



TRINITY TIDINGS

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Proclaiming "Jesus is Lord,"
Trinity Evangelical Lutheran
Church, endeavors to grow
and build itself up in Christ's
love, as each member, using
God-given talents and
resources, works to reflect
God's grace, to each other and
the world.

May Newsletter 2024

CPR & First Aid Class

Saturday, May 4th

Let Sonya Nace know if you wish to attend.

Bishop's Open Golf Classic

Monday, May 13th, 2024 @ 11:30 am

19th Annual Bishop's Open Golf Classic, which benefits Camp Mount Luther of Mifflinburg. Golfers are invited to participate in the tournament to be held on Monday, May 13, 2024, at the Susquehanna Valley Country Club in Shamokin Dam. Last year, over \$15,000 was raised because of this event. Shotgun start time is 12:30 p.m. Registration with lunch begins at 11:30 a.m.

Mother/Daughter Banquet

Saturday, May 18th - 6:00 pm

A sign up Sheet is posted in the Narthex.

Worship Schedule

- May 5th – Dr. Karla Bohmbach
- May 12th – Mother's Day – Dr. Karla Bohmbach
- May 19th – Pentecost – Rev. James Bricker
- May 26th – Chad Hershberger – Camp Mount Luther
 - ◇ Rev. James Bricker presiding over Holy Communion
- June 2nd – Lowell Kratzer
 - ◇ Rev. James Bricker presiding over Holy Communion
- June 9th – Lowell Kratzer
 - ◇ Rev. James Bricker presiding over Holy Communion

May Newsletter

It is with Congratulations and Gratitude to the Lord that we welcome to the world Daniëlle Irene-Ward Neal, daughter of Pastor Karen and her husband Greg. Born Thursday, April 11th, 2024 at 7:53 pm, she was 6 pounds, 2 ounces and 19.5 inches long.

Notes from the Confirmands: Riley Naylor, Takayla Titler

As for the month of May, Pastor Karen had us write the newsletter for May.

Here are some of the things we learned in Fall of 2023

_ The Old Testament: The main reason for the Old testament is the special relationship between God and his chosen people of Israel.

_ The Psalms: The main reason of Psalms is a prayer book for God's people as they wait for the arrival of the Messiah and the fulfillment of God's promises. And we will keep reading the Psalms until the Messiah comes again.

_ The Christmas Story: The moral of the Christmas story is if we help anyone in need, it seems that the help is done to Jesus himself and that will gain us the blessings of God.

_ Watched the Star (Christmas movie): In the story of the Christmas movie there's different point of views of the story. From the animals that was there for Jesus's birth.

_ Burning of the palms: On Feb. 11 we as Confirmands went outside to St. Peters Grove to do the burning of the Palms for Ash Wednesday.

_ 95 theses: The main reason for the 95 theses written by Martin Luther was because he wanted to reform against the Catholic Church. Martin Luther did not agree with the Catholic church's ways of selling indulgences, but he wanted to try to fix it

The Reformation- During his stay in the Wartburg, Luther began work on what proved to be one of his foremost achievements-the translation of the New Testament into the German vernacular. This task was an obvious ramification of his insistence that the Bible alone is the source of Christian truth and his related belief that everyone is capable of understanding the biblical message.

Apostles Creed

Article 1 - **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

In the first article of the Apostle's Creed, we focus on the first person of the Trinity, God the Father. In this article, we assert that God is the creator of all things, the source of life. The story of God's creative action is told in Creation Story recorded in the beginning of Genesis. The Genesis account of creation is not meant to be a scientific textbook, but a proclamation of God's loving action which brings life into being. As you read 1:1 focus on God's action, think about the sequence in which the creation story happens and notice God's view on what is coming into being.

What does this mean- I believe that God has created me together with all that exists. God has given me and still preserves my body and soul: eyes, ears, and all limbs and senses; reason and all mental faculties.

In addition, God daily and abundantly provides shoes and clothing, food and drink, house and farm, spouse and children, fields, livestock, and all property; along with all the necessities and nourishment for this body and life. God protects me against all danger and shields and preserves me from all evil. And all this is done out of pure, fatherly, and divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness of mine at all! For all of this I owe it to God to thank and praise, serve and obey him.

