



Trinity Tidings

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TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF COLEBROOK
COLEBROOK, PENNSYLVANIA

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"For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known." **1**
Corinthians 13.12

Well here we are at the end of another church year ready to begin another. Advent is such a peaceful and beautiful time, filled with anticipation of the coming of the Christ. As we come face to face with the sweet baby child, we also look forward to coming face to face with the Almighty God in eternity. Over the next four weeks we will hear the proclamation of both the birth of a new born child and *the Son of Man coming in a cloud*" (Luke 21.27). And, let's face it, for Christians there are as many mixed emotions in the awesomeness and celebratory event of Christmas as there are in our anticipation of end times. Most will not think about the latter, but instead, will focus on lights, family gatherings and gifts. Not that there is anything wrong with that, but it *is* short sighted. We cannot afford to lose sight of the big picture – Christ's Second Coming – because, in the end (no pun intended), there is not greater gift.

When the new kingdom comes, we will be brought before the throne and in all its glory, lie naked as a newborn. It will be the end of our earthly journey and the beginning of something greater. Our secular story will be completed, bound together like a book and presented to the Lord. Scripture helps balance the hope we place in both, the known and the unknown, as we wait and watch with enthusiasm. We will excitedly prepare for Christmas midst candlelit silence, while holding close to our hearts the realness of this world, and breathe a sigh of relief remembering God's promise. If we don't see another Christmas we will, then, see a more beautiful time. We will be *in* Christmas, *in* the know, and *in* the arms of our everlasting Father. We have been given the gift of the knowledge of heaven and that brilliant light "transforms every fiber of our being: renews our mind, cleanses our heart, invigorates our body," writes Sarah Young (Jesus Calling). We were created to be a symbol of hope for others – we were created to be the "*light, and bring out the God-colors in the world because God is not a secret to be kept*" Matthew 5.16 (The Message). Shout it from the mountain tops that Jesus Christ is born! May you experience the eternal light of Christ as you spread tidings of great joy to the world! Merry Christmas!

Pastor Cheri

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church of Colebrook Mission Statement

Trinity Lutheran Church is a warm and welcoming fellowship of believers called to worship God in Word and Sacrament. Through prayer, education, fellowship and benevolence we seek to make the Good News of Jesus Christ known to our congregation and our community. Seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we use our gifts and talents to support the spiritual needs of an active and growing community now and into the future.



December

Organist/Musicians

Helen Row

Liturgist

Dec 6, 13 & 27 – Mike Chapman

Dec 20 – TBD

Communion Assistants

Dec 6 Dan Hardy

Dec 13 Greg Kulp

Dec 20 Bill Calhoon

Thur Dec 24 Brad Yeingst

Dec 27 Jeff Keener

Youth Assistants

Dec 6 Katelyn Brooks

Dec 13 Madison Fanus

Dec 20 Katelyn Monette

Thur Dec 24 Anna Craig & Makenzie Cuthie

Dec 27 Victoria Brooks

Readers

The Lessons will be available in the Narthex. Feel free to pick a Lesson up as the Spirit moves you to be a reader.

Altar Care

Janet Hoy

Alma Stober

Head Ushers

Kevin & Connie Kelly

Offering Counters

Phillip Row

TBD

Your contribution to each worship service is very important to every member in attendance. If you are unable to be at the service you have been assigned to, please call and ask another volunteer to substitute for you. Perhaps you can arrange a switch and fill in for that person on another date.

If you are unable to find a substitute, please call Renie Sanders at 272-3264 (leave a message) or email her at sanders94@comcast.net. If you are unable to come at the last minute, please call the church on Sunday morning at 665-6670.

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Sunday, December 6

Second Sunday of Advent

Advent Theme: Peace



Sunday, December 13

Third Sunday of Advent

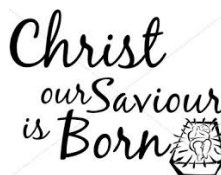
Advent Theme: Joy



Sunday, December 20

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Advent Theme: Love



Thursday, December 24

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

7:00 PM

Offering will be given to a Trinity family in need.

