thoughtful look at the upcoming Gospel reading, giving viewers a chance to begin engaging the message early in the week. In just a few minutes, Ready for Sunday creates space.
to **listen**, **reflect**, and **respond** before the Word is preached. It is a simple rhythm: pause, hear the scripture, consider its meaning, and carry that reflection into worship.

One of the core goals of the Go Tell It IN the Mountains initiative is to encourage people to respond to compelling preaching by integrating the Gospel into daily life — shaping attitudes, actions, and ministries throughout the week.
Ready for Sunday is one small but meaningful way to help that happen.

November 2026 Scripture Readings

ALL SAINTS' DAY	Nov. 1	All Saints' Day	Rev. 7:(2–8) 9–17	Psalm 149	1 John 3:1–3	Matt. 5:1–12
	Nov. 8 (Prop. 27)	Twenty-fourth S. after Pentecost	Amos 5:18–24	Psalm 70	1 Thess. 4:13–18	Matt. 25:1–13
	Nov. 15 (Prop. 28)	Twenty-fifth S. after Pentecost	Zeph. 1:7–16	Psalm 90:1–12	1 Thess. 5:1–11	Matt. 25:14–30
	Nov. 22 (Prop. 29)	Last S. of the Church Year	Ezek. 34:11–16, 20–24	Psalm 95:1–7a	1 Cor. 15:20–28	Matt. 25:31–46
THANKSGIVING	Nov. 26	Thanksgiving Day	Deut. 8:1–10	Psalm 67	Phil. 4:6–20 *or* 1 Tim. 2:1–4	Luke 17:11–19
New Church Year Starts Here (2026–2027) — Series B						
ADVENT 2026	Nov. 29 ***2026***	First S. in Advent	Isaiah 64:1–9	Psalm 80:1–7	1 Cor. 1:3–9	Mark 11:1–10 *or* Mark 13:24–37

The Interfaith Human Services Wishing Well Campaign is back!

Each year members of Trinity come out to ring the bells at Meyer Dairy and the Waffle Shop West to raise money in support of the programs of IHS.

This year Trinity is scheduled for:

Friday, December 4th at Meyer Dairy

between 10:00 am and 6:00 pm

Tuesday, December 8th at the Waffle Shop

between 9:00 am and 2:00 pm

Interfaith Human Services

Use the link below to sign up for a one-hour shift or contact Sue Forster at fsue58521@gmail.com

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D48ACAA2DA5FAC16-67446554-wishing



www.interfaithhumanservices.org

Karl Raynor is selling Trinity Wooden cross ornaments, and they are available on the table by the bulletin board. All monies will be used to help purchase acoustic tiles for the fellowship hall. The cost is what you can affords for the ornament.



WILL YOU PLEASE HELP WITH THE TOYS FOR TOTS HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE?

We will be holding a special Holiday Food Drive along with the Toy for Tots drive from November 1st until December 13th. Trinity has been a big supporter of both of these drives, and we hope we can count on each of you this year. What we hope you will do is donate a nonperishable food item for each Sunday from November 1st until December 13th. The collected food will be distributed to the various food pantries in Centre County. As you can imagine people are struggling to keep food on the table and are having trouble making ends meet and this is a way we can help them.

Some items that are needed are canned vegetables, soups, fruits, meats, pasta & sauce, rice, cereal, juices, tea, coffee, mac and cheese mixes, household cleaning supplies, paper products, health and beauty items etc. These are just a few ideals. Any food items will be greatly appreciated.

Trinity has helped in the past and we hope you will help us this year. Any questions please talk to Donna Weller (814-571-2280 or dw0220@aol.com) or Gene Weller (814-571-4332 or elweller@aol.com)

If we all work together, we can help families have a Merry Christmas. Thanks for your help.

Donna and Gene Weller

The Happy Valley Business Association will be conducting their annual Winter Clothing Drive of new or gently used winter coats, winter boots, scarves, gloves and hats to help support the Burrowes Street Youth Haven as part of the Centre County Youth Services Bureau in State College (boys and girls between ages 12-18) Donation box will be in the narthex Nov 13 – Dec 18.

Winter 2027 Bible Study



"Together by Grace: Bible Conversations" is a new Bible study series offered by Augsburg Fortress. More information can be found on the series here: https://www.augsburgfortress.org/store/category/286578/Together-by-Grace#available-now

These series are designed to invite participants to gather together, dwell in the stories of the Bible, and engage with the text and one another through 8 sessions. With guided conversations and open-ended questions, everyone is invited to share thoughts, experiences, and similarities in these roundtable discussions that approach biblical stories honestly, wrestle with tough questions, and build community.

The series is designed so that participants can be welcomed at any point during the study, so there is no need to worry if you cannot attend all of the sessions.

If you are interested in joining this study, please reach out to Kayla Smith (kayjosmith22@gmail.com or 717-781-5885) or sign-up with your answers to the two questions below (or if you would like more information):

1. Rank your preferences **from 1 to 4** for which of the following Biblical books are of most interest to you: (with 1 being the one you are most interested in, and 4 being the least): **Psalms, Mark, John, Romans**
2. List all of the following days and times that work for you (each session should last approximately one hour):

- Any weekday morning at 7:00 or 7:30 am
- Monday evenings at 6:00, 6:30, or 7 pm
- Thursday evenings at 6:00, 6:30, or 7 pm
- Sundays at 11:15 am, 1:00 or 2:00 pm

- **Deadline is Monday, December 7th** so an order for the guides can be placed with enough time to receive and distribute them. The Participant's Guide costs $12.99. The group will begin meeting in mid-January. Please invite anyone who may be interested in participating!