Article 2- **I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell.**

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

What does this mean- I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father in eternity, and also a true human being, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord. He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned human being. He has purchased and freed me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death. He has done all this in order that I may belong to him, live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in eternal righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as he is risen from the dead and lives and rules eternally.

Note from Confirmands: Riley Naylor; Takayla Tittler

I can do all this through him who gives me strength Philippians 4:13

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Pastor Graham Fowler, of Lost Creek Presbyterian Church, has graciously agreed to serve as the on-call emergency Pastor during this time. You'll find sign-up sheets on one of our bulletin boards offering ways you can help visit members of our congregation or lead Chapel Time for our Sonbeam children while I'm recovering and getting to know the newest member of my family. Thank you to Peggy Inch for agreeing to teach one of the Confirmation classes!

UPDATE

The Lenten offerings we received were \$1,034.55. They were divided between the Juniata Co. Food Pantry and Tiger Treats. Thank You for your generosity.



May & June Schedule of Helpers

Acolytes

May 05	Maddox Leister
May 12	Dex Haflett
May 19	Laney Naylor
May 26	Mason DeLancey
June 02	Adeline Mummah
June 09	Lilly Nace
June 16	Takayla Tittler
June 23	Cole & Jerry Wagner
June 30	Mason DeLancey

Worship Assistants Readers & Communion Helpers

May 05	Trudy Watts
May 12	Lilia Haflett
May 19	Sharon Truitt
May 26	Cheryl Walker/Terri Leister
June 02	Greg Neal
June 09	Kirk Freed
June 16	Roy Leister
June 23	Chuck Rishel/Cathy Barnes
June 30	Jessica DeLancey

Ushers

May 05	Judy Litzel & Judy Kauffman
May 12	Dane & Susan Hackenberger
May 19	Jim & Jean Fogle
May 26	Matt & Malea Haflett
June 02	Denis & Terri Leister
June 09	
June 16	John & Angela Monteleone
June 23	Peggy Nipple & Patty Erickson
June 30	Jeff & Kris Yetter

Money Counters

May	Lucille Aldinger & Betty Lou Naylor
June	Patty Erickson & Jim Bricker

Altar Guild

May	Pam King
June	Peggy Nipple/Lindsey Hamilton

Communion Bread

May
June

Volunteers for providing the bread are asked to place it in the sacristy. Please let the Altar Guild know you are providing it.

Medical Team Responders

May	Jerry Wagner
June	Angela Monteleone

Recording The Worship Service

May	Peggy Inch/Jeff Yetter
June	Jeff Yetter

Social Time Providers

May 05	Terri Leister, Bobbi Leister, Marah Erickson
May 12	Jean Fogle, Sandy Kinney, Christa Mummah
May 19	Patty Erickson, Emily Robinson, Hannah Celendenin
May 26	Jean Barnard, Cathy Barnes, Pam King
June 02	Kris Yetter, Sharon Truitt, Steph Wagner
June 09	Renee Freed, Sonya Nace, Betty Ryan
June 16	Clarice Pellman, Derek & Hannah Shelley, Cheryl Wilson
June 23	Susan & Dane Hackenberger, John & Angela Monteleone
June 30	Sue Leister, Trudy Watts, Robin Losch

Trinity's Birthday Calendars

TIDINGS contains calendars listing the birthdays of members of Trinity for May & June. We hope that you will use this calendar to greet our members as they celebrate another year of life.

May

01 Jean Fogle
03 Mindy Rishel
04 Stephanie Wagner
05 Maddox Leister
11 Mike Ryan, Jr.
13 Marie Barnard
13 Sandy Kinney
14 Tim Inch
14 Bobbi Leister
18 Rod Chubb
18 Denis Leister
19 Talena Hambright
22 Eric Nipple
27 Shane Erickson
27 Jim Fogle
27 Ernie King
27 Marley Wilson
28 Tara Barnard
28 Emily Robinson
28 Cynthia Iberg
31 Brenda Shellenberger