A Christmas Prayer

Loving Father, help us remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds and the wisdom of the wise men.

Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world.

Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting.

Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clean hearts.

May the Christmas morning make us happy to be Thy children, and the Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen

– Robert Louis Stevenson

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, December 13
Immediately Following the Worship Service

Adoption of 2016 Budget
Election of Council Members

All Confirmed Members Are Urged To Attend



Soup Luncheon After Congregational Meeting

Sign-Up sheet for soup makers and bread donations will be posted. Please bring soup in crock-pots.

Salad and dessert will be provided.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

December 4	Lillian Minney
December 5	Kobe Haney
December 12	Mary Lois Smith
December 15	Leonard Monette
December 18	Angela Lightner
December 20	Carol Gingrich
December 21	Betsy Hoy
December 25	Danielle Miller
December 28	Rodney Rhoades
December 30	Jill Brooks, Glen Hoy & Gregory Zentz



December 11 Rodney & Diane Carroll

We are always looking to celebrate good news. If you know of anyone's birthday or anniversary that has been missed or know of any errors, please contact Diane Calhoon.

Thank You to Marie Martin who, along with Tracy Hoy, made the quilt for the Lutheran Camping Corporation's Annual "Quilts for Camp" Auction. Marie made the quilt top and Tracy did the machine quilting.

Trinity is very fortunate to have many creative and talented sewers, knitters and crocheters. For those of us less talented, we get to see and admire the many items, displayed in the narthex, that are a result of all these busy hands.

We Remember In Our Prayers



Sue Baney	Steven Hauser
Andrew Barnett	Sylvia Hoover
Joe Bolinger	Marty Ill
Josh Buchmoyer	Connie & Megan Kelly
Doris Bucks	Bob McAlpin
Geri Calhoon	Greg & Kelly Morgan Family
Molly Clouser	Leonard Reisinger
Harold Ebricht	Doris Savage
Jesenia Fischer	Mary Spess
Anita Frey	June Tschudy
Carolyn & Leslie Fritz	Bob Yeingst
Sallie Getz	Annie, Rick & Deb
Carol Gingrich	Mary
Morris Greiner	Noah & Ben
Remington Paul Hardy	Twila

Grieving

The Family of Thomas Stager
The Family of Marilyn Bretz (Mandy Yeingst's Mother)

Assisted and Skilled Care

Betty Chatten Ellen Gepfer Effie Neiswender

Others in Need

Kiwira Coal Mine Congregation

First Responders

Brad Yeingst Dylan Yeingst Tim Yeingst

Military



Jim Brandt William Rimmmler
Todd Campbell Missy Singer
Joe Dempsey David Walborn
Townsend Mundorf



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 Barb Hardy.
3. If Barbara Hardy is not available, call any other person listed.

Barb Hardy	867.1286
Irene Sanders	272.3264
Connie Weirich	665.6448
Margaret Daub	964.3342
Pauline Greiner	664.2011
Helen Row	626.6076

Friday Prayer Service

A prayer service is held every Friday at 10:00 AM, in the Sanctuary. Bring your concerns, thoughtful support and may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ bring peace and healing to our world.



Social Outreach Committee

Christmas Gift Giving

We will be helping out a family from the Salvation Army and also a family with 3 children through Jubilee Prison Ministries.



Watch for gift ideas and information in the Narthex.

Christmas Caroling

Lebanon Valley Brethren Home in Palmyra
Caroling for Effie Neiswender in the Royer House
Thursday, December 17 at 7:00 PM
See Pastor Cheri to Carpool



Social Outreach would like to thank you for your donations to the Coats, Hats and Gloves Give-Away.

Although the day of the give-away was not very well attended, one person to be exact.....the coats that remained and a few hats, scarves, and mittens were donated to the HOPES Resource Center in Lebanon.

HOPES stands for Helping Others by Providing Emergency Shelter. It's the same place that we took the fleece blankets to and provides day time space for taking showers, receiving mail, registering as a home address so children have an address and can attend school, as well as other resources to help the families and individuals using the emergency shelter during the night time.