Service to the Church

Volunteers needed

At Trinity, we continue to need volunteers to serve important roles that support the smooth functioning and welcoming nature of our church.

- Communion Assistant– Helps distribute wine at communion (when needed)
- Communion Bread– Provide communion bread for both Sunday service and Saturday evening service
- Communion Care- help set up communion items before worship and wash/dry items after Saturday and Sunday services.
- Counter– count and classify offerings, prepare deposit slips, deposit funds, work in a team of two.
- Deacon– assist worship leader in leading service.
- Lector– read the scripture lessons for the service.
- Leading a worship service

Please pray about whether one of the areas of need could represent a call for you to serve.

Fill out the Worship Support Volunteer sheet , Located on the table in the Narthex. or you can call the church office at 814-238-2024 for more information.

❄️ WEATHER CLOSINGS & CANCELLATIONS ❄️

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🏢 CHURCH OFFICE

The church office will be closed whenever the State College Area School District closes due to inclement weather.



⛪ SUNDAY WORSHIP

For Sunday service cancellation announcements, check:
• Trinity's Facebook page
• Trinity's website
• WTAJ-TV
• Local radio stations



Before heading out, please check Trinity's Facebook page or website for the latest weather-related updates.

Stay safe and warm, Trinity family! May God watch over you and everyone serving our community during the storm. Let's keep one another in prayer until we can gather again. 💙

December 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Nov 29 8:15 AM Worship 10:00 AM Worship & Children's church 5 :30PM Essence 2 6 :00PM Girl Scouts Unit 416	Nov 30 6:00PM Troop #375	1 5:30 PM Executive Team Mtg 5:45 PM Zumba	2 6:00PM Dinner & Holden Evening Prayer	3 5:45 PM Zumba 7:00PM Essence 2	4 4:00PM Essence 2 Concert	5 10:00AM Zumba 12:00PM Raystown Woods Rehearsal 5:00PM Worship
6 8:15 AM Worship w. communion 10:00 AM Worship w/ communion & Children's church 3:00PM Cub Scout Pack # 375 5:30 PM Essence 2	7 6:00PM Troop #375	8 5:45 PM Zumba	9 6:00PM Dinner & Holden Evening Prayer	10 5:45 PM Zumba	11	12 10:00 AM Zumba 12:00 P Raystown Rehearsal 5:00PM Worship w/ communion
13 8:15 AM Worship w. communion 10:00 AM Worship w/ communion & Children's church 10:45AM Children's Christmas Event 2:00PM Raystown Woods Concert 5:30 PM Essence 2	14 6:00PM Troop #375	15 5:45 PM Zumba 7:00PM Council Mtg	16 6:00PM Dinner & Holden Evening Prayer	17 5:45 PM Zumba	18	19 10:00 AM Zumba 5:00PM Worship
20 8:15 AM Worship 10:00 AM Worship & Children's church 5:30 PM Cub Scout #375 6:00PM Girl Scout Unit 416	21 6:00PM Troop #375	22 5:45 PM Zumba	23 6:00PM Dinner & Holden Evening Prayer	24 5:00PM Family Christmas 5:45 PM Zumba 7:00PM Candlelight	25 	26 10:00 AM Zumba 5:00PM Worship
27 8:15 AM Worship- Lessons & Carols 10:00 AM Worship- Lessons & Carols	28 6:00PM Troop #375	29 5:45 PM Zumba	30	31 5:45 PM Zumba	Jan 1 	Jan 2 10:00 AM Zumba 5:00PM Worship

Worship Servers December 2026

	12/5/2026	12/12/2026	12/19/2026	12/24/2026	12/26/2026	1/2/2027
Worship Leader						
Saturday 5:00PM	Bob Voigt	Roger Glad	Kayla Smith	Roger Glad	Brian Lewis	Ann Whitney
	12/6/2026	**12/13/2026**	**12/20/2026**		**12/27/2026**	**1/3/2027**
8:15:00 AM	Bob Voigt	Roger Glad	Kayla Smith		Lessons & Carols	Ann Whitney
10:00:00 AM	Bob Voigt	Roger Glad	Kayla Smith		Lessons & Carols	Ann Whitney
Communion Assistant	**Communion**	**Communion**	**Non- Communion**	**Communion**	**Non- Communion**	**Non- Communion**
8:15:00 AM	Lou Mayer	Esther Lauchle	n/a	5:00PM-	n/a	n/a
10:00:00 AM	Sylvia Musheno	Megan Orient	n/a	7:00PM- Debbie Fryer	n/a	n/a
Deacon						
8:15:00 AM	Lou Mayer	Esther Lauchle	Jenny Wenrich	5:00PM-		
10:00:00 AM	David Richards	Kayla Smith	Brian Lewis	7:00PM- John Fryer	n/a	Debbie Fryer
Lector						
8:15:00 AM	Lou Mayer	Kay Gasowski	Jenny Wenrich	5:00PM-	Christy Bartley	
10:00:00 AM	Gene Weller	Rich Coulter	Ellen Campbell	7:00PM- Jerry Lauchle	Ellen Campbell	Carol Smith
Offering Counters	Gene Weller	Megan Orient	Jay Aubuchon		Gerry Krupa	Brian Lewis
10:45:00 AM	Kristen Kewitt	Dennis Zerbe	Roberta Horner		Brian Lewis	Dennis Zerbe

Extra Readers
Lou Mayer
Esther Lauchle

Staff & Church Council

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July 2025-July 2028
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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