June

06 Rob Schell
07 Brad Erickson
08 Joan Tusing
08 Brandy Ruff
11 Michael Dreese
11 Katherine Kratzer
11 Randy Walker
11 Cheyenne Lauver
12 Adelaide Walker
13 Hannah Shelley
18 Sharon Truitt
18 Nathan Walker
19 Greg Spancake
23 Lilly Nace
24 Gary Barnard
24 Sonya Nace
26 Raymond Pellman
26 June Bricker
27 Bob King
27 Matthew Leister
27 Levi Robinson
27 Matthew Leister
29 Tammy Comp
30 Michael Prawdzik



Please scan the code or use the link below to update your information for the new church directory. If you have any questions, please contact a member of the IT Team
<https://forms.gle/N1V2Qxm9ZAJXdVYW7>

Fayette Community Carnival Fundraiser

If you eat at Harshbarger's Sub & Malt in Mifflintown, on Tuesday, May 21st they will donate 25% of your bill to the Fayette Community Carnival. See Betty Lou for Tickets

Sonbeam Newsletter

Greetings from Sonbeam staff and board members!

The Spring is soon over and summer will be here before we know it.

The staff is gearing up for a busy summer with our students here at Sonbeam. We will have more children joining us over the summer as school comes to a close.

We have many things planned for over the summer time. The children especially love water days and spending time outside. We are thankful for the addition of raised garden beds from a donation from local Girl Scouts.

Over the past month, we have enjoyed visits from Kim Imes, who has given the children many lessons in yoga and stretching! We've been blessed to have Juniata County librarian, Jocinda Reiner, join us to share a love of books and reading. The children also have enjoyed a visit from Juniata County Dairy Ambassador and Little Miss, Jackson and Julie Campbell. The children have planted flowers and the preschool classroom now has an ant farm to watch and learn from. Chapel time continues even as Pastor Karen is off take care of her new little one.

I would like to thank every board member who gives their time and talents to ensure that our mission at Sonbeam stays an important and thriving part of our community.

I also would like to thank every staff member for their tireless dedication and care of all of the children enrolled. Going forward, please keep the staff and the children in your prayers over the summer months as they learn and enjoy each other's company and find new ways to grow.

If you would like to volunteer your time and talents, please see a board member to learn more! If you would like to donate or purchase gift certificates to pay for childcare, please talk a board member.

In His service,
Sonya Nace

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Ministry Stories from the Upper Susquehanna Synod.

United as Christ's Disciples, we Support one another; and Serve God in the World

More news and events can be at uss-elca.org/uss-ark

New Website Debuts

In February, the latest redesign of uss-elca.org debuted. The goal of the redesign was to streamline information and make it more user friendly to navigate. A new feature of the site is a Google drive folder where important resources can be downloaded. This is the fourth redesign of the synod website in the last 20 years.

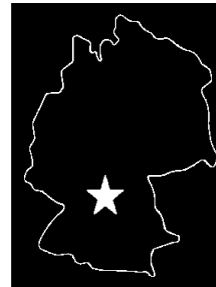


Registration Open

The Upper Susquehanna Synod Assembly will convene on June 14 & 15 2024, in Weber Chapel, Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove, under the theme “Fed by Jesus to feed the world”. The agenda will include Bible Study led by the Rev. Dr. Lisa Barnes, Pastor of the Follmer Parish. Our ELCA Representative will be Marie Ann Sliwinski, Senior Director, ELCA Building Resilient Communities. At this assembly we will also elect synod council members and voting members to the 2025 Churchwide Assembly and conduct other synod business. Prior to the assembly, on Friday morning, workshops will be offered on various topics. Visitors are welcome at this assembly, especially for the workshops. Online registration is now open for voting members and visitors at www.elca.org/assembly.

Focus on...

Ansbach-Würzburg Kirchenkreis



The Upper Susquehanna Synod maintains two global companion synod relationships, including the Ansbach-Würzburg Kirchenkreis (Bavaria, Germany) and the Lutheran Church in Liberia. The

Ansbach-Würzburg Kirchenkreis (AWK) traces its roots back over 500 years to the Protestant Reformation and Martin Luther. While the Upper Susquehanna Synod's (USS) relationship with AWK began much later (in December of 1996) we share a common theological and cultural ancestry. In 2001 the first official partnership agreement was signed by then Bishop Bezzel and Bishop A. Donald Main at the Bishop's Retreat in Wellsboro. The partnership has since been renewed multiple times, most recently at the 2022 Synod Assembly. This relationship has led to several youth and choir exchanges as well as multiple visits of USS and AWK representatives to each other's territories.