We also had a nice amount of hats donated by our Prayer Shawl Ministry and we will take them to the Salvation Army to distribute to the children for this winter. So, even if our numbers were low, your donations are helping others.

Thank you once again for helping out!



Please note that the Everybody's Birthday event has been rescheduled to Sunday, January 24, following Sunday School.

GAS FOR GIVERS



THANK YOU Thrivent Financial and our friend and Thrivent Representative, Jim Gill, for filling up gas tanks of Lawn Toll Plaza drivers. Thrivent contributed the gas and Jim made this all possible by coordinating the event. Thank you, also, to Laurie Gill for her kind assistance.

Wandering Singles

Seven Wandering Singles, including Helen's friend Darlene, went to lunch at the Hometown Restaurant in Palmyra. We all enjoyed our meal, but there was another group in the room that was a little loud, so we could not hear those at the other end of our table.



Our next luncheon will be at the Brickerville House Restaurant, Lititz (Routes 501 and 322), on Sunday, December 13, after the congregational meeting.

–Barb Hardy

Altar

Flowers

FLOWERS NEEDED FOR
December 27

Royers will deliver at a cost of \$30. If you would like to buy and arrange your own flowers, you still need to sign up on the chart, but note that you are bringing your own.

UPCOMING EVENTS SEE YOU THERE

Friday, December 11, 6:00 PM – Christmas Tree Decorating
Saturday, December 12 – Youth Dinner Theatre
Sunday, December 13 – Congregational Meeting
Thursday, December 17 – Caroling at LV Brethren Home
Sunday, January 3 – Burning of the Greens
Sunday, January 17 – Bishop James Dunlop Visit
Sunday, January 24 – RESCHEDULED Everybody's Birthday

The lower level first aid kit is located next to the fire extinguisher – not above the coat rack as published last month.



FOOD BANK SUNDAY

December 6 (1st Sunday of Each Month)



Serving Manheim Central Food Bank, LCCM Lebanon and Caring Cupboard of Palmyra.

Food bank needs: cereal, toilet paper, canned fruit, applesauce, soups, snack crackers and saltines.

JANUARY 2016 TIDINGS DEADLINE

Sunday, December 13 (a week early due to Christmas)

Items can be put in Diane Calhoon's mailbox or emailed to grannycalhoon@gmail.com.

IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER

The Trinity prayer chain and email will be used to contact members if church services need to be cancelled.





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Lawn Turnpike Toll Plaza Food Pick-Up	2 7:00 pm Choir Practice	3	4 10:00 am Prayer Service Lawn Turnpike Toll Plaza Food Pick-Up	5
6 <div>FOOD BANK SUNDAY</div> Christmas Stockings Deadline 6:00 pm Church Council Mtg SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT	7	8 5:30 pm Christian Education Committee Mtg Lawn Turnpike Toll Plaza Food Pick-Up	9 7:00 pm Choir Practice	10	11 10:00 am Prayer Service Lawn Turnpike Toll Plaza Food Pick-Up <div>6:00 pm Christmas Tree Decorating</div>	12 <div>6:00 pm YOUTH DINNER THEATRE Fellowship Room</div>
13 <div>CONGREGATIONAL MEETING & SOUP LUNCHEON</div> Following Church Service Wandering Singles <div>TIDINGS INFORMATION DEADLINE</div> THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT	14	15 Lawn Turnpike Toll Plaza Food Pick-Up	16 7:00 pm Choir Practice	17 7:00 pm Christmas Caroling Lebanon Valley Brethren Home, Palmyra	18 10:00 am Prayer Service Lawn Turnpike Toll Plaza Food Pick-Up	19
20 <i>Kid's Special Music</i> 10:45-Noon Confirmation Class (Note date change due to congregational meeting) 1:00-3:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT	21	22 Lawn Turnpike Toll Plaza Food Pick-Up	23 7:00 pm Choir Practice	24 <div>7:00 PM CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE</div>	25 CHRISTMAS DAY	26
27 LESSONS AND CAROLS 10:45-Noon Confirmation Class	28	29 Lawn Turnpike Toll Plaza Food Pick-Up	30 7:00 pm Choir Practice	31		