

# TRINITY TIDINGS

## SEPTEMBER 2018



*“So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do,  
do it all for the glory of God.”* 1 Corinthians 10:31

If you have been to Trinity lately you may have noticed a theme beginning to emerge. Christian Education team members, during their annual summer retreat, sprouted the desire to branch out into other committees as well as each of our members enlisting you all to help sow seeds. According to Luke 8:11 *“The seed is the word of God,”* and speaks directly to the effect worship can have on us. I may be relentless when it comes to encouraging you to praise and worship God, read scripture, and take time for devotion and prayer because I believe whenever and wherever we hear God’s word we are enriched through divine intervention. A divine seed is planted. Many of you have already experienced God speaking through a nudging in your hearts or through the actions of others have been reminded that you are extraordinary. I don’t think we can hear that enough. We are all important and we all have something to share that can further the kingdom of God right here on earth. We just need a reminder that will give us confidence and the desire to share. There is a song by Ryan Stevenson that does just that. It is called *“No Matter What.”* I am sure I have played this song during worship or mentioned it a time or two. What I like about the lyrics, as well as the inspiring tune, is that each of us is special to God. Stevenson begins

A lot of us grew up believing at any moment we could lose it all. And at the drop of a hat God might turn His back and move on. A lot of us feel like we blew it thinking that we’re just too far gone. But I want you to know there’s still a hope for you now. No matter what you’ve done you can’t erase His love. Nothing can change it. You’re not separated ... no matter what.

If we’re honest with ourselves we will admit that, over time, we have blown an opportunity or messed up in some way. That is not to say we should dwell on past mistakes but rather understand God does not remember any of that. Instead God wants us to begin anew from this day forward. We arise each day to a new day, one where we can make a difference - plant a seed and continue to feed that which we have already started. So many people do not know Jesus. Or if they do they are often the ones who think they are not good enough to be loved by God. It is up to us to let these people and anyone we interact with know that **NO MATTER WHAT** God will not leave us or forsake us. God wants us to serve and save all of His children. We can do this through outreach in various forms. Some of us have the right words to say that will comfort and encourage. Others have the strength or spiritual inclination to do what is needed to increase and support. We are creative, intelligent, extrovert, introvert, happy, sad, (plus a ton of other attributes) kind of people! Together we have what it takes to increase the fold when we let our feet do the walking, our hands do the working and the voices do the talking...all for the love of God. *“God’s Work, Our Hands”* is the tag line on the bright colored shirts we just ordered. They will also have **TLC of Colebrook** written on them in hopes of planting seeds of curiosity and hopefully start new conversations. We will continue to wear these shirts, collectively, in years to come especially this time of year when new fall activities and learnings begin. September 9<sup>th</sup> is our Rally Day this year. It is a day that marks a new beginning, that **NO MATTER WHAT**, we will move forward, raise awareness and open doors to new avenues while letting others know that we are here for whatever is required. We want to plant new seeds in our communities intentionally!!! We want to live out our purpose. And though, (in the words of Ryan Stevenson)

I don't know what you've been taught, don't know what you've been told. All I know is my God will never let go of you, no. And I don't know what you've seen, don't know what you've been through.  
All I know is my God will never let go of you. He'll never let go! He'll never, never, never let you go.

May God bless you on your way to sowing the seed, the Word of God. Do it for the glory of God!

*Pastor Cheri*

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## PLANTING NEW SEEDS



### SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK OFF & PICNIC Sunday, September 9

Outdoor Worship ♦ Blessing of Backpacks

Please Bring a Dish to Share

## FROM DAVID & GOLIATH TO KING DAVID

The Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study group will begin their Fall studies September 16, with a closer look at the Biblical narrative of the life of DAVID, as put forth in the books of Samuel, Kings, and the Psalms. Then, with this Biblical perspective we will ask ourselves several questions: Where is God in the promises to and the failures of the Biblical David? Where are we in this story? Where does the David story lead us in our relationship with God?



These studies will then lead us into a fall video study entitled, "God is closer than you think," based on insights into Biblical texts shared by our familiar video friend, Pastor John Ortberg.

We express our sincere appreciation to Marie and Cloyd Martin for providing us with audio/video resources to continue AV Bible studies in the Koder Room this year. The class materials themselves come to us as a loan from the Lower Susquehanna Synod Resource Center and it's director/resource guide, Marty Shifflet.