Please pray for our global partners. If you wish to join the USS Global Ministry team, email annzimmerman@hotmail.com. If you'd like to promote AWK in your congregation, download a bulletin insert here: <https://www.usselca.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/Ansbach-Wurzburg-bulletin-insert.pdf>

In addition, prayer petitions are prepared and sent by the Upper Susquehanna Synod Global Ministry Committee to use in your congregation intercessory prayers, print them in your bulletin or newsletter. Click here for the prayers:

<https://www.uss-elca.org/wpcontent/uploads/2024/01/Prayers-February-to-May-2024.docx>

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From Bishop Craig Miller

At its February meeting, the ELCA Conference of Bishops issued a statement calling for a bilateral cease-fire in Gaza. (<https://www.elca.org/News-and-Events/8217>). This statement, and a letter to President Biden (<https://tinyurl.com/y7h5s8v9>) asks our government to take a strong role in bringing about a peaceful resolution to the current situation and to recognize the value of Palestinian and Israeli lives. I have sent a letter to each of the Congressional Representatives whose districts intersect with our Upper Susquehanna Synod, asking them to embrace this statement and exert their influence by calling for a cease-fire. I encourage you to take a moment and communicate your own thoughts to your representatives as well as to President Biden. You may include the Conference of Bishops statement or craft your own. You can find your representatives at this link: <https://www.congress.gov/members/find-yourmember>. Regardless of one's political position, I am hopeful that one thing we can agree on is an end to violence. I ask for your help. Let us together articulate a voice of peace in this matter. You can read the statement at <https://www.elca.org/News-and-Events/8217>.

Up and Down the Valleys

During March Weekend, Youth Explore Music

This year's Upper Susquehanna Synod Youth Retreat, GROW in the Snow, was held on March 15-16, 2024, at Camp Mount Luther. Youth and their adult leaders attended and explored the theme "Break Forth in Song," looking at music. Those in attendance participated in indoor and outdoor games, worship services, learning more about music, and doing an Escape Room.

They were led in closing worship by a contemporary band from Zion Lutheran, Sunbury



Members of **St. Luke, Sunbury** (Pastor Ann Zimmerman), voted to close their congregation. They will hold their final worship on May 19, Pentecost Sunday, at 9:00 a.m.



Zion, Trevorton (Pastor Jodi Ellis), held a spaghetti dinner fundraiser on March 10. Proceeds will assist needy families. Applications are still being accepted for Summer Staff at **Camp Mount Luther**. Candidates must possess a commitment to Christ, a passion for the outdoors, and strong leadership and teamwork skills. Interested persons should contact chad@campmountluther.org. or www.campmountluther.org/jobs.

The Buffalo Valley Lutheran Parish (Pastor Curt Wingert) held a community Easter Egg Hunt at Christ's United, Millmont, on March 30. The parish also has started an acoustic praise worship service every third Sunday evening of the month at First, Mifflinburg.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 10:15 Chapel Time 6:30 pm Choir practice	2	3	4 CPR & First Aid Class in Social room
5 6th Sunday of Easter Dime Sunday 9 am Worship Live and Online Social Time Adult, Children's, & Confirmation classes	6	7	8 10:15 Chapel Time 5 pm Sonbeam Board mtg. 6:30 pm Choir practice	9	10	11
12 7th Sunday of Easter Penny Sunday 9 am Worship Live and Online Social Time Adult & Children's SS, 	13 Bishop's Open Golf Classic	14	15 10:15 am Chapel Time 5:30 pm VBS mtg. 6:30 Choir practice	16	17	18 10-12 pm 4-H meets 6:00 pm Mother/Daughter Banquet in Social Room
19 Day of Pentecost Sunday 9 am Worship Live and Online Social Time Adult & Children's SS 11 am Church Council meets in library	20	21	22 10:15 am Chapel Time 6:30 pm Choir practice	23	24	25
26 Holy Trinity Sunday 9 am Worship Live and Online Social Time Adult & Children's SS	27 	28	29 10:15 am Chapel Time	30	31	