ADULT  
SUNDAY  
SCHOOL

Please join us from 11:00 am to noon each Lord's Day in the Koder Classroom on the 1st floor of the education wing of Trinity Church. Bring your favorite Bible if you can, or use one from our collection in the room. Lesson series have a theme, but each Sunday provides a separate message in case you have to miss a week. Vocal participation is optional but you will soon discover that questions, responses and opinions are popular and frequent. Looking forward to seeing you soon!

## GROWING HEALTHY CHURCHES TOGETHER

From "I Am A Church Member," by Thom S. Rainer



### **I am a church member.**

I will seek to be a source of unity in the church. I know there are no perfect pastors, staff, or other church members. But neither am I. I will not be a source of gossip or dissension. One of the greatest contributions I can make is to do all I can in God's power to help keep the church in unity for the sake of the gospel.

### **I am a church member.**

I will not let my church be about my preferences and desires. That is self-serving. I am in this church to serve others and to serve Christ. My Savior went to a cross for me. I can deal with any inconveniences and matters that are just not my preference or style.

### **I am a church member.**

I will pray for my pastor every day. Her work is never-ending. Her days are filled with constant demands for her time; with the need to prepare sermons; with those who are rejoicing in births; with those who are traveling through the valley of the shadow of death; with critics; with the hurts and hopes of others; and with the need to be a spouse and a parent. My pastor cannot serve our church in her own power. I will pray for God's strength for her and her family every day.

### **I am a church member.**

I like the metaphor of membership. It's not membership as in a civic organization or a country club. It's the kind of membership given to us in 1 Corinthians 12: "Now you are the body of Christ and individual members of it" (1 Corinthians 12:27). Because I am a member of the body of Christ, I must be a functioning member, whether I am an "eye," an "ear," or a "hand." As a functioning member, I will give. I will serve. I will minister. I will evangelize. I will study. I will seek to be a blessing to others. I will remember that "if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it" (1 Corinthians 12:26).

### **I am a church member.**

I will lead my family to be good members of this church as well. We will pray together for our church. We will worship together in our church. We will serve together in our church. And we will ask Christ to help us fall deeper in love with this church, because He gave His life for her.

### **I am a church member.**

This membership is a gift. When I received the free gift of salvation through Jesus Christ, I became a part of the body of Christ. I soon thereafter identified with a local body and was baptized. And now I am humbled and honored to serve and to love others in our church. I pray that I will never take my membership for granted, but see it as a gift and an opportunity to serve others, and to be a part of something so much greater than any one person or member.

### **I am a church member.**

And I thank God that I am.





### REMINDER TO ALL COMMITTEES

Please submit 2019 Budget requests to the Finance Committee by Monday, October 1.

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



Trenton Leedy (Sept 2), Phillip Row (Sept 9), Alma Stober (Sept 11), Janet Hoy (Sept 17), Ann Miller (Sept 20), Renie Sanders (Sept 22), Joshua Buchmoyer (Sept 23), Jason Hammer, Wendy Hammer & Shirley Keener (Sept 26), Diane Carroll (Sept 28), Kristi Leedy (Sept 29)



Joseph & Barbara Buchmoyer (Sept 11), Michael & Kassie Chapman (Sept 17), Steve & Karen Miller (Sept 27)

## WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Dick Bailey; Steve Barto; Ruth Beane; William Brandt; Doris Bucks; Roger Carroll; Mike Chapman; Ben & Wendy Chicoria; Jan Condran; Ella Coyn; Carol Gingrich; Pauline Greiner; Nancy Hammer; Diane Haney; Bill Hohenshilt; Millie Jones; Connie & Megan Kelly; Jim Leonard; Denny Martin; Greg Morgan; Alyssa & Doug Newill; Karen Rhoades; Jim Shirato; Joe Skok; Mary Lois Smith; Randy Sweitzer; Bob Wagner; Doug Weaber; Robert Yeingst; Savannah



Grieving – The Family of Maricela Acosta (Lucrecia Hardy’s Sister); The Family of Dale Meldahl (Pastor Cheri Korte’s Brother)

Assisted and Skilled Care – Ralph Clare; Ellen Gepfer

Others in Need – Kiwira Coal Mine Congregation

First Responders – Brad Yeingst; Dylan Yeingst; Tim Yeingst

Military – Matthew Buchmoyer; Todd Campbell; Roger Daub; David Martin; Sawyer Mundorf; Townsend Mundorf; William Rimmler; David Walborn; Andrew Yeingst

To have the Prayer Chain activated for a family member or friend who is in need of our prayers, please contact:



1. Pastor Cheri at 717.606.8851 to begin the prayer chain.
2. If Pastor Cheri is not available, call Barbara Hardy.
3. If Barbara Hardy is not available, call any other person listed.

Margaret Daub	717.964.3342	Helen Row	717.626.6076
Barbara Hardy	717.867.1286	June Tschudy	717.964.3291
Lillian Minney	717.964.5032	Connie Weirich	717.665.6448



## THANK YOU TO A GIVING CONGREGATION

Social Outreach would like to say thank you for your help in the various outreach projects that we do here at TLC. Thanks to your donations, in the past 8 months we have donated over 392 pounds of non-perishable food to our 3 food banks. That doesn't include the 461 pounds of canned fruit and 90 pounds of fresh fruit that we donated with a Thrivent card at Easter time!



Zion Lutheran in Manheim is so very grateful and very impressed with your generosity of cookies and cakes to help with their free lunch program. And, filling the Community Aid Box with your "old" clothes and "stuff" has added \$271.00 to the offering plate and helps others at the Community Aid Thrift Store.

God's Work. Our Hands. God bless you all for reaching out and helping!

## SEPTEMBER WORSHIP TEAMS



*Thank you for serving as a team member at Trinity Lutheran Church!  
Worship is enhanced with everyone's participation.*

*Volunteers are reminded to sign up on the monthly assignment sheets. If there is a certain month you would prefer to serve, please let Barb Buchmoyer know.*

	Sunday September 2	Sunday, September 9 Outdoor Service	Sunday, September 16	Sunday, September 23	Sunday, September 30
<b>Music Leader</b>	Shirley Keener	Praise Ensemble	Shirley Keener	Shirley Keener	Shirley Keener
<b>Head Usher</b>	Craig Korte	Brad Yeingst	Rick Fox	Rick Fox	Rick Fox
<b>Head Usher</b>	Glenn Hoy	Tim Yeingst	Bill Calhoon	Kevin Kelly	Steve Miller
<b>Acolyte</b>					
<b>Communion Asst</b>	Helen Row	Bill Calhoon	Audra Cuthie	Jeff Keener	Brad Yeingst
<b>Liturgist</b>	Connie Weirich		Dan Hardy	Connie Weirich	
<b>Altar Care</b>	Wayne DeFelice	Wayne DeFelice	Wayne DeFelice	Wayne DeFelice	Wayne DeFelice
<b>Altar Care</b>	Barb Witmer	Barb Witmer	Barb Witmer	Barb Witmer	Barb Witmer
<b>Offering Counter</b>	Diane Carroll	Diane Carroll	Diane Carroll	Diane Carroll	Diane Carroll
<b>Offering Counter</b>	Mary Stager	Mary Stager	Mary Stager	Mary Stager	Mary Stager
<b>Readers</b>	The Lessons will be available in the Narthex. Feel free to pick a Lesson up as the Spirit moves you to be a reader.				

## TIDINGS INFORMATION & ARTICLES

### October Tidings Deadline

Sunday, September 23

Items can be put in Diane Calhoon's mailbox or emailed to [grannycalhoon@gmail.com](mailto:grannycalhoon@gmail.com).

**Please remember to include your name with submissions.**







# September



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>2</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 10px auto;">FOOD BANK SUNDAY</div>	<b>3</b> 	<b>4</b> Lawn Turnpike Toll Plaza Food Pick Up	<b>5</b> 7:00 pm Choir Practice	<b>6</b> 6:00 pm Christian Education Committee Mtg	<b>7</b> 10:00 am Prayer Service  Lawn Turnpike Toll Plaza Food Pick Up	<b>1</b>          <b>8</b>
<b>9</b> OUTDOOR WORSHIP   Picnic to Follow  School Kits Assembly Following Church  6:00 pm Church Council Mtg	<b>10</b> 5:00-7:30 pm Confirmation Class	<b>11</b> Lawn Turnpike Toll Plaza Food Pick Up	<b>12</b> 7:00 pm Choir Practice	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 10:00 am Prayer Service  Lawn Turnpike Toll Plaza Food Pick Up	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> 11:00 am Adult Bible Study Begins Koder Room  1:00 pm Prayer Shawl & Quilt Ministry Mtg	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Lawn Turnpike Toll Plaza Food Pick Up	<b>19</b> 7:00 pm Choir Practice	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 10:00 am Prayer Service  Lawn Turnpike Toll Plaza Food Pick Up	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 10px auto;">TIDINGS INFORMATION DEADLINE</div>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Lawn Turnpike Toll Plaza Food Pick Up	<b>26</b> 7:00 pm Choir Practice	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 10:00 am Prayer Service  Lawn Turnpike Toll Plaza Food Pick Up	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b>						